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Merton Council Joint Consultative Committee with Ethnic Minority Organisations

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Supplementary agenda

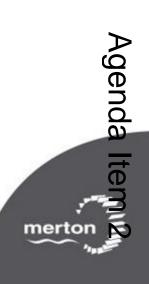
2 Draft EDI Strategy

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Pre-consultation draft: Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy



Status of document

- This is a pre-consultation draft of the strategy
- $\frac{7}{8}$ and is not for wider circulation at this time
- [®] please. It is being shared with the JCC given the purpose of the strategy and the role of the JCC.

Timeline

- Corporate Equalities Steering Group 14.06.23
- **Corporate Management Team** Page 3
- Leaders Strategy Group
- Cabinet (approval to consult)
- Consultation from
- Consultation to (tbc)
- Cabinet
- Council (approval)

03.07.23 17.07.23 24.07.23 30.09.23 16.10.23

20.06.23

15.11.23

Consultation

- JCC
- Merton Partnership
- Voluntary and Community sector partners
- Any relevant forums or public meetings
- Overview and Scrutiny Commission
- Website

Purpose of strategy

• To set out our approach to and plans for reducing inequality, promoting community cohesion and celebrating diversity in the

borough.

• Fulfils statutory requirements arising from the Public Sector Equalities Duty (PSED)

Four key objectives

- Tackling poverty, the structural differences in social circumstances
 and the resulting differences in access and outcomes
- Promoting Community engagement to empower our residents,
- improve understanding of the issues faced by local people and develop services to meet the differing needs.
- Promoting a safe, healthy and cohesive borough where communities get on well together
- Improving our evidence base to inform our decision making

Scope of strategy

• Nine Protected Characteristics:

age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation

Scope of strategy

- In addition to the nine Protected
- Characteristics we are proposing the scope includes:
 - Care experienced young people
 - Single parent households
 - Armed forces veterans
 - Socio-economic Status