

Agenda Item 9

COUNCIL MEETING 27 MARCH 2013

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Motion

Submitted by Councillors Debbie Shears, Nick Draper and Peter Southgate

This Council welcomes the announcement last month by the Mayor of London that the route of the new, world-class Prudential RideLondon cycling festival will pass through Raynes Park and Wimbledon on Sunday 4th August 2013, and that it is set to become a permanent fixture each year in Merton's and London's sporting calendar.

This Council looks forward to welcoming the tens of thousands of participants in the RideLondon-Surrey 100 event for recreational cyclists and the RideLondon-Surrey Classic race for professional cyclists, and also to playing host to the many visitors and Merton residents who will be lining the borough's streets to watch the action.

This Council believes that, as well as forming an important part of the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic legacy by encouraging increased interest and participation locally in cycling, this event provides an excellent opportunity to showcase the history of the whole borough to a very large audience and thereby maximise the full potential of RideLondon for all Merton's residents. This Council therefore resolves to request that Cabinet works in conjunction with Love Wimbledon to promote Merton's rich and varied heritage, by inviting community groups and arts, culture and sporting organisations from all parts of the borough, including for example Morden Hall Park, Merton Priory Trust, and Mitcham Cricket Club, to promote their activities to the thousands of spectators and participants of RideLondon as it passes through Merton.

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