Agenda Item 11

COUNCIL MEETING – WEDNESDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2016

NOTICE OF MOTION

This Council notes that, as part of Merton's Workplace Health programme, a network of volunteer Health Champions has been introduced to help their colleagues to lead healthy lifestyles by raising awareness of activities that are available to support healthy living.

Given that responsibility for Public Health has moved from the NHS to Merton Council, it is important that the local authority sets a strong example in promoting preventative health measures in areas of concern such as smoking, obesity, diabetes etc. and this Council congratulates all those staff members who have so far signed up to become Health Champions.

This Council recognises that residents and local community leaders also have an important role to play in taking forward the prevention agenda here in Merton, particularly given the ongoing demand for local health services.

This Council therefore resolves to urge all councillors to help promote preventative solutions to the health issues facing local communities in Merton by becoming Health Champions and by encouraging other community leaders and interested residents across the borough to do the same.

Cllr Michael Bull

Cllr Brian Lewis-Lavender

Cllr Gilli Lewis-Lavender