

Notice of Motion (Full Council)

Title of Motion: **No Communities left behind**

Date of Council meeting the motion is to be submitted to: 4 November 2025

Proposer: **Councillor Kerrie Carmichael** (borough wide)

Seconder: **Suzanne Hartwell** (neighbourhoods)

“Council notes that our neighbourhood strategy for 2024-2027 seeks to empower local communities, develop community spaces and broadly aims to improve the borough as a place to live and work, supported by a clear Council Plan that sets the vision and ambitions for our borough. A Poverty Plan is already in place, and the Council welcomes a new strategy to tackle deprivation.

Council welcomes the recent launch of the new Neighbourhood Working model 2025 centred around working collaboratively with councillors to enhance the residents experiences and outcomes.

Council further notes that action is now needed to tackle the impacts of national funding constraints of recent year and that some estates and areas in Sandwell require investment in services and finances to ensure no community is left behind

Council therefore resolves to request the Chief Executive in collaboration with the Leader, Cabinet member for Neighbourhoods and town cross-party Councillors to –

1. Conduct a thorough review of a pilot area from each of one our six towns, ensuring the residents have a say and that each community has equitable access and sign posting to (examples of):
 - Library and internet access
 - Family hubs
 - Detached youth services and play areas
2. Ensure that during the review environmental factors such as communal areas and available green space are taken into consideration along with housing management.

3. Present initial report findings and recommendations back to the Leader, Cabinet and cross-party councillors within three months of any of the pilots commencement for agreement.”