Merton Council
CABINET AGENDA

Membership:

Councillor David Williams (Leader of the Council)
Councillor Samantha George (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Change Management and Performance)
Councillor William Brierly (Planning and Traffic Management)
Councillor Maurice Groves (Adult Care Services and Health)
Councillor Diane Neil Mills (Finance and Regeneration)
Councillor Henry Nelless (Community Safety and Engagement)
Councillor Linda Scott (Housing and Community Services)
Councillor Debbie Shears (Children’s Services)
Councillor David Simpson (Environment and Leisure Services)

A meeting of the Cabinet will be held on Monday 22 June 2009 commencing at 7.15pm at Merton Civic Centre, London Road, Morden, Surrey in committee rooms B, C and D

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1. Declarations of Interest (See note 1. at the foot of this agenda)

2. Apologies

3. Minutes of the Special Meetings held on 13 May 2009 and 28 May 2009

4. Scrutiny Review on Fear of Crime in Merton (Forward plan ref. 772)

   The full scrutiny review has been circulated to members of Cabinet only (see the Addendum agenda). It is available for member and public inspection on the Council’s web page detailing this meeting.

   http://www.merton.gov.uk/council/committee.htm?view=event&event_id=2215

5. Scrutiny review of Democratic Engagement and Electoral Services (Forward plan ref. 773)

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6. Scrutiny Review on Quality of Care in Nursing Homes (Forward plan ref. 734)

   The full scrutiny review has been circulated to members of Cabinet only (see the Addendum agenda). It is available for member and public inspection on the Council’s web page detailing this meeting.

   http://www.merton.gov.uk/council/committee.htm?view=event&event_id=2215

7. Reference from Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel– Final Report of the Highways Maintenance Task Group (Forward plan ref. 777)

   The full scrutiny review has been circulated to members of Cabinet only (see the Addendum agenda). It is available for member and public inspection on the Council’s web page detailing this meeting.

   http://www.merton.gov.uk/council/committee.htm?view=event&event_id=2215
8. Consumer and Business Protection Service Delivery Plan 2009/10 (Forward plan ref. 741)

The appendices to this report are circulated to members of Cabinet only (see the Addendum agenda). They are available for member and public inspection on the Council’s web page detailing this meeting.


9. Draft Corporate Equality Scheme 2010/2013 (Forward plan ref. 788)

The appendices to this report are circulated to members of Cabinet only (see the Addendum agenda). They are available for member and public inspection on the Council’s web page detailing this meeting.


10. Revision of Merton’s Local Development Scheme (Forward plan ref. 000)

The appendix to this report has been circulated to Cabinet members only (see the Addendum agenda). It is available for member and public inspection on the Council’s web page detailing this meeting.


11. Reference from the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel: Pre Decision Scrutiny of the Local Development Framework – Core Strategy (Forward plan ref. 798)

12. Local Development Framework, Core Strategy (Forward plan ref. 747)

The appendix to this report has been provided separately to members of Sustainable Communities OS Panel 3 June, Borough Plan Advisory Committee 11 June and Cabinet 22 June and representing officers. Please bring your copy to these meetings as appropriate.

The appendix is available for member and public inspection on the Council’s web page detailing this meeting.


13. S.106 Planning Obligations Report Quarter 4 and end of financial year 2008/09 (Forward plan ref. 779)

The appendix to this report has been circulated to Cabinet members only (see the Addendum agenda). It is available for member and public inspection on the Council’s web page detailing this meeting.

Declarations

1. Members are advised to make declarations of personal or prejudicial interests they may have in relation to any item on this agenda. Members may make their declaration either under this item or at any time it becomes apparent that they have an interest in any particular item. Declaration forms will be available on request from the attending Democratic Services officer and to whom completed forms should be returned. If a Member believes that their interest is prejudicial they should leave the meeting while the item is discussed. If in doubt, Members are advised to seek advice from the Head of Civic and Legal Services prior to the meeting.

It is anticipated that there will be additional matters to be considered at this meeting subject to:

a report being published; and

the Chairman approving the later submission of the report and, where appropriate, submitted for reason of urgency (the reason for urgency to be agreed either prior to or at the meeting).
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13 MAY 2009
(20:38 TO 20:40)
PRESENT: Councillors David Williams (In the Chair), Linda Scott, William
Brierly, Samantha George, Maurice Groves, Henry Nelless, David Simpson, Debbie Shears and Diane Neill Mills
Ged Curran (Chief Executive), Caroline Holland (Director of
Corporate Services), Fiona Thomsen (Monitoring Officer) and
Colin Millar (Democratic Services)
ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Tariq Ahmad
The Chairman welcomed Councillor Henry Nelless to his first meeting as a Cabinet
Member.
1 CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEES
Cabinet accepted appendix A to the report as the agreed membership of the
Committees detailed below.
RESOLVED:
- That the Cabinet agrees to appoint a Street Management Advisory
  Committee of three Conservative and three Labour members.
- That the Cabinet agrees to appoint two Cabinet members and two
  substitute members to the South West London Joint Waste
  Management Committee
- That the Cabinet agrees to appoint two members to the South West
  London Joint Waste Management Working Party on the basis of 1
  Conservative with 1 Conservative substitute and 1 Labour member with
  1 Labour substitute.
- That the Cabinet agrees the Terms of Reference for the Street
  Management Advisory Committee and the Joint Waste Management
  Working Party as detailed in Appendix E of the report to the Annual
  Council.
- That the Cabinet agrees to delegate to the Chief Executive the authority
  to fill vacancies on the Street Management Advisory Committee and the
  South West London Joint Waste Management Working Group on the
  nomination of the Party whip of the group with a vacant position.
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CABINET
28 MAY 2009
(7.15pm – 7.45pm)

PRESENT: Councillors Samantha George (in the Chair), Maurice Groves, Diane Neil Mills, Henry Nelless, Linda Scott and David Simpson.

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Richard Chellew and Corinna Edge.

Ged Curran (Chief Executive), Abdool Kara (Assistant Chief Executive), Caroline Holland (Director of Corporate Services), Yvette Stanley (Director of Children, Schools and Families), Simon Williams (Director of Community and Housing), Sarah Tanburn (Interim Director of Environment and Regeneration), Helen White (Head of Civic and Legal Services) and Lynne Hartley (Democratic Services Officer).

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors David Williams, William Brierly and Debbie Shears.

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
No declarations were made.

2 REFERENCE FROM THE CORPORATE CAPACITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL: MERTON TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME (Agenda Item 4)

The recommendation in the reference was amended by the replacement of “paragraph x” in the first line with “paragraphs 2.3 to 2.11”.

At the invitation of the Chairman Councillor Corinna Edge introduced the reference in her role as Vice Chairman of the Scrutiny Panel. She drew attention to concerns from some members of the Panel that not all of the information requested had been made available and to the recommendation for the establishment of a Cabinet level body to oversee the programme to allow attendance by Panel members.

Cabinet extended its thanks to the Panel for scrutinising the report.

RESOLVED: To consider the views and comments of the Panel set out in paragraphs 2.3 to 2.11 of the reference when taking its decisions on phase two of the Merton Efficiency Project, as agreed by Cabinet at its meeting on 11 May 2009.

3 MERTON TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME (Agenda Item 3)

Cabinet considered each point of the response from the Corporate Capacity Overview and Scrutiny Panel set out in agenda item 4 and commented as follows:

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Paragraph 2.4 – the appointment of the Chair and Vice Chairman to act as project champions on behalf of the Panel was welcomed.

Paragraph 2.6 – Cabinet was content for the Panel to receive updates on progress.

Paragraph 2.7 – it was noted that decisions taken in implementing the Programme would be open to scrutiny through existing processes and felt that the appointment of a Cabinet sub committee could delay progress in driving through efficiencies.

Paragraph 2.9 – Cabinet was happy for reports on the engagement of further support for the Programme to be submitted for pre-decision scrutiny wherever possible within the timescale.

Paragraph 2.11 – Cabinet accepted the Panel’s comments on deliverability and a risk analysis and agreed that the Project Initiation Document should be submitted to the Panel when available.

In response to questions about communications Ged Curran advised that a strategy had been drawn up for communicating both internally and externally.

As requested at the meeting held on 11 May 2009 further consideration had been given to the exempt status of the appendices and, given changes in the position since that meeting, it was agreed that appendices I and II should no longer be exempted from disclosure. It was further agreed that the outline business cases produced by Deloitte could be released as public documents.

RESOLVED: That Cabinet (1) note the content of the scrutiny reference from 20 May 2009 and take into account the recommendations made by the Panel in making the following decisions;

(2) agree an overarching programme of transformation work, the Merton Transformation Programme, to be carried out as phase 2 of what was the Efficiency Project;

(3) agree to set up a member-led programme board to manage the project and delegate authority to the Chief Executive to make decisions with regard to the project in consultation with this board;

(4) agree that Councillors David Williams, Samantha George and Diane Neil Mills be members of the programme board;

(5) agree in principle arrangements for internal and external support of phase 2 of the Merton Transformation Programme, and delegate authority to the Chief Executive to engage this support, in consultation with the programme board;

(6) agree that officers bring further reports to Cabinet to agree proposals for the engagement of further support for the Merton Transformation Programme.
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as and when appropriate, within the requirements of Contract Standing Orders;

(7) note that money from the Transformation/Outstanding Council Project Board is available to the Chief Executive in consultation with the programme board to fund initial work on phase 2 of the programme;

(8) agree that Appendices I and II to the report are no longer exempt from disclosure and that the outline business case studies produced by Deloitte are made public; and

(9) ask officers to submit the Project Initiation Document to the Corporate Capacity Overview and Scrutiny Panel when available.