

# **Merton Council Council**

**18 November 2020**

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## COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND SCRUTINY BODIES

COMMITTEE	LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE	LIBERAL DEMOCRATS	MERTON PARK IR
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMISSION (10 seats + 4 voting Co-opted Members) Substitutes allowed	Cllr Peter McCabe (Vice-Chair) (HCOP) Cllr Brenda Fraser (CYP) Cllr Aidan Mundy (SCS) Cllr Billy Christie Cllr Ben Butler Cllr Mike Brunt  Substitutes: Cllr Joan Henry Cllr John Dehaney	Cllr Nicholas McLean Cllr Edward Gretton  Substitutes: Cllr David Williams Cllr Thomas Barlow	Cllr Paul Kohler  Substitute: Cllr Simon McGrath	Cllr Peter Southgate (Chair)  Substitute: Cllr Edward Foley
HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES AND OLDER PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY (8 seats) Substitutes allowed	Cllr Peter McCabe (Chair) Cllr Pauline Cowper Cllr Mary Curtin Cllr Linda Kirby Cllr David Chung Substitutes: Cllr Laxmi Attawar Cllr Dave Ward	Cllr Thomas Barlow (Vice Chair)  Cllr Nigel Benbow  Substitutes: Cllr Andrew Howard Cllr Oonagh Moulton	Cllr Jenifer Gould  Substitute: Cllr Hina Bokhari	

COMMITTEE	LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE	LIBERAL DEMOCRATS	MERTON PARK IR
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (10 seats) Substitutes allowed	<p>Cllr Brenda Fraser (Chair) Cllr Russell Makin Cllr Dennis Pearce Cllr Joan Henry Cllr Stan Anderson Cllr Nick Draper</p> <p>Substitutes:</p> <p>Cllr Kelly Braund Cllr Carl Quilliam</p>	<p>Cllr Hayley Ormrod (Vice Chair)</p> <p>Cllr James Holmes Cllr Omar Bush</p> <p>Substitutes:</p> <p>Cllr Thomas Barlow Cllr Andrew Howard</p>		<p>Cllr Edward Foley</p> <p>Substitute: Cllr Dickie Wilkinson</p>
SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (8 seats) Substitutes allowed	<p>Cllr Aidan Mundy (Chair) Cllr Geraldine Stanford Cllr Nick Draper Cllr Laxmi Attawar Cllr Mike Brunt</p> <p>Substitutes:</p> <p>Cllr Pauline Cowper Cllr Ben Butler</p>	<p>Cllr Daniel Holden (Vice Chair)</p> <p>Cllr David Dean</p> <p>Substitutes:</p> <p>Cllr Edward Gretton Cllr Nigel Benbow</p>	<p>Cllr Anthony Fairclough</p> <p>Substitute:</p> <p>Cllr Eloise Bailey</p>	
BOROUGH PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (6 seats) Substitutes allowed, no Cabinet members	<p>Cllr Carl Quilliam (Chair) Cllr Geraldine Stanford Cllr Dennis Pearce Cllr Ben Butler</p> <p>Substitute: Cllr Aidan Mundy</p>	<p>Cllr Najeeb Latif</p> <p>Substitute: Cllr Stephen Crowe</p>	<p>Cllr Anthony Fairclough</p> <p>Substitute: Cllr Simon McGrath</p>	

COMMITTEE	LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE	LIBERAL DEMOCRATS	MERTON PARK IR
APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (10 seats) No substitutes	Cllr Mark Allison (Chair) Cllr Eleanor Stringer Cllr Martin Whelton Cllr Tobin Byers Cllr Owen Pritchard Cllr Marsie Skeete	Cllr Nicholas McLean Cllr Oonagh Moulton Cllr David Simpson	Cllr Anthony Fairclough	
HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD (3 seats plus officers, statutory and non-statutory representatives) Proportionality does not apply	Cllr Rebecca Lanning (Chair) Cllr Eleanor Stringer	Cllr Oonagh Moulton		

COMMITTEE	LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE	LIBERAL DEMOCRATS	MERTON PARK IR
STANDARDS AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE (12 seats plus 2 Independent Persons)  Substitutes allowed	Cllr Peter McCabe (Chair) Cllr John Dehaney Cllr Brenda Fraser Cllr Ben Butler Cllr Nick Draper Cllr Mary Curtin Cllr Martin Whelton  Substitutes:  Cllr Caroline Cooper-Marbiah Cllr Edith Macauley	Cllr Adam Bush (Vice Chair)  Cllr David Williams Cllr Andrew Howard  Substitutes:  Cllr Nicholas McLean Cllr Omar Bush	Cllr Hina Bokhari       Substitute: Cllr Jenifer Gould	Cllr Dickie Wilkinson       Substitute: Cllr Edward Foley
<b>JOINT HEALTH COMMITTEES</b>				
TOWN OF SURREY SOUTH WEST LONDON AND SURREY JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (JHOSC) (2 seats) Substitutes allowed	Cllr Peter McCabe  Substitute: Cllr Brenda Fraser	Cllr Thomas Barlow  Substitute: Cllr Andrew Howard		
<b>REGULATORY AND QUASI JUDICIAL BODIES</b>				
APPEALS COMMITTEE (6 seats)	Cllr Mark Allison (Chair) Cllr Brenda Fraser Cllr Joan Henry Cllr Owen Pritchard	Cllr Oonagh Moulton	Cllr Simon McGrath	
JOINT REGULATORY SERVICES COMMITTEE (2 seats) Proportionality does not apply	Cllr Mark Allison Cllr Caroline Cooper-Marbiah			

COMMITTEE	LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE	LIBERAL DEMOCRATS	MERTON PARK IR
LICENSING COMMITTEE (Licensing Act and Gambling Act purposes) (12 seats) No substitutes	Cllr Nick Draper (Chair) Cllr Stan Anderson Cllr Pauline Cowper Cllr Mary Curtin Cllr Russell Makin Cllr Stephen Alambritis Cllr John Dehaney	Cllr David Simpson (Vice Chair)  Cllr Janice Howard Cllr Nigel Benbow Cllr Oonagh Moulton	Cllr Paul Kohler	
LICENSING COMMITTEE (Miscellaneous) (12 Seats) No substitutes	Membership as for Licensing Committee			
LICENSING SUB- COMMITTEE (of above committee) (9 seats)	Any 3 members of the Licensing Committee			
PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE (10 seats) Substitutes allowed	Cllr Dave Ward (Chair) Cllr Joan Henry Cllr Nick Draper Cllr Carl Quilliam Cllr Stephen Alambritis Cllr Billy Christie  Substitutes:  Cllr Dennis Pearce Cllr Ben Butler	Cllr Stephen Crowe (Vice Chair)  Cllr David Dean  Substitutes:  Cllr Najeeb Latif  Cllr Ed Gretton	Cllr Simon McGrath   Substitute:  Cllr Eloise Bailey	Cllr Peter Southgate   Substitute:  Cllr Edward Foley

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# APPENDIX B

## CONSTITUTION OF CONSULTATIVE FORUMS AND OTHER BODIES AND ALLOCATION OF SEATS TO GROUPS

COMMITTEE	LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE	LIBERAL DEMOCRATS	MERTON PARK IR
<b>COMMUNITY FORUMS – appointment of Chair</b>				
COLLIERS WOOD COMMUNITY FORUM	Cllr John Dehaney (Chair)			
MITCHAM COMMUNITY FORUM	Cllr David Chung (Chair)			
MORDEN COMMUNITY FORUM	Cllr Nick Draper(Chair)			
RAYNES PARK COMMUNITY FORUM To NB. local arrangements in respect of this forum put in place additional meetings with the Chair rotated and drawn from the four wards covered	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
WIMBLEDON COMMUNITY FORUM	N/A	Cllr James Holmes (Chair)		
CORPORATE PARENTING STEERING GROUP (2 seats Cabinet Member for Young People & Opposition member on CYP Scrutiny) No substitutes	Cllr Ellie Stringer	Cllr Hayley Ormrod		

COMMITTEE	LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE	LIBERAL DEMOCRATS	MERTON PARK IR
JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE WITH ETHNIC MINORITY ORGANISATIONS (5 seats plus representatives of Merton's ethnic minority organisations) Substitutes allowed	Cllr Marsie Skeete (Chair) Cllr Joan Henry Cllr Agatha Akyigyina  Substitutes:  Cllr Caroline Cooper-Marbiah	Cllr Omar Bush  Substitute: Cllr Adam Bush	Cllr Eloise Bailey  Substitute: Cllr Hina Bokhari	
MEMBERS' SCHOOL STANDARDS PANEL (3 seats + 1 substitute)	Cllr Dennis Pearce (Chair) Cllr Brenda Fraser  Sub – Cllr Dave Ward	Cllr James Holmes		
PENSION FUND INVESTMENT ADVISORY PANEL (3 seats)	Cllr Laxmi Attawar (Chair) Cllr Tobin Byers	Cllr Adam Bush (Vice Chair)		

COMMITTEE	LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE	LIBERAL DEMOCRATS	MERTON PARK IR
STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (3 seats plus representatives of Christian and other denominations and teacher associations) No substitutes	Note – SACRE elects its own chair  Cllr Mike Brunt Cllr Laxmi Attawar	Cllr Hayley Ormrod		

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## APPENDIX C

## CONSTITUTION OF CONSULTATIVE FORUMS AND OTHER BODIES AND ALLOCATION OF SEATS TO GROUPS

ORGANISATION	LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE	LIBERAL DEMOCRATS	MERTON PARK IR
Compact Working Group (2 seats)	Cllr Agatha Akyigyina	Cllr Oonagh Moulton		
Newable Limited (formerly Greater London Enterprise) (1 seat)	Cllr Mark Allison			
Local Government Association (4 Seats) <div style="font-size: small;">&gt;</div>	Cllr Aidan Munday Cllr Marsie Skeete <div style="font-size: small;">&gt;</div>	Cllr Nicholas McLean <div style="font-size: small;">&gt;</div>	Cllr Anthony Fairclough <div style="font-size: small;">&gt;</div>	
LGA Urban Commission (1 seat)	Cllr Carl Quilliam			
LGIU – Local Government Information Unit (To be appointed by the Executive Leader of the Council)	Cllr Mark Allison			
London Councils – Greater London Employment forum (1 Seat) (To be appointed by the Executive Leader of the Council)	Cllr Caroline Cooper-Marbiah  Substitute: Cllr Marsie Skeete			
London Councils Leaders' Committee (1 Seat) (To be appointed by the Executive Leader of the Council)	Cllr Mark Allison  Substitute : Cllr Owen Pritchard/ Cllr Eleanor Stringer			

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ORGANISATION	LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE	LIBERAL DEMOCRATS	MERTON PARK IR
London Councils Transport and Environment Committee (1 Seat) (To be appointed by the Executive Leader of the Council)	Cllr Martin Whelton  Substitute: Cllr Natasha Irons			
London Councils Grants Committee (1 Seat) (To be appointed by the Executive Leader of the Council)	Cllr Marsie Skeete  Substitute: Cllr Caroline Cooper- Marbiah			
London Councils Pensions CIV (Common Investment Vehicle) (Sectoral) Joint Committee (1 seat and 2 substitutes)	Cllr Laxmi Attawar  Substitutes: Cllr Tobin Byers			
London Road Safety Council (2 seats plus accident prevention officer)	Cllr Agatha Akyigyina	Cllr Daniel Holden		
London Youth Games (1 seat)	Cllr Joan Henry			

ORGANISATION	LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE	LIBERAL DEMOCRATS	MERTON PARK IR
Merton Community Panel (Clarion Housing) (2 seats)  (2 Seats )	Cllr Carl Quilliam  Substitute: Cllr Russell Makin	Cllr Nigel Benbow		
Merton and Sutton Joint Cemetery Board (5 Seats)	Cllr Nick Draper Cllr Agatha Akyigyina Cllr Stephen Alambritis	Cllr David Williams	Cllr Simon McGrath	
15 10 08 13 Mitcham Common Conservators (4 Seats )	Cllr Nick Draper Cllr Joan Henry Cllr Russell Makin	Mr Maurice Groves		
North East Surrey Crematorium Board (3 Seats)	Cllr Nick Draper Cllr Stephen Alambritis	Cllr Nigel Benbow		
Pollards Hill Community Committee (3 Seats)	Cllr Joan Henry Cllr Aidan Mundy Cllr Martin Whelton			

Safer Merton ..... SW LONDON JOINT WASTE MGMT COMM – 2 seats (cabinet members) .....	Cllr Agatha Akyigyina ..... Cllr Tobin Byers Cllr Natasha Irons .....	Cllr David Simpson .....		
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### **Leader of the Council – Mark Allison**

- Chair of Cabinet
- Leader of the Council

### **Joint Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children and Education – Eleanor Stringer**

- Joint Deputy Leader of the Council
- Overarching management of education
- Leading on the planning, development and expansion of the schools estate
- Raising standards at each key stage in schools, especially GCSE KS4, and minimising the impact of austerity on educational outcomes
- Championing fair access and leading on strategic schools' issues
- Responsibility for Smart Centre (PRU) and exclusions and improving transitions into mainstream education, work and training.
- Governor training and support
- Leading across the 14-19 agenda including skills
- Covering the full statutory role as lead member for Children
- Development of the Children's Trust
- Children's care services and disabled children, including SEND
- Early years and childcare, extended schools and children's centres
- Leading on improvement in youth services. Responsible for youth justice, and engaging young people in the life of the community eg Youth Parliament
- Corporate parenting and ensuring our looked after children succeed
- Strong safeguarding through Local Safeguarding Children's Board partnership.
- Supporting families to stay together wherever appropriate, and promoting security and stability when children do come into our care
- Joint responsibility for Merton's Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Strategy

### **Joint Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance, Recovery and the Local Economy – Owen Pritchard**

- Joint Deputy Leader of the Council.
- Leading on the Council's recovery agenda.
- Leading on performance monitoring and Service Planning.
- Member Lead on the Merton the Place, a place-based vision for the borough's recovery from Covid-19, working with the Modernising Merton Lead Member
- Responsible for effective communication with residents.
- Responsible for implementation and roll out of CRM project.
- Lead Member on Strategic infrastructure development in the borough.
- Leading on efforts to boost trade and the local economy in town centres, supporting small businesses, markets and Business Improvement Districts.

### **Cabinet Member for Local Environment and Green Spaces – Natasha Irons**

- Increasing recycling rates and overseeing the council's waste strategy and street cleaning services.

- Ensuring contracts uphold best possible outcomes in effective management of waste and street cleansing.
- Focus on streetscene improvement, including initiatives around HMOs/flats above shops.
- Promoting campaigns against environmental crimes (fly-tipping, litter).
- Leading on parks and use of the borough's greenspaces.
- Ensuring management of contracts for parks and open spaces.
- Encouraging sustainable activity by local community groups in parks and open spaces.
- Responsibility for allotments and cemeteries

### **Cabinet Member for Women and Equalities – Marsie Skeete**

- Ensuring all equalities strands (sex, race, disability, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, pregnancy/maternity, religion/belief, age, marriage and civil partnerships) are embedded throughout council performance and the impact on these groups of austerity is minimised
- Oversight of the Council's Equality Strategy and Equality Impact Assessments and drawing up an Equalities Charter
- Chair of the Joint Consultative Committee with Ethnic Minorities
- Assessing the needs of the borough's EU citizens as the UK exits the EU
- Supporting the Merton Council staff BAME Forum
- Joint responsibility for Merton's Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) strategy
- Support and development of the LGBT+ forum
- Support and development of the Faith and Belief Forum
- Overseeing community engagement, including Community Plan, increased participation in local decision making and increasing social capital
- Overseeing the council's community partnerships, including specific focus on the voluntary sector.
- Leading on the management of grants to community groups and decisions of Grants Committee
- Chair of the Merton Compact Board.
- Overseeing voluntary sector organisations applying to become Refugee Community Sponsors.

### **Cabinet Member for Housing, Regeneration and the Climate Emergency – Martin Whelton**

- Council lead on the Climate emergency
- Chair of Climate Change Implementation Committee
- Responsible for building links with residents, businesses and community groups to reduce carbon.
- Leading on regeneration and neighbourhood renewal initiatives.
- Overall responsibility for planning policy.
- Leading on the development of the Local Plan.
- Responsible for housing strategy, developing relations with Housing Associations and promoting the needs of tenants and leaseholders.
- Ensuring delivery of promises by Clarion Housing.
- Overseeing monitoring and enforcement of HMOs and rogue landlords

- Overseeing major projects in town centres.
- Building a vision in conjunction with local residents for the future of our neighbourhoods.
- Overall responsibility for development and building control and spatial policy.
- Transport planning including Crossrail 2, and liaison with Transport for London.
- Leading on traffic and highways.

### **Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health – Rebecca Lanning**

- Community care services, including relationships with the local Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Primary Care Network (PCN), Integrated Care System (ICS), wider health organisations including the voluntary sector in addition to protecting local health services.
- Social services for adults and services for adults with learning disabilities.
- Lead on dementia and mental health services.
- Leading on personalisation and choice issues.
- Older people's services including support for carers, day care for the elderly and meals on wheels, working alongside the National Health Service.
- Lead on Public Health and healthy living schemes.
- Lead member for Air Quality and sustainable transport, including school streets, cycling and LTNs, and for parking services and overseeing the council's parking management strategy.
- Chair of Health and Wellbeing Board.
- Lead member for addressing food poverty.

### **Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Skills – Caroline Cooper-Marbiah**

- Leading on libraries including maximising use of library buildings
- Overseeing leisure operations and development
- Liaising with businesses and cultural organisations to embed culture in regeneration plans
- Leading on apprenticeships and training.
- Leading on the adult education service.
- Business opportunities in heritage and tourism
- Leading on trading standards and commercial environmental health
- Working with organisations in the borough's thriving arts and cultural Communities

### **Cabinet Member for Partnerships, Public Safety and Tackling Crime – Agatha Akyigyina**

- Reducing the threat of crime and anti-social behaviour in Merton and working closely with Police and Community Safety partnerships
- Leading on a knife crime strategy for the borough
- Point of contact with Borough Command Unit and Deputy Mayor for Crime and Safety
- Overseeing CCTV operations
- Joint responsibility for Merton's Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) strategy
- Oversight of the Council's Preventing Violent Extremism strategy
- Support and development of Merton's Armed Forces Community Covenant

### **Cabinet Member for Finance – Tobin Byers**

- Leading on the budget, including the development of revenue, capital and debt management strategies
- Responsible for corporate finance, IT and audit, human resources, civic and legal services, and risk management
- Lead on asset management, driving improvements in council performance and leading budget and finance performance review meetings
- Leading on Modernising Merton, the change management agenda with responsibility for driving through value for money and efficiency within the council, working with the Merton the Place Lead Member
- Overseeing the Council Commissioning strategy
- Monitoring progress of council wide strategic approach to customer services and community support and access.
- Monitoring the implications of Brexit on Merton Council, working alongside the Cabinet Member for Women and Equalities

**Note: All Cabinet Members are also responsible as Corporate Parents for children in the care of the Council.**

## COUNCIL MEETING – 18 NOVEMBER 2020 NOTICE OF MOTION – STRATEGIC THEME

This Council notes:

- [According to nationally reported NHS COVER dataset](#), Merton has repeatedly had one of the worst records in the country for childhood vaccinations eg consistently in the bottom decile for 5 year MMR
- [According to the same NHS data](#), Merton has a similarly poor record in respect of vaccinations recommended for adults: eg flu for over 65s was the 4th worst in London in 2019/20 Q4
- [The data is well known to be problematic, for instance through families moving and GP registered patients lists often having “ghost” patients that inflate the denominator, with numerous issues including insufficient information being provided and data transfer issues](#)

This Council believes that:

- the recent improvement at ages 1 and 2 in 2020/21 Q1 is a welcome development from which lessons must be learned;
- the overall [quality issues with the COVER data statistics](#) remain a cause for serious concern and [which might must inevitably](#) impact negatively on NHS resources in the winter months;
- if a vaccine for Coronavirus does become available, the [overall poor level of take-up will need to be high to ensure is unlikely to improve without urgent action that will otherwise result in](#) residents in Merton [are being in](#) adequately protected against Covid 19.

This Council therefore resolves to:

- [Call on the Health and Wellbeing Community Subgroup, which provides oversight of work on the impact of Covid-19 on vulnerable communities, to commit to regularly update Council about this matter without such work taking resources away from the good work they continue to do in keeping residents safe throughout the pandemic](#)
- [call on the Cabinet to prioritise work to promote the take-up of all relevant vaccines across the appropriate age and target groups with our colleagues in NHS England, CCG/local GPs and providers of vaccinations;](#)
- [call on the Cabinet to measure and assess the effectiveness of the coordinated](#)

~~effort on increasing the uptake of flu vaccinations in Merton, reporting back to each meeting of the Healthier Communities and Older People OSP, to allow recommendations to be made;~~

~~· request that the Cabinet member for Adult Social Care and Public Health briefs councillors on this issue each month, and organises for publicity and sharable information to be provided to councillors so they can support the work of the Council.~~

Councillor Paul Kohler Councillor Anthony Fairclough Councillor Simon McGrath

Motion now to read:

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· the overall quality issues with the COVER data remain a cause for serious concern and which might

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take-up will need to be high to ensure residents in Merton are adequately protected against Covid 19.

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## NOTICE OF MOTION

This council is deeply concerned by some of the ways the new strategy of emission based parking charges being introduced in Merton have been portrayed. It is clear that this is causing concern that it is a money making scheme that does not improve air quality, and will negatively impact the elderly, the disabled, and those on low incomes.

Council therefore calls on the Cabinet to:

- Make clear that the scheme is based on the principle of the less polluting your vehicle is, the less you pay, and the more polluting, the more you pay; Abandon its plans to introduce emission based parking charges and
- Make clear that it is based on behavioural analysis of previous schemes, such as the levy on parking for diesel cars, which has been  
introduce measures that are proven to change consumer behaviour and will to  
reduce pollution;
- Ensure that future air quality measures do not negatively impactbenefit  
vulnerable people in Merton by reducing the emissions that harm their health;
- Produce clear further evidence that taxing parked cars reduces emissions,  
instead of relying on spurious nudge theory and out of date irrelevant studies;
- Note that to bring in measures will impact and benefit that disproportionately target  
all one parts of the  
borough;
- ~~over other areas~~Continue to look into measures that will reduce emissions across  
the borough;
- Consider all the responses to the consultation before a final decision is made on  
the proposals.

Cllr Daniel Holden Cllr David Dean Cllr Nigel Benbow

[Motion now reads:](#)

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- Make clear that the scheme is based on the principle of the less polluting your vehicle is, the less you pay, and the more polluting, the more you pay;
- Make clear that it is based on behavioural analysis of previous schemes, such as the levy on parking for diesel cars, which has been proven to change consumer behaviour and will reduce pollution;
- Ensure that future air quality measures benefit vulnerable people in Merton by reducing the emissions that harm their health;
- Produce further evidence that taxing parked cars reduces emissions;
- Note that measures will impact and benefit all parts of the borough;
- Continue to look into measures that will reduce emissions across the borough;
- Consider all the responses to the consultation before a final decision is made on the proposals.

## Conservative amendment to Labour FSM motion

~~This council recognises that during the pandemic~~~~Following the Government's decision not to extend Free School Meals during the recent half term,~~ local authorities, charities and businesses in London and across England ~~have taken important steps to were left to plug the gap in providing provide~~ nutrition for ~~the rising numbers of~~ children in low income households.

Council commends ~~the~~~~the~~ Conservative government's recent announcement of more than £400 million of funding to provide free school meals for children across England until the end of 2021. The £170 million Covid Winter Grants scheme will provide support until the end of March 2021, and the Holidays Activities and Food programme will be expanded across England next year to provide support through Easter, summer and Christmas 2021 and cost up to £220 million. In addition the government has pledged £16 million for food distribution charities. ~~Labour administration in Merton for stepping in to help with additional funding for all families entitled to Free School Meals to cover the half term holiday, despite the increasing financial burden of responding to the Covid 19 crisis. Without sufficient recompense from the government, despite their commitment to do "whatever it takes", this financial strain puts Merton's children at risk of holiday hunger.~~

Council thanks and commends local charities, businesses and individual residents who also joined together to ensure the borough's children don't go hungry.

Council ~~supports the recent announcement and notes that this commitment to the borough's children is in addition to the approximately £100 million of support for Merton Council, local businesses and the self-employed during the Covid19 pandemic. calls on the government to provide funding for families eligible Free School Meals during the upcoming Christmas holidays and other school holidays during the course of the pandemic.~~

Council resolves to ask the Leader to write to the borough's MPs and the Secretary of State to ~~support the Conservative government's action to demand the government~~ safeguard children's health and nutrition by extending Free School Meals provision ~~until the end of 2021. -during the holidays.~~

Motion now to read:

This council recognises that during the pandemic, local authorities, charities and businesses in London and across England have taken important steps to provide nutrition for children in low income households.

Council commends the Conservative government's recent announcement of more than £400 million of funding to provide free school meals for children across England until the end of 2021. The £170 million Covid Winter Grants scheme will provide support until the end of March 2021, and the Holidays Activities and Food programme will be expanded across England next year to provide support through Easter, summer and Christmas 2021 and cost up to £220 million. In addition the government has pledged £16 million for food distribution charities.

Council thanks and commends local charities, businesses and individual residents who also joined together to ensure the borough's children don't go hungry.

Council supports the recent announcement and notes that this commitment to the borough's children is in addition to the approximately £100 million of support for Merton Council, local businesses and the self-employed during the Covid19 pandemic.

Council resolves to ask the Leader to write to the borough's MPs and the Secretary of State to support the Conservative government's action to safeguard children's health and nutrition by extending Free School Meals provision until the end of 2021.