# Merton Council Council 10 September 2014 Supplementary agenda

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## Agenda Item 7c

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Two Motions have been submitted and they are detailed as follows

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# Agenda Item 7c (i)

### LIBERAL DEMOCRAT STRATEGIC THEME MOTION PUBLIC HEALTH

This Council notes that the draft provisional revenue outturn for 2013/14 (published June 2014) showed an under-spend of over £1million on the Adult Social Care budget for that year.

This council believes that

- a) isolation and loneliness are detrimental to people's health; those with mental health issues, who no longer receive a discretionary Freedom Pass and cannot afford to attend support groups or meet friends or family, are at increased risk of isolation;
- b) such isolation can then begin a spiral descent into depression and higher dependency on Social Services, at greater long term cost to our residents because of the increased financial burden on the NHS and also on councils' Public Health budgets;

This Council therefore asks Cabinet to consider restoring the discretionary Freedom Pass for those with mental health conditions to those who were formerly eligible to receive it for 2015-16.

Councillor Mary-Jane Jeanes

### COUNCIL MEETING - WEDNESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2014

### MOTION - STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE – HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES WITH A FOCUS ON PUBLIC HEALTH

This Council welcomes the announcement from the NHS that the new Nelson Local Care Centre will open in Spring 2015, providing the following services:

- Two GP practices Cannon Hill Lane Medical Practice and Church Lane Practice which will be relocating there
- Outpatient appointments
- Minor surgery and procedures
- X-ray, ultrasound and blood tests
- Physiotherapy
- Pharmacy services
- A range of community mental health services

This Council congratulates everyone involved in the construction of the Nelson Local Care Centre, which is set to be delivered within budget and on schedule, and which will complement the excellent services already provided at the new Raynes Park Health Centre, including antenatal clinics, counselling services, family planning advice and minor surgery. This Council also fully supports plans for a facility in Mitcham similar to the Nelson, which would mean residents in the east of the Borough could also benefit from popular, local health services within Merton's own borders.

This Council therefore calls on NHS planners to press ahead with developing similar new health facilities in Merton for Mitcham-based residents as quickly as possible, including full consultation with the local community.

Councillor Brian Lewis-Lavender

**Councillor Suzanne Grocott** 

Councillor Gilli Lewis-Lavender