
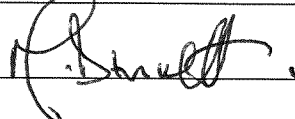


## NOTICE OF MOTION

To be submitted to the meeting of Full Council to be held on: 18 October 2023

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in accordance with Standing Order Number 6.

	Name (in capitals)	Signature
Proposer:	CLLR ABBOTT	
Seconder:	CLLR DENNETT	

### SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS

This Council continues to recognise its commitment to equality and diversity and to handling all people, fairly and equally in its dealings, both as an employer, and in deliver of public services.

Council has proudly maintained for many years its commitment to challenge discrimination and meet with its obligations under the Equality Act 2010. However, Council is now mindful that the Social Mobility Commission has now recommended to Government that it act to also recognise that socio-economic status (class) be treated as a protected characteristic, and we note the strong commitment made to supporting this by Mayor Rotheram, of the Liverpool City Region.

Council notes that "class" or socio-economic status is not currently a protected characteristic under equality law in the UK. That makes the UK an outlier in Europe, where in 20 out of 35 countries provide protection from discrimination on grounds of socio-economic status. It is still the case that in the UK your socio-economic background has an impact on your opportunities in life.

Council agrees that:

- 1) it supports efforts to define socio-economic status as a protected characteristic and we call upon government to take steps to recognise this need, as have many other states within the EU;
- 2) we pledge to show regard to socio-economic status in the Council's dealings, including a commitment not to discriminate persons from use or access to services based on their socio-economic status (class); and
- 3) it will work where possible with the LCR, and Government to support efforts to recognise the impact a person's socio-economic status may have on their opportunities in life.