

Notice of Motion – 29 October 2024

Motion Title: The importance of a weekly bin collection for Sandwell residents

Proposer: Councillor Kordala

Seconder: Councillor Trumpeter

“Council notes that any change to waste collection services may potentially lead to significant disruption and inconveniences for local residents, especially those with larger families in Sandwell.

Council further notes that existing contract arrangements with SERCO provide a weekly household waste and recycling service in Sandwell. Any steps to move away from a weekly collection may not be in the best interest of local residents and must be carefully considered before decisions are made.

Council also acknowledges a previous leaflet issued by the Leader during February 2024 pledging that bin collections were remaining weekly, and expresses disappointment that proposals are now included for consultation within the Medium-Term Financial Strategy as part of the budget process for 2025/26.

Council therefore calls on the Leader and Cabinet to:

1. Withdraw any proposals to move to Alternate Weekly Collections.
2. Affirm commitment to continued separate weekly collections household waste and recycling service.
3. Bring forward proposals for a borough-wide communications campaign to increase levels of recycling, reduce residual waste with the objective of delivering savings in expenditure on waste management.”