

# Merton Council Council

**11 September 2013**

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## **Liberal Democrat amendment to Conservative Strategic theme motion 1**

Replace action points b) and c) with;

b) Ask officers to draw up a scheme identifying costings for the roll-out of 20 minutes free parking to all neighbourhood shopping parades currently without this facility; and

c) Ask officers to draw up a scheme identifying costings for the provision of one hour's free parking in any of the borough's Council -run car parks.

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## **Motion – Liberal Democrat**

Submitted by Councillors Iain Dysart and Mary-Jane Jeanes

"This Council seeks to encourage cycling and walking to improve residents' health and wellbeing. It acknowledges the excellent work done by officers in the preparation of Merton's Expression of Interest for the Mayor's "Cycling Mini-Hollands in Outer London" Fund.

This Council notes that cyclists, users of mobility scooters and pedestrians with children in double buggies have complained about some of the chicane barriers on our Public Rights of Way. The complaints are that the barriers are so close together that bicycles and buggies have to be lifted over them and that those using mobility scooters cannot negotiate the chicanes, for example the chicane barrier between Fairway and Coppice Close in West Barnes.

This Council resolves to:-

- 1) Ask Cabinet to initiate an audit of all our Public Rights of Way to ascertain how many chicane and other barriers are preventing cyclists, mobility scooter users and those with buggies from using the Public Rights of Way;
- 2) consider allocating funds in the next Budget (2014/5) to alter all such over-restrictive barriers so that they can be used by all cyclists, mobility scooter users and pedestrians with small children;
- 3) Ask officers to ensure that any new barriers erected in the borough are installed to minimum dimensions to avoid repeating and perpetuating these problems".

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## **Strategic Motion 3 (Cross-Party)**

Submitted by Councillors Andrew Judge, Janice Howard and Peter Southgate

This Council commends and supports our bid to become a mini Holland and welcomes the fact that the Mayor's Cycling Commissioner has shortlisted Merton's bid along with 7 other outer London Boroughs to compete for £100m proposed investment through this innovative scheme.

Council recognises the need for a well worked out bid, which will have a transformatory impact on cycling in the Borough: the objective being to make cycling a safe and convenient option for all residents capable of taking advantage of it. Council also recognises the need to achieve a balance with other sustainable modes such as walking and public transport, as well as with the use of private motor vehicles that for many individuals and families in the borough the car remains a crucial part of their everyday life. Council therefore resolves to continue to invest in all modes of transport so that our residents are fully empowered when making travel choices.

Council commends our staff for the work they have done to date in putting forward the initial "mini Holland" cycling bid and calls for a programme of further development and consultation to ensure that we present an excellent bid by 29<sup>th</sup> November with wide support across the community, which is both practical and also meets the Mayor's vision for a "dramatic and transformational" approach to cycling in the capital.

Council invites wide involvement from all parts of the Merton community including all councillors to support the bid and contribute to its development to achieve the Mayor's vision in Merton and revolutionise cycling.

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## **Lib/Dem Amendment to Conservative Motion 1**

In 1st paragraph, replace "and" with ",", and after "libraries", add "and school playing fields." (Thus, the amended first paragraph would then read, "This Council recognises that for too long vital assets such as car parks, pubs, libraries and school playing fields have been lost without proper consideration being given to the effect on the community in Merton").

In bullet point b), replace "and" in the 3rd line with", and community representatives e.g. residents' associations". (The amended bullet point would then read, "To request Cabinet to replace the current Strategic Property Asset Group , which is made up only of Council officers, with a new cross-party body consisting of a mixture of Members, officers and community representatives who are tasked with considering these proposed sites"

Add a new final sentence to bullet point c), "This report should include definitions of what could constitute a local asset, and set out qualifying criteria."

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## **Lib/Dem Amendment to Labour Motion 3**

In bullet point c), add . after "properties", deleting the words "and exploring ways of blocking access to such websites via its IT systems".

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# Agenda Item 10

## **Agenda item 10 -Membership of Committees**

The Merton Coalition have nominated members to the seats allocated to them as follows:

JHOSC - Suzanne Evans  
Appointments – Linda Scott  
General Purposes - Rod Scott  
Planning - Richard Hilton  
Licensing +Licensing Misc - Chris Edge  
Appeals - Linda Scott  
Standards - Rod Scott  
Borough Development Plan - Richard Hilton  
JCC - Suzanne Evans  
CADAP - Rod Scott

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