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argument that, in resilient councils, councillors think the 'outer organisation' can be diminished without damaging the core. This accelerated neoliberal processes pre-dating austerity. Apparent progressive localism from asset transfers downplays how, driven by financial savings, this empowered some middle-class individuals while deflecting attention from the state's withdrawal from promoting social justice. A campaign to save a leisure pool in a deprived area saw arguments for an ethical 'play' space to support community resilience. However, within neoliberalism's 'cracks and fissures', protestors encouraged council support for community management – later rescinded amidst much acrimony – for a facility they could never run progressively.

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