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Date: 18 February 2015

Dear Councillor

Notification of Cabinet Decisions

The decisions of the Cabinet meeting held on Monday 16 February 2015 are attached.

The call-in deadline is Monday 23 February 2015 at noon

The call-in form is attached for your use if needed and refers to the relevant sections of the constitution.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Caroline Holland", is written over a faint, light blue circular watermark or background.

Democracy Services

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4	Business Plan 2015-19	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. considers and agrees the response to the Overview and Scrutiny Commission;2. resolves that, having considered all of the information in this report and noted the positive assurance statement given by the Director of Corporate Services based on the proposed strategy, the Council Tax in 2015/16, equating to a Band D Council Tax of £1,102.24 be approved and recommended to Council for approval. This represents a Council Tax freeze.3. considers all of the latest information and the comments from the scrutiny process, and makes recommendations to Council as appropriate4. resolves that the Business Plan 2015-19 including the General Fund Budget and Council Tax Strategy for 2015/16, and the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) for 2015-2019 as submitted, along with the Equality Assessments (EAs), be approved and recommended to Council for approval subject to any proposed amendments agreed at this meeting;5. resolves that, having considered all of the latest information and the comments from the scrutiny process, the Capital Investment Programme (as detailed in Annex 1 to the Capital Strategy); the Treasury Management Strategy (Section 5), including the detailed recommendations in that Section, incorporating the Prudential Indicators and the Capital Strategy as submitted and reported upon be approved and recommended to Council for approval, subject to any proposed amendments agreed at this meeting;
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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. notes that the GLA precept will not be agreed by the London Assembly until the 23 February, but the provisional figure has been incorporated into the draft MTFS 7. requests officers to review the savings proposals agreed and where possible bring them forward to the earliest possible implementation date 8. notes that there may be minor amendments to figures in this report as a result of new information being received after the deadline for dispatch and that this will be amended for the report to Council in March 9. in respect of the new business rates reliefs announced in the Autumn statement 2014, agrees the Merton Council Retail Property Discount 2015/16 and the Merton Council Transitional Relief Discount 2015/16 set out in Appendices 12(a) and 12(b)
5	Reference from the Overview and Scrutiny Commission - pre decision scrutiny of the Business Plan 2015-19	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. in taking decisions relating to the Business Plan 2015-19, acknowledges the comments and recommendations made by the Overview and Scrutiny Commission and the outcomes of consideration by the Overview and Scrutiny Panels: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • References made by the Overview and Scrutiny Panels - paragraphs 2.2 to 2.6 2. adopts a general principle of bringing forward budget savings whenever that can be done, including for the financial year 2015/16.

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6	Adult Education in Merton - evidence and options for achieving a value for money service	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That Cabinet</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. considers the evidence, including the financial analysis, responses to the public consultation and the equalities analysis 2. reconfirms their commitment to offering adult education services in the borough and their continued rejection of the previously outlined option 6 to cease offering these services. 3. approves the recommendation to move Adult Education to a Commissioning model (option 4) for the reasons outlined in 3.9 and based on the financial analysis provided in 2.1 That this is based on a commissioning strategy that seeks to provide courses in a diversity of locations around the borough and to make arrangements with providers that provide a supportive and nurturing environment for learners. 4. endorses the equalities action plan (appendix H) 5. adopts a series of core principles to underpin future commissioning of this service, in addition to a phased commissioning timetable (as set out in paragraph 3.14)
7	Reference from Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Panel -	RESOLVED

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	<p>Adult Education in Merton - evidence and options for achieving a value for money service</p>	<p>That the Cabinet</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. notes the Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Panel support of the recommendation that a commissioning model be adopted for the delivery of an adult education service in Merton; and 2. agrees to communicate their commitment to the commissioning principles outlined within the report at paragraph 3.14, in particular, the retention of staff, where possible, and the development of a nurturing environment for learners. 3. agrees to consult the Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Panel at key stages of the implementation of the commissioning model to enable the Panel to undertake pre decision scrutiny.
<p>8</p>	<p>Financial Monitoring December (2014/15)</p>	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. notes the financial reporting data relating to revenue budgetary control, showing a forecast net overspend at year end of £4.6million, 2.8% of the net budget, at month 9, quarter 3. This is a reduction of £150k from last month. 2. approves the virement for the additional social work capacity required in CSF. The required virement is £234k (£119k for quarter three and £115k for fourth quarter) from the corporate contingency. 3. notes the adjustments to the capital programme as detailed in Appendix 5b and approves the capital virement of TfL funding below:

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10	Insurance Programme 2015-2020	<p>RESOLVED</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Cabinet notes the report (Confidential Appendix B) received from the Councils' insurance brokers Jardine Lloyd Thompson (JLT) 2. That Cabinet approves the renewal of the Councils' insurance arrangements as follows: 3. That Lot 1 (Property Insurance) be placed with Organisation A at a premium of £197,813.31 plus Insurance Premium Tax (IPT) totalling £209,682.11 (£989,066.55 and £1,048,410.54 respectively for the five year period). 4. That Lot 2 (Liability Insurance) be placed with Organisation B at a premium of £296,206.50 plus IPT totalling £311,094.69 (£1,481,032.50 and £1,555,473.45 for 														

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		<p>the five year period)</p> <p>5. That Lot 3 (Fidelity Guarantee Insurance) be placed with Organisation A at a premium of £21,000 plus IPT totalling £22,260.00 (£105,000 and £111,300 for the five year period)</p> <p>6. That Lot 4 (Motor Fleet Insurance) be placed with Organisation A at a premium of £73,490.00 plus IPT totalling £77,858.00 (£367,450.00 and £389290 for the five year period)</p> <p>7. That Lot 5 (Travel and Schools Onsite/Offsite Activities Insurance) be placed with Organisation A at a premium of £9,717.85 plus IPT totalling £10,300.92 (£48,589.25 and £51,504.60 for the five year period)</p> <p>8. That Lot 6 (Commercial Property Insurance) be placed with Organisation A at a premium of £43,016.53 plus IPT totalling £45,597.52 (£215,082.65 and £227,987.60 for the five year period)</p> <p>9. That Lot 7 (Terrorism Insurance) be placed with Organisation C, at a premium of £102,500.00 plus IPT totalling £108,650 (£512,500 and £543,250 for the five year period)</p> <p>10. That the Cabinet grant authority to the Director of Corporate Services to effect Medical Malpractice Insurance and a Crime extension to Fidelity Guarantee Insurance if deemed necessary subject to the total premium not exceeding £25,000.00</p>
11	Reference from Healthier Communities and Older People	RESOLVED

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	Overview and Scrutiny Panel - Adult Social Care Consultation Results	That Cabinet acknowledges the comments made by the Healthier Communities and Older People Overview and Scrutiny Panel (set out in section 2 of the report) when taking decisions on the adult social care savings proposals for 2015/16.
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Merton Council - call-in request form

1. Decision to be called in: (required)

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2. Which of the principles of decision making in Article 13 of the constitution has not been applied? (required)

Required by part 4E Section 16(c)(a)(ii) of the constitution - tick all that apply:

(a) proportionality (i.e. the action must be proportionate to the desired outcome);	
(b) due consultation and the taking of professional advice from officers;	
(c) respect for human rights and equalities;	
(d) a presumption in favour of openness;	
(e) clarity of aims and desired outcomes;	
(f) consideration and evaluation of alternatives;	
(g) irrelevant matters must be ignored.	

3. Desired outcome

Part 4E Section 16(f) of the constitution- select one:

(a) The Panel/Commission to refer the decision back to the decision making person or body for reconsideration, setting out in writing the nature of its concerns.	
(b) To refer the matter to full Council where the Commission/Panel determines that the decision is contrary to the Policy and/or Budget Framework	
(c) The Panel/Commission to decide not to refer the matter back to the decision making person or body *	
* If you select (c) please explain the purpose of calling in the decision.	

4. Evidence which demonstrates the alleged breach(es) indicated in 2 above (required)

Required by part 4E Section 16(c)(a)(ii) of the constitution:

5. Documents requested

6. Witnesses requested

7. Signed (not required if sent by email):

8. Notes – see part 4E section 16 of the constitution

Call-ins must be supported by at least three members of the Council.

The call in form and supporting requests must be received by by 12 Noon on the third working day following the publication of the decision.

The form and/or supporting requests must be sent:

- **EITHER** by email from a Councillor’s email account (no signature required) to democratic.services@merton.gov.uk
- **OR** as a signed paper copy to the Head of Democracy Services, 8th floor, Civic Centre, London Road, Morden SM4 5DX.

For further information or advice contact the Head of Democracy Services on 020 8545 3864