

Birmingham City Council and Save Birmingham joint statement of intent

Birmingham City Council faces a series of extremely difficult financial challenges that will require the Council to reconsider how services are run across the city, and how community spaces are owned and managed.

Birmingham City Council and the Save Birmingham campaign will work together to:

- Build on the Community Wealth Building Programme launched in 2018, and develop a city-wide community asset strategy, focusing on both individual communities and places, as well as the city as a whole. This will help us to focus on positive solutions to the challenges that the city and council faces.
- Involve the people of Birmingham in shaping those solutions by developing effective and meaningful partnerships between the council, communities, and stakeholders.
- Promote community run, community owned and co-operative solutions for spaces and services, where this creates value for residents and is sustainable over the long term.
- Work with partners to maximise the social value from Birmingham's community assets.
- Ensure no communities are left behind, and that the appropriate support, knowledge, and access to national funding opportunities is available to every community.
- Deliver an exemplar model of community asset custodianship that can be a beacon for the rest of Britain.

Throughout all of this, we will work collaboratively and co-operatively with the aim of empowering communities through inclusive ways of working that are focused on outcomes and results in a practical and proportionate way.

Our ambition is to deliver a brighter future for community spaces across Birmingham, putting power into local hands and delivering better services to the people of our city.