

# **Merton Council Council**

**15 November 2023**

## **Supplementary Agenda 1 – Strategic Theme Motion & Amendments to the Strategic Theme Report**

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**Liberal Democrat Strategic Theme Motion**  
**Promoting Diversity: Accessibility in Sports Champion**

Proposer: Cllr Jenifer Gould

Seconder: Cllr Kirsten Galea

1. Council notes that:

- a. We want more people with disabilities to feel the benefits of sport and exercise, whether that's taking part or attending live events;
- b. People with disabilities can experience particular barriers to accessing and enjoying sport or physical activity.

2. Council recognises that all residents should have opportunities to join in with the sport and physical activity on offer across the borough.

3. Council therefore requests Cabinet to consider:

- c. Designating an Accessibility in Sports Champion, whose role would be to work to improve accessibility in local sports provision by raising awareness of relevant issues, engaging with stakeholders, promoting formal consultations, researching innovative ideas and highlighting and evaluating relevant work in other boroughs, as well as providing support to the work of the relevant Cabinet Member(s) (ie following the 'policy champion' model adopted by Wandsworth Council).
- d. Producing an annual report on progress and impact, which could be published to the relevant Scrutiny Panel as appropriate.

Councillor Jenifer Gould

Councillor Kirsten Galea

Councillor John Braithwaite

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### Liberal Democrat amendment to the Strategic Theme Report: Borough of Sport

To add the following recommendation to the Strategic Theme Report, so that after Recommendation A it now reads:

B: That council asks the Cabinet to consider (1) sorting toilet facilities and running water at any playing pitches that currently do not have them, as soon as possible, and (2) updating the Playing Pitch Strategy (2019) within the next twelve months to include firm plans and time scales for doing so.

Cllr Victoria Wilson

Cllr Matthew Willis

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**Full Council 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**Conservative amendment 1 to the Strategic Theme report:**

After recommendation A:

“B. Council requests the Cabinet to consider bringing a greater focus to partnering with the private sector in order to secure new funding and expertise opportunities to increase the provision of sport in the borough.”

Recommendations now to read:

A. That the Council note and consider the content of this report.

B. Council requests the Cabinet to consider bringing a greater focus to partnering with the private sector in order to secure new funding and expertise opportunities to increase the provision of sport in the borough.

Cllr Michael Paterson

Cllr Nick McLean





**Full Council 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**Conservative amendment 2 to the Strategic Theme report:**

After recommendation A:

“B. Council requests Cabinet to consider commissioning a report into the feasibility of allowing under 16-year-old residents of LB Merton to have the use of all sporting facilities in the borough free of charge, with a view to implementing this policy. Providing that all age specific policies regarding the use of sporting equipment are adhered to.”

Recommendations now to read:

A. That the Council note and consider the content of this report.

B. Council requests Cabinet to consider commissioning a report into the feasibility of allowing under 16-year-old residents of LB Merton to have the use of all sporting facilities in the borough free of charge, with a view to implementing this policy. Providing that all age specific policies regarding the use of sporting equipment are adhered to.

Cllr Eleanor Cox

Cllr Michael Paterson

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