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COUNCIL MEETING – 10/7/19

NOTICE OF MOTION – STRATEGIC THEME MOTION

This council condemns the rise in knife related murders and robberies in [London Britain](#) in recent years. Whilst [the increase in London is considerably less than in the rest of the country, and whilst](#) Merton has seen less knife crime than other London boroughs, there have been [rising a number of](#) incidents in recent months.

Council therefore calls upon the ~~Mayor of London and~~ MET Police to consider installing knife surrender bins ~~in Mitcham and Wimbledon Police Stations~~ [at appropriate locations around the Borough](#), although the Mayor of London has [previously expressed the opinion that they are not a particularly effective deterrent.](#)

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This council congratulates Unique Talent and other organisations in the borough for the outstanding work ~~that the organisation does they do~~ working in the community to combat gang related violence, intervening to remove young people residents from gangs, and mentoring and preparing young people for a life away from crime.

Council calls upon Cabinet to:

- Investigate way of strengthening Merton's partnership with organisations including but not limited to Unique Talent ~~and similar organisations;~~
- ~~— Look into ways that Unique Talent and similar organisations can contribute toward the new Community Plan and the Children's and Young People Plan, with a full report going to Cabinet.~~
- Continue to discuss the strategies that meet the aims of the new Community Plan and Children's and Young People's Plan, with our young residents and organisations including Unique talent and to continue reporting on this progress to Cabinet

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Equality Impact Assessments

~~Requests~~Commends the Cabinet ~~strengthen on~~ its 2017 Equalities and Community Cohesion Strategy ~~by and the annual process of~~ reviewing and updating its current operational guidance on equality assessments (The website is last dated August 2011, however this needs to better reflect the annual review process). ~~This, to ensure the~~ guidance is fit for purpose and is in line with best practice, particularly in relation to the timing of assessments, and specific consultation on mitigation measures, and the strategy includes a commitment to undertake equality analysis in the council's service planning process, and with the introduction of all major policies and plans.

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COUNCIL MEETING – 10 JULY 2019

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This council advises the Cabinet to:

- Reflect on officers' advice received at the Sustainable Communities OSP on 27/6 that the evidence referred to in support of the administration's proposals on parking charges was not evidence of increases in residents parking charges resulting in reduced car ownership.

- Ensure any future proposal takes account of this advice, and, as recommended by the Sustainable Communities OSP, the evidence from the Diesel Levy Implementation and Emissions Based Charges reviews, as to how and what behavioural change these measures encourage.

- Abandon their ill-fated and ill-advised discriminatory policy as set out in the cabinet agenda item *Public health, air quality and sustainable transport - a strategic approach to parking charges*.
- Establish a cross-party task group to look at fairer and more effective solutions to address public health concerns and air quality across Merton.

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This council advises the Cabinet to:

- ~~Abandon their ill-fated and ill-advised discriminatory policy as set out in~~[Pay due diligence to the need to improve air quality in considering](#) the cabinet agenda item *Public health, air quality and sustainable transport - a strategic approach to parking charges*.
- ~~Establish a~~[Support the work of the](#) cross-party ~~task group to look at fairer and more~~[Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel in its work](#) ~~looking at~~ effective solutions to address~~ing~~ public health concerns and air quality across Merton.

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Council Notes:

-) That both candidates for the leadership of the Conservative Party have said they would in certain circumstances agree to a 'No Deal' Brexit;
-) Warnings from the Governor of the Bank of England, the OECD, the OBR and many other bodies that a 'No deal' Brexit would have severe effects on the economy
-) Warnings from the British Medical Association, the Chief Medical Officer and the NHS Confederation about the effects of a 'No deal' Brexit on the supply of medicines and on the NHS more generally;
-) That a no deal Brexit would leave British citizens in other EU countries and EU citizens in the UK in a very unclear situation;

Council believes that a 'No Deal' Brexit would have severe adverse effects on the people of Merton Council resolves:

-) To ask the Leader of the Council to write to Merton's MPs telling them of our concern about the effects of a 'No Deal' Brexit on the residents of Merton and asking them to use any necessary Parliamentary means to stop it from happening.
-) To ask the Cabinet to ensure it has robust plans to, as far as possible, mitigate the effects of a 'No Deal' Brexit on its operations; to report on these to the September full Council meeting; and to make the details welcomes the work of the Brexit task group and the advice that it gives, which it provides with due impartiality, integrity and professionalism; and recognises that it needs to be free to carry this work out without its advice being leaked or misconstrued, in the best traditions of Britain's public servants and its meetings public.

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