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***Date: 17 February 2016***

Dear Councillor

**Notification of Cabinet Decisions**

The decisions of the Cabinet meeting held on Monday 15 February 2016 are attached.

The call-in deadline is Monday 22 February 2016 at noon

The [call-in](#) form is attached for your use if needed and refers to the relevant sections of the constitution.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Caroline Holland".

Democracy Services



## Decisions of the Cabinet held on Monday 15 February 2016

### Call-in deadline – Date Not Specified

4	Financial Monitoring December 2015	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That Cabinet</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) notes the financial reporting data relating to revenue budgetary control, showing a forecast net overspend at year end of £2.6million, 0.5% of the gross budget.</li> <li>2) approves the virement of £223k from the corporate contingency to Children, Schools and Families for the third and fourth quarter costs of additional social worker capacity.</li> <li>3) notes the adjustment to the Capital Programme contained in Appendix 5b to the report.</li> </ol>
5	Business Plan 2016-20	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That Cabinet</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) considered and agrees to response to the Overview and Scrutiny Commission;</li> <li>2) resolved that, having considered all of the information in this report and noted the positive assurance statement given by the Director of Corporate Services based on the proposed strategy, the Council Tax in 2016/17, equating to a Band D Council Tax of £1,102.25 be approved and recommended to Council for approval. This represents a Council Tax freeze.</li> <li>3) considered all of the latest information and the comments from the scrutiny process, and makes recommendations to Council as appropriate</li> </ol>

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|  |  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>4) resolved that the Business Plan 2016-20 including the General Fund Budget and Council Tax Strategy for 2016/17, and the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) for 2016-2020 as submitted, along with the Equality Assessments (EAs), be approved and recommended to Council for approval subject to any proposed amendments agreed at this meeting;</li><li>5) resolved that, having considered all of the latest information and the comments from the scrutiny process, the Capital Investment Programme (as detailed in Annex 1 to the Capital Strategy); the Treasury Management Strategy (Section 5), including the detailed recommendations in that Section, incorporating the Prudential Indicators and the Capital Strategy (Section 4) as submitted and reported upon be approved and recommended to Council for approval, subject to any proposed amendments agreed at this meeting;</li><li>6) notes that the GLA precept will not be agreed by the London Assembly until the 22 February 2016, but the provisional figure has been incorporated into the draft MTFS</li><li>7) requests officers to review the savings proposals agreed and where possible bring them forward to the earliest possible implementation date</li><li>8) notes that there may be minor amendments to figures in this report as a result of new information being received after the deadline for dispatch and that this will be amended for the report to Council in March</li><li>9) approves the Risk Management Strategy</li><li>10) in response to concerns raised at Scrutiny, review the current level of service being provided by Crossroads if they were to continue into 2016/17, with any</li></ol> |
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		<p>shortfall being met from non-recurring savings and work with them to enable them to re-focus their service from 2017 in line with the needs of carers and in particular in order to offer a competitive and quality service to carers with personal budgets who want to choose the respite package that suits their needs best.</p> <p>11) in response to concerns raised at Scrutiny that the reduction in government funding is causing pressures in adult social care in particular, that a new “Savings Mitigation Fund” reserve of £1.3m is established by applying the additional New Homes Bonus to reduce the impact in 2016/17 on our most vulnerable residents, to update the MTFS accordingly and that officers are asked to seek to identify if similar significant funding is available in future years.</p>
6	Reference from the Overview and Scrutiny Commission – pre decision scrutiny of the Business Plan 2016-20	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That Cabinet, in taking decisions relating to the Business Plan 2016-20, acknowledges the comments and recommendations made the Overview and Scrutiny Commission and the outcomes of consideration by the Overview and Scrutiny Panels, as detailed in paragraphs 2.5 to 2.12 and in Appendix 1 of the report.</p>
7	Reference from Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel – Results of wheeled bins pilot	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That Cabinet agrees to consider the recommendations of the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel when reviewing the findings and recommendations resulting from the wheeled bins pilot.</p>
8	ASC savings and consultation report	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That Cabinet</p>

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) finalise the recommended budget for Adult Social Care (ASC) in 2016/17 (£74.845m gross and £51.481m net) for Full Council, including required savings, taking into account the outcome of the consultation exercise and taking into account any recommendations from the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel and Commission.</li> <li>2) authorise the Director of Community and Housing, within the council's Constitution, to take the action necessary to achieve these savings.</li> </ol>
10	Merton Adult Education: Commissioning	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That Cabinet</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) notes the progress made so far in moving to a commissioning model for adult education and specifically the procurement process.</li> <li>2) agrees to proceeding with Contract Awards on the basis set out in paragraph 2.4 and detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.</li> <li>3) agrees to proceeding with remaining services in the way proposed.</li> </ol>

## Merton Council - call-in request form

### 1. Decision to be called in: (required)

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### 2. Which of the principles of decision making in Article 13 of the constitution has not been applied? (required)

Required by part 4E Section 16(c)(a)(ii) of the constitution - tick all that apply:

(a) proportionality (i.e. the action must be proportionate to the desired outcome);	
(b) due consultation and the taking of professional advice from officers;	
(c) respect for human rights and equalities;	
(d) a presumption in favour of openness;	
(e) clarity of aims and desired outcomes;	
(f) consideration and evaluation of alternatives;	
(g) irrelevant matters must be ignored.	

### 3. Desired outcome

Part 4E Section 16(f) of the constitution- select one:

(a) The Panel/Commission to refer the decision back to the decision making person or body for reconsideration, setting out in writing the nature of its concerns.	
(b) To refer the matter to full Council where the Commission/Panel determines that the decision is contrary to the Policy and/or Budget Framework	
(c) The Panel/Commission to decide not to refer the matter back to the decision making person or body *	
* If you select (c) please explain the purpose of calling in the decision.	

**4. Evidence which demonstrates the alleged breach(es) indicated in 2 above (required)**

Required by part 4E Section 16(c)(a)(ii) of the constitution:

**5. Documents requested**

**6. Witnesses requested**

**7. Signed (not required if sent by email): .....**

**8. Notes – see part 4E section 16 of the constitution**

Call-ins must be supported by at least three members of the Council.

The call in form and supporting requests must be received by by 12 Noon on the third working day following the publication of the decision.

The form and/or supporting requests must be sent:

- **EITHER** by email from a Councillor’s email account (no signature required) to [democratic.services@merton.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@merton.gov.uk)
- **OR** as a signed paper copy to the Head of Democracy Services, 8<sup>th</sup> floor, Civic Centre, London Road, Morden SM4 5DX.

For further information or advice contact the Head of Democracy Services on 020 8545 3864