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NOTICE OF MOTION – STRATEGIC THEME – FULL COUNCIL 18TH SEPTEMBER

TENNIS ENFORCEMENT

For years the Labour administration has failed to properly enforce the pay to play system for the use of council owned tennis courts. The failure to properly enforce the pay to play policy has not only led to residents viewing the courts as free to use, but has led to the administrations recent attempts to enforce a level of payment that outstrips many local private tennis courts.

Council therefore requests Cabinet to:

- Provide use of all LBM owned courts for free for 12 months to enable the administration to establish an efficient system to enforce the charging of pay to play tennis;
- Instruct Merton Council Officers to prepare a report on establishing an annual pass scheme, similar to ones already operating successfully in other London boroughs, with a view to introducing a similar scheme in Merton in 12 months' time.

Cllr David Dean

Cllr Stephen Crowe

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WASTE ENFORCEMENT

This council recognises that there has been recent successes in enforcement, particularly the court injunction that has prevented Travellers from occupying council land in the borough. However, this council recognises that Merton Council has consistently failed to enforce the refuse collection and street cleaning contract with Veolia since October 2018.

Commenting on this issue Stephen Hammond MP said:

“On a nearly daily basis I am contacted by constituents regarding Veolia’s performance. These complaints touch on all elements of the council and Veolia’s duty to deal with waste, and cover street litter, overflowing public bins, fly tipping, uncollected private bins and litter covering the streets after bin collection. Merton Council should be scrutinised for the poor procurement of this contract and the full costs of it be made transparent. The council has a history of poor contract management, this must improve, and a clear plan for such should be subject to scrutiny.”

Siobhan McDonagh MP recently stated to the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel:

“There has been a significant problem with refuse collection and street sweeping services in Mitcham. There are large numbers of sites which are fly tipped on a regular basis and there appears to be little management of the street sweeping service. The need for a reconsideration of the street sweeping element of the waste contract is clear. It is my understanding that streets are only swept if they are below a certain standard. It is completely unclear, however, what this standard is and how this standard is determined.”

This council therefore:

- Supports the comments made by the boroughs two MPs condemning the failure of Veolia to clean the streets, collect the refuse and clear up fly tips;
- Condemns the failure of the Labour administration to correctly enforce the contract;
- Recognises that despite the assurances of the past two Cabinet Members Veolia’s performance has not improved;
- Notes that additional financial resources are being used to collect waste that has been missed as part of the ‘no side waste’ policy;
- Requests that the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel establishes a cross party Enforcement Subcommittee to focus on rapid improvements in the areas of the borough where Veolia still fails on street cleaning, fly tipping and refuse collection; as well working with Officers to focus on educating residents to deal with their waste responsibly and enforce against those who do not.

CLlr Daniel Holden

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COUNCIL MEETING – 18/09/19

NOTICE OF MOTION – STRATEGIC THEME MOTION

Managing Engine Idling to Promote Cleaner Air

This Council notes that:

- exhaust fumes contain a number of harmful gases including carbon dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons linked to asthma and other lung diseases;
- the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence has made recommendations about improving road-traffic-related air pollution in which it urges local authorities to raise awareness of and crack down on idling;
- local authorities have the power to issue fixed penalties for emissions offences and stationary idling under the Road Traffic (Vehicle Emissions)(Fixed Penalty) (England) Regulations 2002, which may be imposed when a motorist refuses to switch their engine off when asked to do so by an authorised person;
- that an increasing number of councils have implemented No Idling Zones;

And welcomes Merton's participation in Idling Action London and the planned training on anti-idling campaigning for councillors.

This Council resolves to request that Cabinet:

- bring forward plans to introduce No Idling Zones across Merton borough, particularly near schools, including consideration of deploying our existing enforcement officers for this purpose, and the potential of including anti-idling within the scope of enforceable functions carried out by the Council's enforcement service provider;
- explore the potential for training volunteers to collect appropriate evidence to enforce idling in key hotspots and the future designated No Idling zones across Merton; and
- work with relevant contractors (eg IDVerde, Veolia) and partners such as TfL to ensure their practice supports this action and publicly report back on this work at least annually.

Cllr Anthony Fairclough

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