Merton Council Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel



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Time: 7.15 pm

Venue: Committee rooms C, D & E - Merton Civic Centre, London Road, Morden

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AGENDA

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Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel Membership

Councillors:

Russell Makin

Stan Anderson

Ross Garrod

Abigail Jones (Chair)

John Sargeant

Imran Uddin

David Dean (Vice-Chair)

Janice Howard

Substitute Members:

Edward Foley

Daniel Holden

Abdul Latif

Laxmi Attawar

Jeff Hanna

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SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL 11 NOVEMBER 2015

(19.15 - 21.30)

PRESENT Councillors Councillor Abigail Jones (in the Chair),

Councillor Russell Makin, Councillor Stan Anderson, Councillor Ross Garrod, Councillor John Sargeant and

Councillor Janice Howard

ALSO PRESENT:

Chris Lee (Director of Environment and Regeneration), Anthony Hopkins (Head of Libraries and Heritage Services), Cormac Stokes (Head of Street Scene and Waste), John Hill (Head of Public Protection), Christine Parsloe (Leisure & Culture

Development Manger), Steve Langley (Head of Housing Needs and Enablement), Caroline Holland (Director of Resources), Rebecca Redman (Scrutiny Officer), Councillor Nick Draper (Cabinet Member for Community and Culture), Councillor

Andrew Judge (Cabinet Member for Environmental

Regeneration and Sustainability), Councillor Judy Saunders (Cabinet Member for Parking and Environmental Cleanliness),

Councillor Mark Allison (Cabinet Member for Finance)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1)

Apologies were received from Councillor David Dean and Simon Williams.

2 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST (Agenda Item 2)

Councillor Russell Makin declared an interest in the Mitcham Common Conservators and the Wandle Trust savings proposals.

Councillor Ross Garrod declared an interest in one saving within the budget report (item 6) which related to the saving of 1FTE which was a family member employed by the council (ENV11).

3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Agenda Item 3)

Panel agreed the Minutes as a true record of the meeting with the amendment to apologies for absence regarding Cllr Imran Uddin who was in attendance at that meeting.

4 MATTERS ARISING (Agenda Item)

Councillor John Sargeant enquired about the email sent by Chris Lee regarding the health of HGV drivers and asked if the medial questionnaire that is completed by staff was a reliable measure of fitness for work. Chris Lee explained that HR had been consulted on the possibility of including a requirement to request information from GP's. Cormac Stokes added that the department are waiting for a response on this. However, if any issues are identified then occupational health will refer the individual for a medical check. Conversations are also on-going about seeking more information upfront from agency staff about their health.

The Panel agreed to reorder the agenda to consider the wheeled bins item after the Morden Leisure Centre Update.

5 PERFORMANCE REPORT (Agenda Item 4)

Chris Lee introduced the report and highlighted his 3 areas of concern:

Levels of household waste recycled – Performance for year behind target. A problem affecting all London boroughs. Council have attempted to raise the profile of recycling through initiatives and communications to encourage change in behaviour.

Fly tipping – Slightly below target but have had success in prosecutions.

Major planning applications – Latest upgrade to system is not fully reflected in performance data.

Councillor Janice Howard asked for a breakdown by ward of recycling. Chris Lee confirmed that this information is available and that there is a corresponding increase between landfill and a reduction in recycling.

Councillor Ross Garrod noted the positive performance relating to days lost through sickness for street cleaning and waste management.

Councillor Stan Anderson asked what the delay in planning applications being processed was caused by. Chris Lee explained that capacity is an issue due to staff turnover. There is a vibrant market and planners are in demand. The volume of planning applications is high but this some applications do not warrant a fee.

Councillor Russell Makin asked when the 13 week timescale starts. Chris Lee explained that the process starts after the application has been validated and on receipt of payment.

Councillor Imran Uddin enquired about income generation from regulatory and commercial services. John Hill reassured the Panel that performance is healthier than recorded on the dashboard.

RESOLVED: Panel noted the report.

6 MORDEN LEISURE CENTRE - VERBAL UPDATE (Agenda Item 5)

Christine Parsloe provided the Panel with an update on the Morden Leisure Centre development. A newsletter had been shared with Members on progress. Christine Parsloe informed the Panel that:

- The design team (GT Architects) and technical team (BTP Environ) have been appointed;
- quantity surveyors (Theobald) have been appointed;
- Principal designer (health and safety) appointed;
- All are working together with the project manager reviewing plans, designs and iterations;
- Meetings between council and partners held regarding traffic and sustainability;
- First concept design to be considered in a few weeks;
- Wider consultation with Morden Park Playing Fields Community Trust scheduled:
- Main contractor will be procured shortly.

RESOLVED: Panel noted the update.

7 BUDGET AND BUSINESS PLAN (ROUND 1) (Agenda Item 6)

Caroline Holland introduced the report which included the updated MTFS and Capital Programme. There is a £15.1 million budget gap and proposals have been made to seek to address part of this within the E&R and C&H budgets.

The Chair invited Lyla Adwan-Kamara from Merton CIL to speak on this item. Lyla Adwan-Kamara highlighted the need to consider equalities around the proposals being made and to consider the cumulative impact of the agreed savings across all divisions, and across a wide range of services, on residents. She added that the reductions to the housing team needed to be reconsidered given the need and demand for housing by residents. Consultation was also noted as needing to be more inclusive and engaging a wider audience.

ER10: Shared Service – Revised saving (p38)

Councillor John Sargeant asked about retaining existing capacity within the service. John Hill explained that changes were being made to shift patterns as part of this which will be carefully negotiated with staff. Consultation is

underway on this already. This will enable the most effective deployment of staff.

E&R Leisure & Culture Services:

ENV11 – outsource leisure and sports activities

Councillor John Sargeant enquired about outsourcing services and what scope there was for this within culture and leisure services. Councillor Abigail Jones noted that the recently established scrutiny task group looking at commercial services would explore this further. Chris Lee added that this was further complicated by Phase C procurement concerning parks and leisure. The council are looking to make best use of assets and exploring opportunities for income generation.

E&R Traffic & Highways:

ENV17 - reduce reactive works budget

Councillor John Sargeant asked if it was worth making these savings. Chris Lee explained that the proposal was in line with the Capital Programme budget for footways which has not changed. Additionally, there are no significant insurance claims to indicate a problem in highways or that there would be an increase in these claims.

E&R Greenspaces:

ENV21 – reduce grant to Wandle Valley Parks Trust

Councillor John Sargeant enquired about the percentage of the trusts total income that the proposed reduction accounted for. Councillor Andrew Judge explained that it was not insignificant and that 4 boroughs currently contribute. The council will scale back their contribution to the same level as other boroughs.

ENV22 – reduce grant to Mitcham Common Conservators

Councillor John Sargeant asked if this was solely funded by Merton Council. Councillor Andrew Judge confirmed that it was partly funded with Sutton and Croydon.

8 RESULTS OF THE WHEELED BINS PILOT - TO FOLLOW (Agenda Item 7)

Chris Lee introduced the report outlining the findings of the 6 month wheeled bins pilot undertaken in Lavender Fields ward. The potential financial benefits of the scheme were not yet calculated as this would require detailed waste and resource modelling. 1035 properties took part and the following key conclusions have been drawn from the pilot:

- Wheeled bins allowed a significant improvement in street cleanliness;
- There was an increase in recycling levels;
- There was an increase in volumes of waste. Although some of this was attributed to effective containerisation it is difficult to estimate the level of "new" waste.

Councillor Judy Saunders stated that it was right to take this scheme forward at this time and that the further detail on costs and financial benefits would be undertaken and planning around how to roll out this scheme more widely would take place.

Councillor Abigail Jones invited residents to speak who requested to do so to express their views regarding rolling out the wheeled bins scheme further. The views of residents in attendance are noted below. Two residents spoke in favour of wheeled bins and one spoke against:

- Positive scheme;
- Streets are cleaner:
- Purple boxes for recycling are useful;
- Do not feel demographic in pilot ward corresponds to the rest of the borough and would therefore question how representative it was;
- Pilot should have taken place across all wards;
- What we have at present for waste collection is acceptable;
- Need for a wider survey of residents on whether or not they want the scheme:
- Wheeled bins can be neglected and make the place look unsightly;
- Not necessarily the best way of keeping streets clean;
- Cant move the wheeled bins from the front to the back of the house easily
- In an age of austerity, is this the best way to spend council money?
- Boxes not adequate enough;
- Litter everywhere using existing boxes is embarrassing;
- Wheeled bins addresses issues with foxes

Councillor Janice Howard asked if wheeled bins could be various sizes to allow residents more choice. Chris Lee confirmed that the height of available bins would all be the same.

Councillor John Sargeant expressed concerns regarding:

- Not being consulted during the pilot scheme;
- The disbenefits of the increase in the volume of waste as a result of the use of wheeled bins during the pilot;
- If the ward selected for the pilot was representative;
- Lack of consultation of residents

Chris Lee apologised that the Panel had not been engaged in the Pilot sooner if this is what they had hoped to do. Cormac Stokes added that the department will engage throughout the process should the scheme be taken forward. He added that no one ward is typical of Merton as a whole and that the pilot was purposely focused in this area. The report outlined indicative costs at this stage and more detailed analysis would need to be undertaken.

Councillor Ross Garrod thanked officers and the Cabinet Member for carrying out this pilot in his ward and noted the positive response he has received from residents to this scheme. He added that the scheme had clear benefits for residents, particularly in relation to recycling, street cleanliness and waste collection and that the council operates an assisted lifting scheme for elderly residents that struggle with their litter bins/boxes.

Councillor Ross Garrod suggested that the council look into the benefits that may also be realised from operating this scheme in relation to the impact on staff sickness and potential decrease in muscular skeletal problems from use of lorries that lift wheeled bins.

Chris Lee stated that it was too early to provide reliable data on the potential impact on staff sickness levels. However, data on expected recycling levels and associated revenue generated could be provided, although they should still be treated with some caution at this stage.

Councillor Daniel Holden expressed his disappointment that the sample for the pilot wasn't representative. He felt that wheeled bins were unsightly and that the current box and bag collection was sufficient. He also added that the council need to consider the size preferences of residents. Councillor Daniel Holden also asked if a mixed collection scheme could be in operation to increase resident's choice.

Cormac Stokes explained that not one size fits all but that, where wheeled bins have been introduced across the country, councils have opted for a default size but have made alternatives available by exception. A one size bin would be offered as the default and alternatives could be made available by exception, usually based on storage constraints and/or household size. Although volumes may differ the height of the bin would need to be standard to suit vehicle lifting requirements..

Councillor Daniel Holden expressed concerns that the wheeled bins generate more waste and may therefore be counter productive to waste collection targets set by the council. Costs also need to be considered. Is this an appropriate use of council funds at this time.

Cormac Stokes added that there is generally a policy of no side waste for those with wheeled bins and that research has shown that the effective diversion of waste to recycling and waste reduction measures are directly related to the reduction in residual waste capacity provision. Councillor John Sargeant added that there would need to be standardisation across the borough but that the council need to acknowledge that it is a contentious issue and doesn't suit all homes. He asked officers to look at scope for flexibility of approach.

Councillor Daniel Holden raised the issue of disabled residents and families with pushchairs being unable to use paths because wheeled bins are placed on them. Cormac Stokes confirmed that all wheeled bins must be placed on the property, not the path ways. This would require education, crew training and enforcement as a last resort

RESOLVED: Panel noted the report and agreed to forward a reference to Cabinet to consider alongside the report on proposals for rolling out wheeled bins, which outlined the following recommendations from the Panel:

- That Cabinet undertake a more detailed analysis of detailed costs and projected savings of the wider roll out of the scheme before making a decision;
- That, should the scheme be rolled out, Cabinet ensure choice for residents in the size of the wheeled bins and if they wish to participate in the scheme;
- That Cabinet consider the impact of wheeled bins outside homes on the street scene;
- That Cabinet consider the impact on disabled users if wheeled bins are used in terms of accessing pavements and homes

9 WORK PROGRAMME (Agenda Item 8)

RESOLVED:

- Panel agreed the work programme
- Panel agreed to hold a separate briefing on Crossrail 2 to feed into the consultation
- Panel agreed to comment on the Draft Heritage Strategy, ahead of Cabinet consideration, via email.

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Public Protection

	Novem	ber 2015					Annual YTD	Current
PI code and description	Value	Target	Status	Long Trend	Short Trend	YTD result	Target	YTD status
Parking								-
CRP 044 Parking services estimated revenue	£1,056,461	£1,666,542			₽	£8,217,507	£9,005,176	
SP 127 % of parking permits issued within 5 working days	95%	90%	9			94.38%	90%	
SP 247 % CCTV cameras operational	97.99%	95%	9			95.90%	95%	
SP 258 Sickness- No of days per FTE (parking)	0.97	0.83				10.37	6.64	
SP 397 % of cases won at PATAS	56.25%	52%	9		4	56.45%	52%	
SP 398 % of cases lost at PATAS	23.44%	22%				24.02%	22%	
SP 399 % of cases where council does not contest at PATAS	20.31%	26%	9			19.53%	26%	
Regulatory services								
SP 041 % of service requests replied to in 5 working days (Regulatory Services)	90.16%	90%	9	•	1	92.81%	90%	
SP 042 Income generation by Regulatory Services	£98,776	£73,000	9			£289,298	£288,000	
SP 111 No. of underage sales test purchases (Quarterly)		Quarterly r	measure		_	52	30	9
SP 254 % Data capture from air pollution monitoring sites (Quarterly)		Quarterly r	measure			70%	87.50%	
SP 255 % licensing apps. processed within 21 days (Quarterly)		Quarterly r	measure			100%	96%	
SP 316 % of Inspection category A,B & C food premises (annual)		Annual m	easure				95%	
SP 381 % of food premises rated 2* or above (Quarterly)		Quarterly r	measure			91%	91%	
E&P Strootscope performance								

E&R Streetscene performance

Waste Services							
CRP 047 / SP 068 Number of refuse collections including recycling and kitchen waste missed per 100,000	45.15	55		1	54.64	55	9
CRP 049 / SP 059 Number of fly tips reported in streets and parks	284	308	1	₹	2,288	2,464	9
SP 064 % Residents satisfied with refuse collection (annual)		Annual measure	9			74%	
SP 065 % Household waste recycled and composted	38.77%	38%			37.61%	38%	
SP 066 Residual waste kg per household	378.79	364		J	378.79	364	
SP 067 % of municipal solid waste sent to landfill (waste management & commercial waste)	57%	60%	-	4	60%	60%	S
SP 071 Days lost from through sickness per FTE (waste mgmt)	2.54	1.25	1	1	25.1	10	
SP 262 % Residents satisfied with recycling facilities (annual)		Annual measure				75%	
SP 354 Total waste arising per households (KGs)	71.87	78	1	1	604.13	594	
SP 407 % of FPN's issued that have been paid	68%	65%	-		69.13%	65%	
Street Cleaning							
CRP 048 % of sites surveyed on local street inspections for litter that are below standard	13.10%	8%	•	₹	7.70%	8%	
SP 058 % of sites surveyed on local street inspections for litter that are below standard (KBT)		Quarterly measur	re	-	8.72%	9.50%	
SP 061 Days lost through sickness per FTE (street cleaning)	1.42	1.25	•		8.49	10	
SP 062 % Sites surveyed below standard for graffiti (Quarterly)		Quarterly measur	re		4.84%	4.50%	
SP 063 % Sites surveyed below standard for flyposting (Quarterly)		Quarterly measur	re		0.97%	1%	
SP 139 % Sites surveyed below standard for weeds (Quarterly)		Quarterly measur	re		8.54%	13.50%	

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SP 140 % Sites surveyed below standard for Detritus (Quarterly)		Quarterly	measure			12.24%	15%	
SP 269 % Residents satisfied with street cleanliness (annual)		Annual r	neasure				60%	
Commercial waste								
SP 046 Total Income from commercial waste	£6,551	£(-	J	£974,137	£875,000	
SP 377 % customer satisfaction with commerical waste service (annual)		Annual r	neasure			0%	85%	
SP 378 % market share for commercial waste (Quarterly)		Quarterly	measure			26.94%	26%	9
Transport								
SP 135 % MOT vehicle pass rate (transport passenger fleet) (Quarterly)		Quarterly	measure			94.75%	95%	
SP 136 Average % time passenger vehicles in use (transport passenger fleet) (Annual)		Annual r	neasure				65%	
SP 137 % User satisfaction survey (transport passenger fleet) (annual)		Annual r	neasure				97%	
SP 271 In-house journey that meet timescales (transport passenger fleet) (Annual)		Annual r	neasure				85%	
SP 355 Spot checks on contractors (Transport Commissioning)	4	(•	1	28	30	
SP 392 % satisfaction of parents / carers on taxi journeys (annual)		Annual r	neasure				75%	
SP 393 Average sickness days per FTE (transport fleet)	0.57	1.22	9		1	8.1	7.73	
E&R Sustainable Communities performance report								
Development and Building Control								
CRP 045 / SP 118 Income (Development and Building Control)	102,495	170,000		J	J	1,180,450	1,360,000	
CRP 050 Volume of planning applications	179	170		•		1,663	1,360	
CRP 051 / SP 114 % Major applications processed within 13 weeks	100%	55%	<u> </u>			53.85%	55%	
CRP 052 / SP 115 % of minor planning applications determined within 8 weeks	48.15%	60%	•	—	1	59.02%	60%	
CRP 053 / SP 116 % of 'other' planning applications determined within 8 weeks (Development Control)	78.21%	81%		•	!	84.83%	81%	9
SP 040 % Market share retained by LA (Building Control)	49.07%	66%		•	-	55.94%	66%	
SP 113 Number of enforcement cases closed	58	50				506	400	9
SP 117 % appeals lost (Development & Building Control) (Quarterly)		Quarterly				24.50%	35%	
SP 380 Number of backlog enforcement cases	847	750			1	847	750	
SP 408 % of residents satisfied with planning services (annual)		Annual r	neasure				29%	
Property Management								
SP 024 % Vacancy rate of property owned by the council (Quarterly)		Quarterly	measure			0.45%	3.50%	
CRP 046 / SP 023 Maintain level of Capital receipts to support the financial strategy (excluding Merton Priory Homes) (Quarterly)	1	Quarterly	measure			£0.8m	£0.2m	9
SP 025 % Debt owed to LBM by tenants inc businesses (Quarterly)		Quarterly				6.35%	8%	
SP 386 Property asset valuations (annual)		Annual r				241	150	5
Future Merton								
SP 020 New Homes (annual)		Annual r	neasure				320	
SP 257 % Town centre vacancy rates (Quarterly)		Quarterly				4.90%	10%	
SP 263 % modal share for walking and cycling in the borough (annual)		Annual r	neasure				36	
SP 265 Reduce total no. killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents (annual)		Annual r	neasure				44	
SP 382 New jobs created - number of apprenticeships (Annual)		Annual r	neasure				60	
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SP 383 Number of new businesses created through the Economic Development Strategy (EDS)		Annual	measure				100	
SP 395 Number of new jobs created through the Economic Development Strategy (EDS) (annual)		Annua	measure				300	
SP 396 % modal increase in cycling from 2% baseline in the borough (annual)		Annual	measure				0.50%	<u> </u>
Traffic and Highways						_		
SP 260 % Streetworks inspections completed (Quarterly)		Quarter	y measure			42.50%	37%	
SP 327 % to Emergency callouts within 2 hours (traffic & highways)	100%	6 100	%	_		100%	100%	9
SP 328 % Streetworks permitting determined	99%	6 98	%	•	4	99.88%	98%	
SP 329 Percentage of Condition Surveys completed on time (traffic and highways) (annual)		Annua	measure				92%	T .
SP 350 Percentage of jobs completed where no Fixed Penalty Notice issued	96%	6 93	%		₽	95.08%	93%	
SP 389 Carriageway condition - unclassified roads defectiveness condition indicator (annual)		Annua	measure				21%	
SP 390 Footway condition - defectiveness condition indicator (annual)		Annua	measure				21%	T.
SP 391 Average number of days taken to repair an out of light street light (Quarterly)		Quarter	y measure			2.52	3	9
Leisure Development								
SP 015 Income generated - Merton Active Plus activity	£	0 £1,6	00	•	₹.	£43,491	£45,000	
SP 251 Income from Watersports Centre	£4,82	0 £9,3	40	•		£339,420	£340,580	
SP 314 External funding and internal investment £ (Quarterly)		Quarter	y measure			£109,356	£70,000	9
SP 318 Number of outdoor events in parks		3	3		J	175	125	
SP 325 % of residents rating Leisure & Sports facilities Good to Excellent (annual)		Annual	measure	T.			51.50%	
SP 349 14 to 25 year old fitness centre participation at leisure centres	8,93	8 8,3	30		J	75,513	68,080	
SP 405 Total number of users of Merton's leisure centres	68,24	3 64,3	47			549,143	536,445	
SP 349 14 to 25 year old fitness centre participation at leisure centres SP 405 Total number of users of Merton's leisure centres SP 406 Total number of users of Polka Theatre (Quarterly)		Quarter	y measure			33,105	35,025	
Parks and Greenspaces								
SP 026 Residents % satisfaction with parks & green spaces (annual)		Annua	measure				72%	T
SP 027 Young peoples % satisfaction with parks & green spaces (annual)		Annua	measure				71	1
SP 028 Total LBM cemeteries income	£30,11	3 £76,0	00	J	4	£242,938	£295,000	
SP 029 Total outdoor events income	£193,96	0 £150,0	00			£345,363	£324,000	
SP 032 Number of Green Flags (annual)		Annual	measure				5	
SP 385 Volunteer input in parks management (number of groups) (Annual)		Annua	measure				30	

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Dept.	PI Code & Description	Polarity	Value	Target	Status	Short Trend	Long Trend	Result	YTD Target	Status
Libraries	CRP 059 / SP 008 No. of people accessing the library by borrowing an item or using a peoples network terminal at least once in the previous 12 months	High	66,219	55,000	S	•	•	66,219	55,000	>
Libraries	CRP 060 / SP 009 No. of visitors accessing the library service on line	High	151,342	112,000	>	1	•	151,342	112,000	Ø
Libraries	SP 279 % Self-service usage for stock transactions (libraries)	High	96%	95%	②	-	•	96%	95%	②
Libraries	SP 280 Active volunteering numbers in libraries (Rolling 12 Month)	High	320	200	②	1	•	320	200	②
oraries O O	SP 282 Partnership numbers (Libraries)	High	62	30	>	ı	•	62	30	
⊞ raries	SP 287 Maintain Income (Libraries)	High	£236,756	£196,179	(•	£236,756	£196,179	S
Housing Needs & Enabling	CRP 062 / SP 035 Number of homelessness preventions	High	391	367	>	1	•	391	367	>
Housing Needs & Enabling	CRP 61SP036MP045 Number of households in temporary accommodation	Low	165	130		1	•	154.13	130	
Housing Needs & Enabling	SP 037 Highest no. of families in Bed and Breakfast accommodation during the year	Low	5	10	>	•	•	4.88	10	>
Housing Needs & Enabling	SP 038 Highest no. of adults in Bed and Breakfast accommodation	Low	6	10		•	•	6.38	10	

Agenda Item 5

Committee: Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel

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Healthier Communities & Older People Overview and Scrutiny Panel

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Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel

13 January 2016

Overview and Scrutiny Commission

28 January 2016

Wards: ALL

Subject: Business Plan Update 2016-2020 (Members are requested to bring the Business Plan Consultation Pack with them to these meetings)

Lead officer: Caroline Holland

Lead member: Councillor Mark Allison

Contact officer: Paul Dale

Recommendations:

- 1. That the Panel considers the proposed additional amendments to savings set out in the Business Plan Consultation Pack which it is proposed are incorporated into the financial implications into the draft MTFS 2016-20.
- 2. That the Panel considers the draft capital programme 2016-20 and indicative programme for 2021-25 set out in Appendix 4 of the attached report on the Business Plan
- 3. That the Panel considers the draft savings/income proposals and associated equalities analyses set out in the Business Plan Consultation Pack
- 4. That the Panel considers the draft service plans set out in the Business Plan Consultation Pack
- 5. That the Panel considers the contents of the consultation pack circulated
- 6. That the Overview and Scrutiny Commission considers the comments of the Panels on the Business Plan 2016-2012 and details provided in the consultation pack and provides a response to Cabinet when it meets on the 15 February 2016.

1. Purpose of report and executive summary

- 1.1 This report requests Scrutiny Panels to consider the latest information in respect of the Business Plan and Budget 2016/17, including proposed amendments to savings previously agreed by Council, the draft capital programme 2016-20, the draft savings/income proposals and associated equalities analyses for 2016-19, and draft service plans, and feedback comments to the Overview and Scrutiny Commission.
- 1.2 The Overview and Scrutiny Commission will consider the comments of the Panels and provide a response on the Business Plan 2016-20 to Cabinet when it meets on the 15 February 2016.

2. Details - Revenue

- 2.1 The Cabinet of 7 December 2015 received a report on the business plan for 2016-20.
- 2.2 At the meeting Cabinet

RESOLVED:

That Cabinet

- 1). agrees the draft savings/income proposals (Appendix 1) and associated draft equalities analyses (Appendix 5) put forward by officers to go to Cabinet and refers them to the Overview and Scrutiny panels and Commission in January 2016 for consideration and comment.
- 2). agrees the latest amendments to the draft Capital Programme 2016-2020 which was considered by Cabinet on 19 October 2015 and by scrutiny in November 2015.(Appendix 4)
- 3). considers the proposed amendments to savings previously agreed. (Appendix 2)
- 4). consider the draft service plans. (Appendix 6)

3. Alternative Options

3.1 It is a requirement that the Council sets a balanced budget. The Cabinet report on 7 December 2015 sets out the progress made towards setting a balanced budget. This identified the current budget position that needs to be addressed between now and the next report to Cabinet on 18 January 2016 and 15 February 2016, prior to Council on 2 March 2016, agreeing the Budget and Council Tax for 2016/17 and the Business Plan 2016-20, including the MTFS and Capital Programme 2016-20.

4. Capital Programme 2016-20

4.1 Details of the draft Capital Programme 2016-20 were agreed by Cabinet on 7 December 2015 in the attached report for consideration by Overview and Scrutiny panels and Commission.

5. Consultation undertaken or proposed

- 5.1 Further work will be undertaken as the process develops.
- 5.2 As previously indicated, a savings proposals consultation pack was prepared and distributed to all councillors at the end of December 2015 with a request that it be brought to all Scrutiny and Cabinet meetings from 7 January 2016 onwards and to Budget Council. This should be an improvement for both councillors and officers more manageable for councillors and it will ensure that only one version of those documents is available so referring to page numbers at meetings will be easier. It will also considerably reduce printing costs and reduce the amount of printing that needs to take place immediately prior to Budget Council.
- 5.3 The consultation pack includes:
 - Savings proposals
 - Equality impact assessment for each saving proposal
 - Service plans (these will also be printed in A3 to lay round at scrutiny meetings)

6. Timetable

The timetable for the Business Plan 2016-20 including the revenue budget 2016/17, the MTFS 2016-20 and the Capital Programme for 2016-20 was agreed by Cabinet on 14 September 2015.

7. Financial, resource and property implications

7.1 These are set out in the Cabinet report for 7 December 2015. (Appendix 1)

8. Legal and statutory implications

- 8.1 All relevant implications have been addressed in the Cabinet reports. Further work will be carried out as the budget and planning proceeds and will be included in the budget report to Cabinet on the 7 December 2015.
- 8.2 Detailed legal advice will be provided throughout the budget setting process further to any proposals identified and prior to any final decisions.

9. Human Rights, Equalities and Community Cohesion Implications

- 9.1 All relevant implications will be addressed in Cabinet reports on the business planning process.
- 9.2 A draft equalities assessment has been carried out with respect to the proposed budget savings and is included in the Business Plan Consultation Pack circulated to all Members.
- 10. Crime and Disorder implications
- 10.1 All relevant implications will be addressed in Cabinet reports on the business planning process.
- 11. Risk Management and Health and Safety Implications
- 11.1 All relevant implications will be addressed in Cabinet reports on the business planning process.

Appendices – the following documents are to be published with this report and form part of the report

Appendix 1: Cabinet report 7 December 2015: Draft Business Plan Update 2016-20 (NB: This excludes Savings and Equalities Assessments which are included in the Business Plan Consultation Pack)

BACKGROUND PAPERS

12.1 The following documents have been relied on in drawing up this report but do not form part of the report:

Budget files held in the Corporate Services department.

2015/16 Budgetary Control and 2014/15 Final Accounts Working Papers in the Corporate Services Department.

Budget Monitoring working papers

MTFS working papers

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Cabinet

7 December 2015

Agenda item:

Business Plan Update 2016-2020

Lead officer: Caroline Holland

Lead member: Councillor Mark Allison

Key Decision Reference Number: This report is written and any decisions taken are within the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules as laid out in Part 4-C of the Constitution.

Contact officer: Paul Dale

Recommendations:

- 1. That Cabinet considers and agrees the draft savings/income proposals (Appendix 1) and associated draft equalities analyses (Appendix 5) put forward by officers to go to Cabinet and refers them to the Overview and Scrutiny panels and Commission in January 2016 for consideration and comment.
- 2. That Cabinet agrees the latest amendments to the draft Capital Programme 2016-2020 which was considered by Cabinet on 19 October 2015 and by scrutiny in November 2015.(Appendix 4)
- 3. That Cabinet considers the proposed amendments to savings previously agreed. (Appendix 2)
- 5. That Cabinet consider the draft service plans. (Appendix 6 to follow)

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides an update to Cabinet on the Business Planning process for 2016-20 and in particular on the progress made so far towards setting a balanced revenue budget for 2016/17 and over the MTFS period as a whole.
- 1.2 Specifically, the report provides details of revenue savings and income proposals put forward by officers in order to meet the savings/income targets agreed by Cabinet in September 2015.
- 1.3 The report also provides an update on the capital programme for 2016-20 and the financial implications for the MTFS.

- 1.4 The report provides a general update on all the latest information relating to the Business Planning process for 2016-20 and an assessment of the implications for the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2016-2020.
- 1.5 This report is one of the budget updates through the financial year and will be referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Panels and Commission in January 2016.

2. **DETAILS**

Introduction

- 2.1 A review of assumptions in the MTFS was undertaken and reported to Cabinet on 14 September 2015. There was also a report to Cabinet on 19 October 2015 which considered and agreed the initial savings/income proposals put forward by officers, provided an update on progress made towards achieving savings previously agreed and proposed some amendments to these, and also provided details of the latest capital programme, including new bids and an indicative programme for 2021- 2025. The report was referred them to the Overview and Scrutiny panels and Commission for consideration.
- 2.2 Taking into account the information contained in both the September and October Cabinet reports, the overall position of the MTFS reported to Cabinet on 19 October 2015 was as follows:-

	2016/17	2017/18	2016/17	2017/18
	£000	£000	£000	£000
MTFS Gap (Cabinet October 2015)	0	0	0	5,132

2.3 **Review of Assumptions**

Since Cabinet in October, work has been continuing to review assumptions, identify new savings/income proposals and analyse information which has been received since then.

2.3.1 Pay

As reported to Cabinet in September 2015, in the Summer Budget 2015, which the government presented on 8 July 2015, it was announced that public sector pay awards will be funded for a pay award of 1% for 4 years from 2016/17 onwards. There is no further change proposed.

Provision for Pay Inflation:

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Revised pay inflation (%)	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%
Provision for Pay inflation	883	1,767	2,650	3,534
(cumulative £000)				

2.3.2 Prices

The level of inflation has fallen significantly below the Government's 2% target. The Consumer Prices Index (CPI) fell by 0.1% in the year to October 2015, the same fall as in the year to September 2015. Upward price pressures for clothing and footwear and a range of recreational goods were offset by downward price pressures for university tuition fees, food, alcohol and tobacco, resulting in no change to the overall rate of inflation. The rate of inflation has been at or around 0.0% for most of 2015.

In its November 2015 Inflation Report, the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) provided the following summary in respect of the prospects for inflation: "CPI inflation has remained close to zero. GDP growth has slowed over the past year to around its past average rate. A weaker global backdrop together with falls in the prices of risky assets are weighing on the outlook for UK growth, but they are counterbalanced by support from falls in market interest rates and commodity prices. Conditioned on a very gently rising path for Bank Rate, the MPC judges that four-quarter growth is likely to remain around current rates and the slack remaining in the economy is likely to be absorbed. Recent falls in oil and other commodity prices mean that inflation is likely to remain lower than previously expected until late 2017 but, on the conditioning path for Bank Rate, the MPC's best collective judgement is that CPI inflation will return to the 2% target in around two years and rise above it thereafter."

The provision for price inflation has been reviewed using the budgets for 2015/16. The majority of contracts are based on RPI increases and RPI annual inflation stands at 0.7% in October 2015, down from 0.8% in September 2015. The budget for 2015/16 was therefore overprovided for and the inflation provision in 2016/17 was reduced to 0.5%.

The latest projections are included in the following table:-

Provision for Price Inflation:

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Price inflation in MTFS (%)	0.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%
Revised estimate	741	2,964	5,187	7,410
(cumulative £000)				

2.3.3 Inflation > 1.5%:

There is also a corporate provision which is held to assist services that may experience price increases greatly in excess of the 0.5% and 1.5% inflation allowance provided when setting the budget. This will only be released for specific demonstrable demand. There is no further change proposed.

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Inflation exceeding 1.5%	540	536	536	536

In the Summer Budget 2015, it was announced that, from April 2016, a new National Living Wage of £7.20 an hour for those aged 25 and over will be introduced. This will rise to over £9 an hour by 2020. The impact of this on the Council's budgets is difficult to quantify as it will have a potential impact on a wide range of services which are currently outsourced, including care contracts. Employees of the council receive the London Living Wage which is currently £9.15 an hour. The cash limiting strategy is not without risks but if current levels of inflation were applied un-damped across the period then the budget gap would not change significantly by 2018/19.

2.3.4 Income

The MTFS does not include any specific provision for inflation on income from fees and charges. However, service departments can identify increased income as part of their savings proposals.

2.3.5 Pension Fund

The Pension fund demonstrated a significant reduction in deficit in 2014/15. However, the prospects for the costs of funding future year's benefits remain unclear. A revaluation will be undertaken using data at 31/3/2016. This will be implemented at 1st April 2017. It is not proposed to make any changes in assumptions about the pension fund until the valuation is clearer. There may also be further changes to the administration of the scheme which would have an impact on the valuation.

2.3.6 Taxicards and Freedom Passes

These schemes are administered by London Councils on behalf of London boroughs. Latest information from London councils indicates that negotiations with Transport for London (TfL) and the Association of Train Operating Companies (ATOC) will be concluded at the end of November 2015.

The MTFS includes the following amounts for Taxicards and Freedom Passes:-

	Current
	Estimate
	2015/16
	£000
Freedom Passes	9,009
Taxicards	170
Total	9,179
Uplift in MTFS	450
Provision in MTFS for 2016/17	9,629

Initial indications are that the charge to Merton for 2016/17 will be within the provision but this provision will be reviewed and reported when the figures are finalised.

2.3.7 Growth

The MTFS does not include any provision for growth from 2016/17 to 2019//20.

2.3.8 Revenuisation

In recent budgets it has been recognised that some expenditure formerly included in the capital programme could no longer be justified as it did not meet the definition of expenditure for capital purposes. Nevertheless, it is important that some of this expenditure takes place and the following amounts have been included in the latest MTFS for 2016-20:-

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Revenuisation	2,426	2,436	2,433	2,433

The expenditure charged to capital during the current year is being closely monitored and is being reported through the monitoring report.

2.4 Forecast of Resources and Local Government Finance Settlement

2.4.1 Background

Each year in December, the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) notifies local authorities of their Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement. The final Settlement figures are published the following January/February but are generally unchanged from the provisional figures. The total amount of funding available for local authorities is essentially determined by the amount of resources that Central Government has allocated as part of its annual Departmental Expenditure Limit.

2.4.2 Spending Review and Autumn Statement 2015

In September, the Chancellor wrote to the Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR) asking them to publish a forecast on 25 November and making this a joint Spending Review and Autumn Statement. The OBR was set up in 2010 to provide an independent analysis of the government's finances and produces forecasts for the next five years twice a year – at Budget and at Autumn Statement. On 25 November 2015 the government published a joint Spending Review and Autumn Statement and there was also an Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR) forecast.

In the Spending Review the government decides budgets for each department, called departmental settlements. The departmental settlements are the amount the government has allocated to each department to spend over the Parliament.

The information published will be analysed and included in the report to Cabinet on the Business Plan in January 2016.

2.4.3 Funding Forecasts for 2016/17 to 2019/20

Forecasting resources for 2016/17 and beyond is fraught with difficulties since it requires making assumptions about a wide variety of variables which the Government are not prepared to release at the current time. These include indications of resources provided to Government Departments in their Departmental Expenditure Limits (DELs). The

Government's protection of some departments (Overseas Aid, Education and Health) and the additional commitment to increase defence budgets will mean that other areas such as local government will continue to bear the brunt of the cuts in public sector funding.

The Spending Review and Autumn Statement published on 25 November provided details of planned spending at a Government departmental level but details at an individual local authority level only become available when the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement is announced by the Department for Local Government and Communities in late December 2015.

A full update and analysis of the implications for Merton will be included in the report to Cabinet on the Business Plan in January 2016.

Officers will continue to analyse all of the available information, from sources such as the Institute of Fiscal Studies (IFS) and London Councils, to produce as accurate forecasts of resources as possible. This will entail making assumptions about the extent to which Government ring-fencing will continue. Figures will be updated throughout the business planning process as more information becomes available.

2.4.4 Local authority public health allocations 2015 to 2016 – consultation

It was previously reported in September that as part of a wider government action on deficit reduction, the Department of Health (DH) has been asked to deliver savings of £200 million in the financial year 2015 to 2016 through reductions in the Public Health Grant (PHG) to local authorities (LAs).

On 4 November 2015, the Government announced the outcome of its consultation on the £200m cut to public health funding in 2015-16. It states that "After considering the consultation responses, the department has decided to proceed with the savings by reducing each local authority's (LA) grant by an equal percentage. This was option C in the consultation document. The saving will be implemented through a reduction in the fourth quarterly instalment of the grant, which will be brought forward from January 2016 to November 2015." This confirms the details of the cut to Merton's grant as follows:-

Straight 6.2% cut (£m)

	PH grant allocation excluding 0- 5	0-5 allocation (part year)	Total 15/16 PH allocation	Revised allocation with 6.2% cut	Cut (£m)	Cut (%)	Total allocation (% England total)
Merton	9.236	1.476	10.712	10.049	-0.663	-6.2%	0.3%

2.5 Capital Financing Costs

- 2.5.1 As previously reported the Capital Programme has been reviewed and revised and a draft programme for 2016-2020 was approved by Cabinet on 19 October 2015, along with an indicative programme for 2021-25.
- 2.5.2 Section 6 of this report sets out details of progress made towards preparing the draft capital programme 2016-20.
- 2.5.3 The estimated capital financing costs based on the latest draft programme, which includes the best estimate of new schemes commencing in 2019/209, the effect of estimated government grant funding and slippage/reprofiling based on 2011/15 outturn and latest monitoring information are set out in the following table. This also includes an element of revenue contribution to fund short-life assets:-

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Capital Programme	41,036	41,734	27,643	13,131
Revenue Implications	13,621	13,744	13,917	14,650

2.6 Council Tax Base

- 2.6.1 The Council Tax Base is a key factor which is required by levying bodies and the Council for setting the levies and Council Tax for 2016/17. The council tax base is the measure of the number of dwellings to which council tax is chargeable in an area or part of an area. The Council Tax Base is calculated using the properties from the Valuation List together with information held within Council Tax records. The properties are adjusted to reflect the number of properties within different bands in order to produce the Council Tax Base (Band D equivalent). This will be used to set the Council Tax at Band D for 2016/17. The Council is required to determine its Council Tax Base by 31 January 2016.
- 2.6.2 Details of the Council Tax Base for 2016/17 will be included in the Business Plan report to Cabinet in January 2016.

2.7 Proposed Amendments to Previously Agreed Savings

2.7.1 Cabinet on 19 October 2015 agreed some proposed amendments to savings which had been agreed in previous year's budgets and also agreed that the financial implications should be incorporated into the draft MTFS 2016-20.

The overall effect of the proposed amendments is set out in the following table:-

SUMMARY (cumulative)	2015/16 £000	2016/17 £000	2017/18 £000	2018/19 £000	2019/20 £000
Corporate Services	-	495	448	-	-
Children, Schools & Families	-	-	-	-	-
Environment and Regeneration	-	100	-	-	-
Community and Housing	-	178	778	978	978
Net Cumulative total	-	773	1,226	978	978

2.7.2 Community and Housing Department have now identified proposals to offset the outstanding balance of £0.978m. Details of these are set out in Appendix 2.

SUMMARY (cumulative)	2015/16 £000	2016/17 £000	2017/18 £000	2018/19 £000	2019/20 £000
Corporate Services	-	495	448	-	-
Children, Schools & Families	-	-	-	-	-
Environment and Regeneration	-	100	-	-	-
Community and Housing	-	178	648	-	-
Net Cumulative total	-	773	1,096	-	-

2.7.3 Corporate Services

It is proposed that a previously agreed saving (CS07 - £47K) which relates to a restructure of the Post & Print Room and deletion of two posts should be deferred from 2016/17 to 2017/18. Also, it is proposed to defer saving CSD43 (2015/16) for one year. This saving relates to sharing FOI and information governance policy with another council.

2.7.4 Environment and Regeneration

A number of deferred and replacement savings are proposed and further details are set out in Appendix 2.

2.7.5 If all of the proposed amendments to previously agreed savings are approved (October and December), the impact on the MTFS is as follows:-

SUMMARY (cumulative)	2015/16 £000	2016/17 £000	2017/18 £000	2018/19 £000	2019/20 £000
Corporate Services	0	582	458	0	0
Children, Schools & Families	0	0	0	0	0
Environment and Regeneration	0	744	0	0	0
Community and Housing	0	178	648	0	0
Net Cumulative total	0	1,504	1,106	0	0

2.8 Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement 2015/16

- 2.8.1 As indicated in paragraph 2.4, details of the Spending Review and Autumn Statement 2015 were announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 25 November 2014.
- 2.8.2 The provisional Local Government Finance Settlement is usually published about two weeks later so details are expected in the second/third week of December.
- 2.8.3 The estimates for central Government funding currently included in the draft MTFS are based on the latest information available and a further update will be provided in the Business Plan Update report to Cabinet in January 2016.

3. FEEDBACK FROM THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCESS IN NOVEMBER 2015

- 3.1 The information available on the Business Planning process reported to Cabinet on 19 October 2015 was reviewed by the Overview and Scrutiny Panels and Commission in November 2015.
- 3.2 Feedback is included in a separate report to Cabinet on the agenda.

4. SAVINGS PROPOSALS 2016-20 AND SERVICE PLANNING

Controllable budgets and Savings Targets for 2016-20

4.1 Cabinet on 19 October 2015 agreed some initial proposals from service departments to set against the savings targets agreed by Cabinet on 14 September 2015

These are summarised in the following table:-

	Targets £'000	Proposals £'000	Balance £'000
Corporate Services	2,338	438	1,900
Children, Schools & Families	2,580	555	2,025
Environment & Regeneration	6,568	2,537	4,031
Community & Housing	3,815	2,435	1,380
Total Surplus/(Shortfall)	15,301	5,965	9.336
Community & Housing replacements for £809,000 *	978	0	978
Total Savings/Income Proposals	16,279	5,965	10,314

^{*} Community and Housing Department have identified savings of £0.978m to replace the balance arising from the adjustments to previous year's savings agreed in October 2015. These are set out in Appendix 2.

- 4.2 Since then service departments have been reviewing their budgets and formulating further proposals to address their targets. The progress made to date is set out in this report.
- 4.3 Proposals that Cabinet agree at this meeting will be referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Commission and panels for review and comment in January 2016.
- 4.4 The additional proposals submitted by each department are summarised in the following table and set out in detail in Appendix 1.

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Corporate Services	0	104	555	0	659
Children, Schools & Families	0	189	201	0	390
Environment & Regeneration	0	308	225	0	533
Community & Housing	0	0	0	0	0
Total Surplus/(Shortfall)	0	601	981	0	1,582

4.5 Summary of progress to date

4.5.1 If all of the proposals are accepted, the balance remaining to find is:-

		Proposals	Proposals	
	Targets	October	December	Balance
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Corporate Services	2,338	(438)	(659)	1,241
Children, Schools & Families	2,580	(555)	(390)	1,635
Environment & Regeneration	6,568	(2,537)	(533)	3,498
Community & Housing	3,815	(2,435)	0	1,380
Total	15,301	(5,965)	(1,582)	7,754

4.6 Where departments have not met their target or put forward options that are deemed not to be acceptable then the shortfall will be carried forward to later meetings and future years budget processes to be made good.

4.7 Service Plans

4.7.1 Draft Service Plans are included in Appendix 6. (To follow)

4.8 Equality Assessments

4.8.1 Draft Equalities Assessments are set out in Appendix 5.

5. Update to MTFS 2016-20

5.1 If the changes outlined in this report are agreed, the forecast gap in the MTFS over the four year period is as follows, subject to the Spending Review announcement and Local Government Finance Settlement in December.

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Budget Gap in MTFS	0	0	0	814

- 5.2 A more detailed MTFS is included as Appendix 2.
- 5.3 Draft Service department budget summaries based on the information in this report are attached as Appendix 7. (To follow)

6. **CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2016-20: UPDATE**

- 6.1 The proposed draft Capital Programme 2016-20 and an Indicative Capital Programme 2020-25 were presented to Cabinet on 19 October 2015.
- 6.2 The programme has been reviewed by scrutiny panels.
- 6.3 Monthly monitoring of the approved programme for 2015/16 has been ongoing and there will inevitably be further changes arising from slippage, reprofiling and the announcement of capital grants as part of the local government finance settlement which has yet to be announced.
- The changes that have been made to the proposed capital programme since it was presented to Cabinet in October 2015 are set out in Appendix 4.
- 6.5 The estimated revenue implications of funding the draft capital programme are summarised in paragraph 2.5.3 and these have been incorporated into the latest draft MTFS 2016-20.

7. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

- 7.1 There will be extensive consultation as the business plan process develops. This will include the Overview and Scrutiny panels and Commission, business ratepayers and all other relevant parties.
- 7.2 In accordance with statute, consultation is taking place with business ratepayers and a meeting will be arranged for early in 2016.

- 7.3 As previously indicated, a savings proposals consultation pack will be prepared and distributed to all councillors at the end of December 2015 that can be brought to all Scrutiny and Cabinet meetings from 7 January 2016 onwards and to Budget Council. This should be an improvement for both councillors and officers more manageable for councillors and it will ensure that only one version of those documents is available so referring to page numbers at meetings will be easier. It will also considerably reduce printing costs and reduce the amount of printing that needs to take place immediately prior to Budget Council.
- 7.4 The pack will include:
 - Savings proposals
 - Equality impact assessment for each saving proposal
 - Service plans (these will also be printed in A3 to lay round at scrutiny meetings)
- 8. TIMETABLE
- 8.1 In accordance with current financial reporting timetables.
- 9. FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS
- 9.1 All relevant implications have been addressed in the report.
- 10. LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS
- 10.1 All relevant implications have been addressed in the report.
- 11. HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS
- 11.1 Draft Equalities assessments of the savings proposals are included in Appendix 5.
- 12. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS
- 12.1 Not applicable
- 13. RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS
- 13.1 Not applicable

APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT

Appendix 1: New savings/income proposals 2016-20

Appendix 2: Proposed amendments to savings previously agreed

Appendix 3: MTFS Update

Appendix 4: Capital Programme 2016-20 Appendix 5: Draft Equalities Assessments Appendix 6: Service Plans 2016-20 (To follow) Appendix 7: Budget Summaries (To follow)

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Budget files held in the Corporate Services department.

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DRAFT MTFS 2015-19: RE-PRICED AND ROLLED	FORWARD			
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Departmental Base Budget 2015/16	150,913	150,913	150,913	150,913
Inflation (Pay, Prices)	1,624	4,731	7,837	10,944
Autoenrolment/Nat. ins changes	1,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
FYE – Previous Years Savings	(15,902)	(21,334)	(22,482)	(22,482)
Amendments to previously agreed savings	1,504	1,106	0	0
Change in Net Appropriations to/(from) Reserves	(5,260)	(5,418)	(5,887)	(4,486)
Revenuisation	(102)	(102)	(102)	(102)
Taxi card/Concessionary Fares	450	900	1,350	1,350
Other	1,622	1,692	1,765	1,841
Re-Priced Departmental Budget	135,849	134,488	135,394	
Treasury/Capital financing	13,621	13,744	13,917	14,650
Pensions	4,395	4,592	4,799	5,015
Other Corporate items	(13,289)	(13,131)	(12,659)	(14,063)
Levies	632	632	632	632
Sub-total: Corporate provisions	5,359	5,837	6,689	6,234
BUDGET REQUIREMENT	141,208	140,325	142,083	146,211
Funded by: Revenue Support Grant Business Rates (inc. Section 31 grant) C. Tax Freeze Grant 2015/16	(23,161) (34,432) 0	(16,691) (35,121) 0	(12,256) (35,823) 0	(10,617) (36,540) 0
PFI Grant	(4,797)	(4,797)	(4,797)	(4,797)
New Homes Bonus	(2,904)	(2,615)	(2,294)	(968)
Council Tax inc. WPCC	(77,435)	(77,821)	(78,208)	(78,598)
Collection Fund – (Surplus)/Deficit	1,566	0	0	0
TOTAL FUNDING	(141,164)	(137,044)	(133,378)	(131,519)
OAD analysis a Han of Danamas (Ourseletive)	44	3,281	8,705	14,692
GAP excluding Use of Reserves (Cumulative)	44	3,201	0,705	14,092
Savings/Income Proposals 2016/17	(200)	(4,057)	(7,547)	(7,547)
Sub-total	(156)	(776)	1,158	7,145
	4.50	770	(4.450)	(0.001)
Use of Reserves	156	776	(1,158)	(6,331)
GAP including Use of Reserves (Cumulative)	0	0	0	814

Appendix 4a Proposed Summary Capital Programme 2016-20 and Summary Indicative Programme 2021/25 **Updated Updated Updated Updated Updated Budget Budget Budget Budget** Merton **Updated** Updated **Updated Updated Budget** Budget 16/17 Budget 17/18 Budget 18/19 **Budget 19/20** 20/21 21/22 22/23 23/24 24/25 Corporate Services 5,711,470 5,196,000 2,977,000 2,795,000 2,885,000 2,562,000 1,935,000 1,965,000 2,817,000 Community and Housing 1,055,000 280,000 280.000 630.000 280,000 280.000 280.000 280.000 2,307,650 Children, Schools & Families 13,943,480 20,297,550 11,189,950 4.805.000 6,650,000 4,658,000 650.000 755.000 650.000 **Environment & Regeneration** 19,718,800 13,285,300 10,226,300 4,277,000 4,217,000 4,252,000 4,217,000 4,217,000 4,277,000 11.752.000 7,082,000 7,217,000 **Total Merton** 41.681.400 39.833.850 24.673.250 12.157.000 14.382.000 8,024,000 **Updated Updated Updated Updated Updated Budget Budget Budget Budget Budget** Merton **Updated** Updated **Updated Updated Budget 16/17 Budget 17/18 Budget 18/19 Budget 19/20** 20/21 21/22 22/23 23/24 24/25 **Total Corporate Budgets** 982.000 0 0 0 0 0 0 **Total Business Improvement** 550,000 175,000 442,000 592,000 175,000 442,000 190.000 190.000 Total Corporate Governance 0 0 108,200 Total Resources 0 825,000 0 1,525,000 970,000 **Total Information Technology** 2,021,000 785,000 1,230,000 1,060,000 760,000 775,000 1,375,000 2,546,270 3,000,000 1,750,000 1,375,000 1,000,000 1,000,000 1,000,000 1,000,000 1,000,000 Total Facilities Management **Total Corporate Services** 5,711,470 5,196,000 2,977,000 2,795,000 2,885,000 2,562,000 1,935,000 1,965,000 2,817,000 **Community and Housing** Total Adult Social Care 0 0 43.750 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 Total Merton Adult Education Housing The Gables Mitcham 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 8 Wilton Road 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 Western Road 875,000 0 0 0 0 755,000 280,000 280,000 280,000 280,000 280,000 280,000 280,000 **Disabled Facilities** 1,188,900 Other Housing 0 0 0 200,000 0 Total Libraries 300,000 0 350,000

Total Community and Housing	2,307,650	1,055,000	280,000	280,000	630,000	280,000	280,000	280,000	280,000
Children, Schools and Families									
Primary School Expansions	2,852,200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Secondary School Expansions	8,466,510	13,548,740	9,689,950	3,200,000	6,000,000	4,008,000	0	0	0
SEN	1,870,320	5,994,360	850,000	850,000	0	0	0	0	0
Other	754,450	754,450	650,000	755,000	650,000	650,000	650,000	755,000	650,000
Children Schools & Families	12 0/12 /190	20 207 550	11 190 050	4 90E 000	6 650 000	4 659 000	650,000	755 000	650,000
Children, Schools & Families	13,943,480	20,297,550	11,189,950	4,805,000	6,650,000	4,658,000	650,000	755,000	650,000

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					Updated	Updated	Updated	Updated	Updated
					Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
Environment & Regeneration					20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25
Footways Planned Works	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Greenspaces	423,000	250,000	350,000	385,000	325,000	325,000	325,000	325,000	385,000
Highways General Planned Works	419,000	419,000	422,000	427,000	427,000	427,000	427,000	427,000	427,000
Highways Planned Road Works	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000
Leisure Centres	9,300,000	1,300,000	1,800,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
Other E&R	45,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
On and Off Street Parking	35,000	0	0	0	0	35,000	0	0	0
Regeneration Partnerships	3,072,000	920,000	2,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Street Lighting	462,000	290,000	509,000	290,000	290,000	290,000	290,000	290,000	290,000
Street Scene	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
Transport for London	1,754,800	1,844,800	1,864,800	0	0	0	0	0	0
Traffic and Parking Management	802,500	156,000	175,000	175,000	175,000	175,000	175,000	175,000	175,000
Transport and Plant	500,000	5,500,000	500,000	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000
Safer Merton - CCTV & ASB	300,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Waste Operations	45,500	45,500	45,500	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
Environment & Regeneration	19,718,800	13,285,300	10,226,300	4,277,000	4,217,000	4,252,000	4,217,000	4,217,000	4,277,000

Movement from Current to Propos	Movement from Current to Proposed Summary Capital Programme 2016-20 and Summary Indicative Programme 2021										
					Updated	Updated	Updated	Updated	Updated		
Merton					Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget		
					20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25		
Corporate Services	713,000	2,315,000	220,000	1,295,000	1,125,000	917,000	500,000	515,000	1,367,000		
Community and Housing	(60,000)	240,000	(60,000)	(60,000)	290,000	(60,000)	(60,000)	(60,000)	(60,000)		
Children, Schools & Families	(15,279,240)	(681,260)	(8,913,850)	1,539,400	(596,800)	(401,580)	(8,800)	96,200	(8,800)		
Environment & Regeneration	(4,715,200)	(2,041,200)	3,847,800	(596,000)	(437,000)	(402,000)	(437,000)	(437,000)	(377,000)		
Total Merton	(19,341,440)	(167,460)	(4,906,050)	2,178,400	381,200	53,420	(5,800)	114,200	921,200		

Merton					Updated Budget 20/21	Updated Budget 21/22	Updated Budget 22/23	Updated Budget 23/24	Updated Budget 24/25
Total Corporate Budgets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Business Improvement	550,000	175,000	442,000	190,000	0	592,000	175,000	190,000	442,000
Total Resources	0	0	0	0	825,000	0	0	0	0
Total Information Technology	(337,000)	140,000	(222,000)	655,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	800,000
Total Facilities Management	500,000	2,000,000	0	450,000	100,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000
Total Corporate Services	713,000	2,315,000	220,000	1,295,000	1,125,000	917,000	500,000	515,000	1,367,000
Community and Housing									
Housing									
Western Road	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disabled Facilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Housing	(60,000)	(60,000)	(60,000)	(60,000)	(60,000)	(60,000)	(60,000)	(60,000)	(60,000)
Libraries	0	300,000	0	0	350,000	0	0	0	0
Community and Housing	(60,000)	240,000	(60,000)	(60,000)	290,000	(60,000)	(60,000)	(60,000)	(60,000)
Children, Schools and Families									
Primary School Expansions	(2,675,000)	(3,848,780)	(2,575,000)	(1,600,000)	0	0	0	0	0
Secondary School Expansions	(7,248,490)	2,048,740	(4,264,320)	3,200,000	0	0	0	0	0
SEN	(2,921,890)	2,994,360	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	(2,433,860)	(1,875,580)	(2,074,530)	(60,600)	(596,800)	(401,580)	(8,800)	96,200	(8,800)
Children, Schools & Families	(15,279,240)	(681,260)	(8,913,850)	1,539,400	(596,800)	(401,580)	(8,800)	96,200	(8,800)

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Environment & Regeneration										
Total Footways Planned Works	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Greenspaces	0	0	0	35,000	(25,000)	(25,000)	(25,000)	(25,000)	35,000	
Highways General Planned Works	0	0	3,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	
Highways Planned Road Works	0	0	0	(250,000)	(250,000)	(250,000)	(250,000)	(250,000)	(250,000)	
Total Leisure Centres	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Other E&R	45,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
On and Off Street Parking	35,000	0	0	0	0	35,000	0	0	0	
Regeneration Partnerships	(4,864,000)	(2,080,000)	2,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Street Lighting	0	0	0	(219,000)	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Street Scene	0	0	(40,000)	(40,000)	(40,000)	(40,000)	(40,000)	(40,000)	(40,000)	
Total Transport for London	(71,200)	18,800	1,864,800	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Traffic and Parking Management	120,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Transport and Plant	0	0	0	(150,000)	(150,000)	(150,000)	(150,000)	(150,000)	(150,000)	
Safer Merton - CCTV & ASB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Waste Operations	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	
Environment & Regeneration	(4,715,200)	(2,041,200)	3,847,800	(596,000)	(437,000)	(402,000)	(437,000)	(437,000)	(377,000)	

Proposed Summary Capital Programme 2016-20 and Summary Indicative Programme 2021/25 Updated Updated Updated Updated Updated Updated **Updated Budget Budget Budget** Updated **Budget Budget Budget** Budget **Budget Corporate Services Budget 16/17** 17/18 18/19 19/20 20/21 21/22 22/23 23/24 24/25 **Corporate Budgets** Acquisitions Budget 500,000 0 0 0 0 0 0 482,000 0 0 Capital Bidding Fund 0 **Total Corporate Budgets** 982.000 0 0 0 0 0 **Business Improvements** 42.000 Planweb/Stratus Update 0 0 42.000 0 0 0 42.000 M3 LP and PP 500,000 0 0 0 500,000 0 50,000 0 0 0 Map Information 0 50,000 0 75,000 0 75,000 0 0 0 Aligned Assets 0 190,000 0 190,000 Electronic Asset Management Revenue & Benefits 400,000 0 400,000 100.000 100.000 Capita Housing 550.000 175,000 442,000 190,000 592,000 190.000 442,000 **Total Business Improvement** 175,000 Resources Replacement of Civica Icon 125,000 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 108,200 0 0 0 700,000 0 0 Improving Information Systems 108,200 0 0 **Total Resources** 0 825,000 0 Information Technology Planned Replacement Programme 1,125,000 1,746,000 510,000 430,000 860,000 770,000 560,000 575,000 575,000 200,000 275,000 200,000 200,000 200,000 200,000 200,000 ITSD Enhancements 200,000 200,000 Multi-Functioning Device (MFD) 200,000 75,000 600,000 600,000 1,525,000 2,021,000 785,000 1,230,000 1,060,000 970,000 760,000 775,000 1,375,000 Total Information Technology

Corporate Services	Updated Budget 16/17	Updated Budget 17/18	Updated Budget 18/19	Updated Budget 19/20	Updated Budget 20/21	Updated Budget 21/22	Updated Budget 22/23	Updated Budget 23/24	Up ua tèb Budget 24/25
Invest to Save Schemes	1,300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
Water Safety Works	150,000	150,000	100,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Asbestos Safety Works	250,000	250,000	250,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Works - Facilities	300,000	300,000	300,000	700,000	700,000	700,000	700,000	700,000	700,000
Civic Centre Passenger Lifts	46,270	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Civic Centre Boilers	0	0	300,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Data Centre Support Equipment	0	0	300,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Civic Centre Staff Entrance Improve	0	0	200,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Photovoltaics (PV) and Energy Cons	500,000	2,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Civic Centre Lightning Upgrade	0	0	0	300,000	0	0	0	0	0
Civic Centre Block Paving	0	0	0	75,000	0	0	0	0	0
Total Facilities Management	2,546,270	3,000,000	1,750,000	1,375,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
TOTAL	5,711,470	5,196,000	2,977,000	2,795,000	2,885,000	2,562,000	1,935,000	1,965,000	2,817,000

Community and Housing	Updated Budget 16/17	Updated Budget 17/18	Updated Budget 18/19	Updated Budget 19/20	Updated Budget 20/21	Updated Budget 21/22	Updated Budget 22/23	Updated Budget 23/24	Updated Budget 24/25
Adult Social Care									
Telehealth	43,750	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Adult Social Care	43,750	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Housing	1, 11	-							
191-193 Western Road	115,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Western Road *	760,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disabled Facilities Grant	1,188,900	755,000	280,000	280,000	280,000	280,000	280,000	280,000	280,000
Small Repairs Grant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Housing	2,063,900	755,000	280,000	280,000	280,000	280,000	280,000	280,000	280,000
Libraries									
Colliers Wood Library Re-Fit	200,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Barnes Library Re-Fit	0	200,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Library Management System	0	100,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Library Self Service	0	0	0	0	350,000	0	0	0	0
Total Libraries	200,000	300,000	0	0	350,000	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	2,307,650	1,055,000	280,000	280,000	630,000	280,000	280,000	280,000	280,000

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Environment and Regeneration	Updated	Updated Budget	Updated Budget	Updated Budget	Updated Budget	Updated Budget	Updated Budget	Updated [*] Budget	Updated Budget
Environment and Regeneration	Budget 16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25
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Footways Planned Works									
Repairs to Footways	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Total Footways Planned Works	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Greenspaces									
Parks Investment	276,000	216,000	322,500	325,000	325,000	325,000	325,000	325,000	325,000
Canons Parks for People Dev HLF	113,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(
Pay and Display Machines	0	0	0	60,000	0	0	0	0	60,000
Parks Bins - Finance Lease	34,000	34,000	27,500	0	0	0	0	0	(
Total Greenspaces	423,000	250,000	350,000	385,000	325,000	325,000	325,000	325,000	385,000
Highways General Planned Works									
Surface Water Drainage	69,000	69,000	72,000	77,000	77,000	77,000	77,000	77,000	77,000
Highways bridges & structures	260,000	260,000	260,000	260,000	260,000	260,000	260,000	260,000	260,000
Maintain AntiSkid and Coloured	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000
Total Highways General Planned Works	419,000	419,000	422,000	427,000	427,000	427,000	427,000	427,000	427,000
Highways Planned Road Works									
Borough Roads Maintenance	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000
Total Highways Planned Road Works	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000
Leisure Centres									
Leisure Centre Plant & Machine	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
Morden Leisure Centre	9,000,000	1,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	(
Wimbledon Park Lake De-Silting	0	0	1,500,000	0	0	0	0	0	(
Total Leisure Centres	9,300,000	1,300,000	1,800,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
Other E&R									
Mortuary Provision	45,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(
Total Other E&R	45,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(
On and Off Street Parking									
Replacing Handheld Computers	35,000	0	0	0	0	35,000	0	0	(
Total On and Off Street Parking	35,000	0	0	0	0	35,000	0	0	

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Liviloiment and Regeneration	Budget 16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25
Regeneration Partnerships									
Industrial Estate Investment	450,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mitcham Major schemes - TfL	1,000,000	700,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Town Centre Investment	1,037,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Morden shopping parades	410,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brighter Business	55,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Morden - TfL	120,000	220,000	2,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Regeneration Partnerships	3,072,000	920,000	2,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Street Lighting									
Street Lighting Replacement Pr	462,000	290,000	509,000	290,000	290,000	290,000	290,000	290,000	290,000
Total Street Lighting	462,000	290,000	509,000	290,000	290,000	290,000	290,000	290,000	290,000
Street Scene									
Street Tree Programme	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
Total Street Scene	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
Transport for London									
Unallocated	1,754,800	1,844,800	1,864,800	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Transport for London	1,754,800	1,844,800	1,864,800	0	0	0	0	0	0
Traffic and Parking Management									
Traffic Schemes	150,000	156,000	175,000	175,000	175,000	175,000	175,000	175,000	175,000
Tackling Traffic Congestion	532,500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
£1 Coinage Changs P&D Mach.	120,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Traffic and Parking	802,500	156,000	175,000	175,000	175,000	175,000	175,000	175,000	175,000
Management	552,555	100,000	,	11 0,000	11 0,000	11 0,000	,	,	,
Transport and Plant	500,000	500,000	500,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
Replacement of Fleet Vehicles	500,000	500,000	500,000	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000
Transportation Enhancements	0	5,000,000	0	0	050.000	0	0	050.000	050.000
Total Transport and Plant	500,000	5,500,000	500,000	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000
Safer Merton - CCTV & ASB	222 222	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CCTV (match funding)	300,000		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Safer Merton - CCTV & ASB	300,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Waste Operations									
Alley Gating Scheme - Fly Tip	40,000	40,000			40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
Waste Bins - Finance Lease	5,500	5,500	5,500	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Waste Operations	45,500	45,500	45,500	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
TOTAL	19,718,800	13,285,300	10,226,300	4,277,000	4,217,000	4,252,000	4,217,000	4,217,000	4,277,000

Movement from Current to Proposed Detailed Capital Programme 2016-20 and Detailed Indicative Programme 2021/25

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	Updated	Updated Budget							
Corporate Services	Budget 16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25
Corporate Budgets									
Acquisitions Budget	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Bidding Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Corporate Budgets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Business Improvements									
Planweb/Stratus Update	0	0	42,000	0	0	42,000	0	0	42,000
M3 LP and PP	500,000	0	0	0	0	500,000	0	0	0
Map Information	50,000	0	0	0	0	50,000	0	0	0
Aligned Assets	0	75,000	0	0	0	0	75,000	0	0
Customer Contact Programme	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Electronic Asset Management	0	0	0	190,000	0	0	0	190,000	0
Revenue & Benefits	0	0	400,000	0	0	0	0	0	400,000
Capita Housing	0	100,000	0	0	0	0	100,000	0	0
Replacement SC System	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Business Improvement	550,000	175,000	442,000	190,000	0	592,000	175,000	190,000	442,000
Resources									
Replacement of Civica Icon	0	0	0	0	125,000	0	0	0	C
Improving Information Systems	0	0	0	0	700,000	0	0	0	C
Total Resources	0	0	0	0	825,000	0	0	0	0
Information Technology									
Planned Replacement Programme	(287,000)	60,000	(447,000)	(145,000)	0	0	0	0	C
ITSD Enhancements	(50,000)	80,000	225,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
Multi-Functioning Device (MFD)	0	0	0	600,000	0	0	0	0	600,000
Total Information Technology	(337,000)	140,000	(222,000)	655,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	800,000

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	Updated	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
Corporate Services	Budget 16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25
Facilities Management									
Invest to Save Schemes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(
Water Safety Works	0	0	0	(75,000)	(50,000)	(25,000)	(25,000)	(25,000)	(25,000
Asbestos Safety Works	0	0	0	(250,000)	(250,000)	(250,000)	(250,000)	(250,000)	(250,000
Capital Works - Facilities	0	0	0	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000
Civic Centre Passenger Lifts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(
Civic Centre Boilers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(
Data Centre Support Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(
Civic Centre Staff Entrance Improve	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(
Photovoltaics (PV) and Energy Cons	500,000	2,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	(
Civic Centre Lightning Upgrade	0	0	0	300,000	0	0	0	0	(
Civic Centre Block Paving	0	0	0	75,000	0	0	0	0	(
Total Facilities Management	500,000	2,000,000	0	450,000	100,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000
TOTAL	713,000	2,315,000	220,000	1,295,000	1,125,000	917,000	500,000	515,000	1,367,000

Community and Housing	Updated Budget 16/17	Updated Budget 17/18	Updated Budget 18/19	Updated Budget 19/20	Updated Budget 20/21	Updated Budget 21/22	Updated Budget 22/23	Updated Budget 23/24	Updated Budget 24/25
Adult Social Care									
Telehealth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Adult Social Care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Housing									
191-193 Western Road	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Western Road *	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disabled Facilities Grant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Small Repairs Grant	(60,000)	(60,000)	(60,000)	(60,000)	(60,000)	(60,000)	(60,000)	(60,000)	(60,000)
Total Housing	(60,000)	(60,000)	(60,000)	(60,000)	(60,000)	(60,000)	(60,000)	(60,000)	(60,000)
Libraries									
Colliers Wood Library Re-Fit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Barnes Library Re-Fit	0	200,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Library Management System	0	100,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Library Self Service	0	0	0	0	350,000	0	0	0	0
Total Libraries	0	300,000	0	0	350,000	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	(60,000)	240,000	(60,000)	(60,000)	290,000	(60,000)	(60,000)	(60,000)	(60,000)

Movement from Current to Proposed Detailed Capital Programme 2016-20 and Detailed Indicative Programme 2021/25 Continued... Appendix 4d Updated Updated Updated Updated Updated Updated Updated Updated **Budget Budget Budget Budget Budget** Budget Updated **Budget Budget** Children, Schools and Families **Budget 16/17** 17/18 18/19 19/20 20/21 21/22 22/23 23/24 24/25 **Primary School Expansions** Dundonald expansion 0 0 O 0 0 Singlegate expansion (2,575,000 (2,075,000)Beecholme 23 FE School Expansion 1fe Expans (100,000)(555,000)(2.575,000)(1,600,000)0 0 26 FE School Expansion - Temp Cla (618.780)0 0 0 27 FE School Expansion - Temp Cla (300,000)28 FE School Expansion - Temp Cla (300,000)(1,600,000) **Total Primary School Expansions** (2.575.000)0 (2.675.000)(3.848.780)Scheme 1 Phased Extra 4fe (1,290)1,500,000 (3.677.560)0 0 Scheme 2 Phased Extra 4fe (2,780,000)2,948,740 410.880 0 Scheme 3 Phased Extra 2fe (2,362,200)2,000,000 Scheme 5 Phased Extra 2fe (95.000)(1,400,000)1,002,360 3,200,000 0 Scheme 6 Phased Extra 2fe (1.900.000)(3.000.000)(2.000.000)0 0 Scheme 4 New School Extra 6fe 0 0 (110,000)2.048.740 (4.264.320)Total Secondary School Expansio (7.248.490)3.200.000 Cricket Green (1,310,690)1,383,160 0 0 Perseid 0 0 Perseid - Further 28 Places Primary (1,051,200)1,051,200 0 0 0 0 0 (560,000)560,000 0 0 0 0 0 Secondary School Autism Unit **Total SEN** 2,994,360 0 (2,921,890)Other Inflation Contingency (2,433,860)(1,875,580)(2.074,530)(165,600)(596,800)(401,580)(8.800)(8.800)(8.800)Devolved Formula Capital Schools Equipment Loans 0 0 0 0 0 Admissions IT System 105,000 105,000 (596,800)(8,800)**Total Other** (2,433,860)(1,875,580)(2,074,530)(60,600)(401,580)(8,800)96,200 TOTAL (15,279,240)(681, 260)(8,913,850)1,539,400 (596,800)(401,580)(8,800)96,200 (8,800)

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Environment and Regeneration	Updated	Updated Budget	Updated Budget	Updated Budget	Updated Budget	Updated Budget	Updated Budget	Updated Budget	Updated Budget
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Footways Planned Works									
Repairs to Footways	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Footways Planned Works	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greenspaces									
Parks Investment	0	0	0	(25,000)	(25,000)	(25,000)	(25,000)	(25,000)	(25,000)
Canons Parks for People Dev HLF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pay and Display Machines	0	0	0	60,000	0	0	0	0	60,000
Parks Bins - Finance Lease	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Greenspaces	0	0	0	35,000	(25,000)	(25,000)	(25,000)	(25,000)	35,000
Highways General Planned Works									
Surface Water Drainage	0	0	3,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
Highways bridges & structures	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maintain AntiSkid and Coloured	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Highways General Planned Works	0	0	3,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
Highways Planned Road Works									
Borough Roads Maintenance	0	0	0	(250,000)	(250,000)	(250,000)	(250,000)	(250,000)	(250,000)
Total Highways Planned Road Works	0	0	0	(250,000)	(250,000)	(250,000)	(250,000)	(250,000)	(250,000)
Leisure Centres									
Leisure Centre Plant & Machine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Morden Leisure Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wimbledon Park Lake De-Silting	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Leisure Centres	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other E&R									
Mortuary Provision	45,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Total Other E&R									
On and Off Street Parking									
	35,000	0	0	0	0	35,000	0	0	0

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Environment and Regeneration	Budget 16/17	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
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Regeneration Partnerships	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial Estate Investment	0	700,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mitcham Major schemes - TfL	(1,484,000)	700,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Town Centre Investment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Morden shopping parades	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brighter Business	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wimbledon - TfL	(3,200,000)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Morden - TfL	(180,000)	(2,780,000)	2,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Regeneration Partnerships	(4,864,000)	(2,080,000)	2,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Street Lighting									
Street Lighting Replacement Pr	0	0	0	(219,000)	0	0	0	0	0
Total Street Lighting	0	0	0	(219,000)	0	0	0	0	0
Street Scene									
Street Tree Programme	0	0	(40,000)	(40,000)	(40,000)	(40,000)	(40,000)	(40,000)	(40,000)
Total Street Scene	0	0	(40,000)	(40,000)	(40,000)	(40,000)	(40,000)	(40,000)	(40,000)
Transport for London									
Unallocated	(71,200)	18,800	1,864,800	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Transport for London	(71,200)	18,800	1,864,800	0	0	0	0	0	0
Traffic and Parking Management									
Traffic Schemes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tackling Traffic Congestion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
£1 Coinage Changs P&D Mach.	120,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Traffic & Parking Mngmnt	120,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transport and Plant									
Replacement of Fleet Vehicles	0	0	0	(150,000)	(150,000)	(150,000)	(150,000)	(150,000)	(150,000)
Transportation Enhancements	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Transport and Plant	0	0	0	(150,000)	(150,000)	(150,000)	(150,000)	(150,000)	(150,000)
Safer Merton - CCTV & ASB									
CCTV (match funding)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Safer Merton - CCTV & ASB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Waste Operations									
Alley Gating Scheme - Fly Tip	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Waste Bins - Finance Lease	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
T. (.1)W (. O ()	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Total Waste Operations	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000

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Merton	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25
Total Corporate Services	108,200	0	0	190,000	(100,000)	0	0	190,000	(100,000)
Total Community and Housing	43,750	475,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Children, Schools & Families	(1,637,530)	1,800,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Environment and									
Regeneration	(2,592,700)	(2,061,200)	3,864,800	0	0	0	0	0	0
	(4,078,280)	213,800	3,864,800	190,000	(100,000)	0	0	190,000	(100,000)
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Schemes By Department	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25
Community D. Janes									
Corporate Budgets Electronic Asset Management	0	0	0	190,000	(100,000)			190,000	(100,000)
	108,200	0	0	190,000	(100,000)	0	0	190,000	(100,000)
Improving Information Systems	108,200	Ü	U	Ü	U	0	Ü	0	U
Community and Housing	12.770	0		0	0	0	0		
Telehealth	43,750		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disabled Facilities Grant	0	475,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Children, Schools and Families									
Singlegate expansion	(200,000)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scheme 1 Phased Extra 4fe	20,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scheme 2 Phased Extra 4fe	70,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scheme 3 Phased Extra 2fe	(660,000)	800,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scheme 4 New School Extra 6fe	60,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cricket Green	721,520		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Perseid - Further 28 Places Primary ι	(1,649,050)	(1,883,160)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Environment and Regeneration									
Parks Investment	(55,000)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mortuary Provision	(55,000)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mitcham Major schemes - TfL	116,000	700,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wimbledon - TfL	(3,000,000)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Morden - TfL	(180,000)	(2,780,000)	2,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unallocated	(71,200)	18,800	1,864,800	0	0	0	0	0	0
£1 Coinage Changs P&D Machines	120,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Tackling Traffic Congestion

Total Movement Since October

Agenda Item 7

Committee: Sustainable Communities Overview and

Scrutiny Panel

Date: 7th January 2016

Agenda item: 5

Wards: All

Subject: Commercial Services Task Group - Scoping Report

Lead officer: Stella Akintan Scrutiny Officer

Lead member: Councillor Abigail Jones, Chair of the Sustainable Communities

Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Contact officers: Stella Akintan, Scrutiny Officer, stella.akintan@merton.gov.uk, 020

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Recommendations:

That Members consider and approve the proposed Terms of Reference, timescales, sources of evidence, and witnesses for the Commercial Services task group review.

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To make proposals to Members for the commercial services task group review, and to seek agreement on the proposed Terms of Reference, timescales, sources of evidence and witnesses for the review.

2. DETAILS

- 2.1 At the meeting of the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel held on 2nd September 2015, it was agreed to conduct a task group review of Commercial Services.
- 2.2 The following Members were nominated to sit on the Task Group: Cllr Russell Makin (Chair), Cllr John Sargeant, Cllr Najeeb Latif and Cllr James Holmes

3. AIM OF REVIEW

- 3.1 To explore the council's approach to commercialisation and opportunities within the Environment and Regeneration Department to increase income from services delivered, with a particular focus on the following services:
 - Green Spaces
 - Leisure and Cultural Services
 - Development and Building control
 - Future Merton
 - Property
- 4. Proposed terms of reference and key lines of enquiry for the review:

4.1 The terms of reference of the task group review, as discussed and agreed by the task group are as follows:

To consider what the opportunities are and the areas that can be commercialised to buy in revenue.

Consider the success has Merton had to date

- Identify the success the council has had to date in pursuing commercial opportunities;
- Review the commercial strategies and marketing plans for services identified above (and any others of interest to Members in this review);

Consider what Merton needs in place to operate commercial services

- How can we utilise council assets in developing commercial services?
- Determine what resources, capacity and skills we have within the organisation to develop and manage commercial services;
- Determine the financial investment required to take forward commercial services in these, and other, areas;
- Identify the risk and governance arrangements required to enable the council to charge for these services;
- Identify the barriers to maximising commercial income within the council, including culture, skills and systems and processes;

Good practice

• Determine what models have been successfully taken forward in the private and public sector and how Merton might benefit from lessons learned;

Consider the other factors need to be considered when operating on a more commercial basis

- Consider the reputational impact on the council and how service users, communities, partners and staff will be engaged in taking forward commercial services;
- Identify what role partners will play in developing commercial services

5. POTENTIAL SOURCES OF EVIDENCE AND WITNESSES FOR THE REVIEW

Other local authorities
Private sector organisations
Council officers
Partner organisations

6. OFFICER SUPPORT

6.1 Members of the Housing Supply Task Group will be supported by:

Stella Akintan, Scrutiny Officer and officers from the Environment and Regeneration Department

7. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

7.1 The Panel may choose to agree a different scope and terms of reference to those proposed in this scoping report.

8. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

8.1 Members are asked to give consideration to if, and how, they would like to engage witnesses in this review.

9. TIMETABLE

9.1 It is envisaged that the Task Group will undertake and complete its review within 6 months.

10. CO-OPTION

10.1 Members are asked to give consideration to co-opting representatives onto the Task Group for part, or the duration, of the review to assist the Task Group. In accordance with the Constitution any representative co-opted onto the Panel or Task Group will be a non-voting member of the Task Group and will be required to adhere to the Council's Code of Conduct for Members.

11. PUBLICITY

- 11.1 Members can publicise the review to encourage and facilitate resident and partner engagement and to promote the outcomes of the review upon completion. The following mechanisms for promotion/publication may be utilised throughout the review: -
 - Press release in local press;
 - My Merton;
 - Community Forums;
 - Merton council website;
 - Ward councillors:
 - Posters/materials in libraries and Merton Link;
 - Staff bulletin board and plasma screens in civic centre; and
 - Residents' panel and Centre for Public Scrutiny (outcomes)

12. FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

12.1 There are none specific to this report. Any financial, resource and property implications arising from the review will be accounted for in the Task Group's Final Report.

13. LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

13.1 None for the purposes of this report. Any legal and statutory implications arising from the review will be accounted for in the Task Group's Final Report.

14. HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS

14.1 None specific to this report. Any human rights, equalities and community cohesion implications arising from the review will be accounted for in the Task Group's Final Report.

15. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

15.1 None specific to this report. Any crime and disorder implications arising from the review will be accounted for in the Task Group's Final Report.

16. RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

16.1 None for the purposes of this report. Any risk management and health and safety implications arising from the review will be accounted for in the Task Group's Final Report.

17. APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT

- 17.1 None
- 18. BACKGROUND PAPERS
- 18.1 None

Committee: Sustainable Communities Overview and

Scrutiny Panel

Date: 7 January 2016

Wards: All Agenda Item:

Subject: Executive Response and Action Plan – Housing supply in Merton (with a focus on affordable housing)

Lead officer: Simon Williams, Director of Community & Housing; Chris Lee, Director for Environment and Regeneration

Lead member: Councillor Nick Draper, Cabinet Member for Community and Culture; Councillor Andrew Judge, Cabinet Member for Environmental Sustainability and Regeneration

Contact officer: Steve Langley, Head of Housing Needs and Strategy; James McGinlay, Head of Sustainable Communities

Recommendations:

A. Members consider the Executive Response and accompanying action plan detailing progress on the implementation of the agreed recommendations of the Housing Supply in Merton (with a focus on affordable housing) scrutiny task group review.

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to set out the Executive Response and Action Plan to the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel to demonstrate how the agreed recommendations of the Housing Supply in Merton are progressing.

2 DETAILS

2.1. At their meeting on 14 September 2015, Cabinet considered the final report and recommendations resulting from the task group review of Housing Supply in Merton. Officers have since been tasked with delivering the agreed recommendations.

Progress on agreed recommendations

2.2 Appendix A to this report sets out the Task Group's recommendations, status and progress on each issue. This includes how any agreed recommendations yet to be delivered will be implemented in the future.

3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

3.1. None for the purposes of this report.

4 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

- 4.1. In carrying out its review, the task group engaged a range of stakeholders, council officers and Cabinet Members.
- 4.2. Wider engagement with community stakeholders, Registered Providers active in Merton and neighbouring local authorities took place during the scrutiny task group review

5 TIMETABLE

5.1. The action plan for the housing supply in Merton task group review (Appendix A) set out the timescales for delivery of the recommendations.

6 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

6.1. None for the purposes of this report.

7 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

7.1. None for the purposes of this report.

8 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS

8.1. None for the purposes of this report.

9 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

9.1. None for the purposes of this report.

10 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

10.1 None for the purposes of this report.

11 APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT

- Appendix A: Action Plan and progress to date on the agreed recommendations resulting from the Task Group review of housing supply in Merton.
- Appendix B: Report of the Housing Supply Task Group September 2015

12 BACKGROUND PAPERS

12.1. Report of the Housing Supply Task Group September 2015

Recommendations	Stakeholder	Action/progress	Timeline	Status
Recommendation 1 That Cabinet work with the private rented sector to encourage landlords to let properties to residents on the Housing Register and in receipt of Housing Benefit. (paragraph 6.16)	Cabinet	Officers continue to engage with private sector Landlords so as to increase housing supply. Recently officers hosted a private sector Landlord forum and approximately 60 Landlords attended.	On-going	G
Recommendation 2 That Cabinet explore the opportunities for providing temporary accommodation in house. This should include a review of both housing need and disruption to residents placed out of borough, as well as the potential financial benefits to the Local Authority. This should also enable the council to meet requirements regarding tenure, in particular for larger units for families. (paragraph 6.28)	Cabinet	Officers in the Housing Needs and Future Merton teams are progressing this recommendation taking regard of housing need indictors and temporary accommodation regulations	June 2016	G
Recommendation 3 That a report is presented to the Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Panel in anticipation of the proposed Pay to Stay policy on how residents might be incentivised to move on to alternative forms of affordable housing, freeing up much needed social housing. (paragraph 7.12)	Cabinet	Officers are currently monitoring the proposed Pay To Stay Policy which is intended to introduced through legislation in April 2017 and will consider its implications for registered providers, social housing tenants and the council which will be presented in a report in October 2016L	Oct 2016	G
Recommendation 4 The Cabinet undertake a review into the effectiveness of viability assessments and make recommendations on challenging developers to enable the provision of more affordable housing. (paragraph 8.12)	Cabinet	Officers in the Development Control and FutureMerton teams are actively progressing this recommendation (linked to Recommendation 6 below) and will consider the mechanisms available to the council as part of	May 2016	G

		this work		
Recommendation 5 That Cabinet agree to consider whether viability assessments can be made available for review to Councillors on the Planning Application Committee. (paragraph 8.12)	Cabinet	Officers in the Development Control and FutureMertom teams are progressing this work. Officers have engaged with London Councils and London boroughs that provide this information to members of their planning applications committees to learn from their experience and gain best practise	May 2016	G
Recommendation 6 That the planning department proactively considers using their right to review powers on developments that don't meet the 40% affordable housing target. (paragraph 8.12)	Cabinet	Officers in the Development Control team have recently used this method and will continue to implement it as appropriate on a case by case basis	On-going	G
Recommendation 7 That the Council encourages developers to engage with Registered Providers, at an earlier stage in the planning process, on the development of affordable housing. (paragraph 8.12)	Cabinet	Officers in the Development Control team actively encourage this at all pre-application meetings with prospective applicants and will continue to do this as part of their everyday engagement with applicants	On-going	O
Recommendation 8 That Cabinet consult with councillors and community groups on potential sites and land that present opportunities for the development of affordable housing (paragraph 8.13).	Cabinet	Officers from the FutureMerton team are considering the best method of engagement to take this recommendation forward and will conclude with their options in spring 2016	April 2016	G
Recommendation 9 That the Cabinet consider opportunities for gifting small to medium pockets of land in council ownership to	Cabinet	Officers in Sustainable Communities are considering this matter and will report back on the	Sept 2016	G

Housing Associations in order to stimulate the creation of more affordable housing to meet demand. In doing so, Cabinet should submit a report to the Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Panel for review on the business case and council's ability to gift land and on what might be proposed		legal and financial implications in spring 2016		
to housing associations within this. As part of any agreement with Housing				
Associations on the use of council land/sites, the Council should receive full nomination rights to all properties developed. (paragraph 8.19)				
Recommendation 10 That the Cabinet agree to consult with Registered Providers in revising the terms of reference of the MerHAG Group, to enable a more regular forum for proactive engagement with Housing Associations and Registered Providers on the opportunities for, and barriers to, the development of affordable housing in Merton. (paragraph 10.7)	Cabinet	Officers continue to consult with the MERHAG group so as to provide a more robust framework with Housing Association and Registered Providers so as to identify barriers and opportunities to the development of affordable housing	On-going	G
Recommendation 11 That the Council effectively communicates its sites and plans policy to Registered Providers. (paragraph 10.7)	Cabinet	Officers have briefed MERHAG at their regular briefing sessions and will continue to do so at these events	On-going	G
Recommendation 12 That the Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Panel invites all Registered Providers in operation in the borough to a future meeting to gather information on their overcrowding strategies and to make any recommendations, as appropriate. The Panel should also engage other Local Authorities to look at good practice, including Richmond Council who the task group met with as part of this review. (paragraph 12.20)	Cabinet		Sept 2016	G

Recommendation 13	Cabinet	Officers in Sustainable	April 2016	G
That the Council consider the proposal for a Housing		Communities and Corporate		
Development Company in Merton and ensure that it meets		Services are actively pursuing		
Council policy on affordable housing, encouraging where		this recommendation and will		
possible, given that it is a Council owned vehicle that it		present their recommendations to		
provides above and beyond the baseline of 40% affordable		Cabinet in spring 2016		
housing. (paragraph 13.16)				
Recommendation 14	Cabinet	Officers in the FutureMerton team	May 2016	G
That Cabinet explore effective policy enacted by other		will be considering this		
London Councils to unlock land banking and stalled		recommendation from early 2016		
development sites to ensure that affordable housing can		onwards		
be developed sooner. (paragraph 13.16)				
Recommendation 15	Cabinet	Officers in the FutureMerton team	April 2016	G
That Cabinet identify sites to commission the development		will be considering this		
of intermediate products, such as Pocket homes, in order		recommendation from early 2016		
to meet the needs of those trying to secure ownership of a		onwards		
property but unable to afford full market values. (paragraph				
14.6)				
Recommendation 16	Cabinet	Officers in the FutureMerton team	May 2016	G
That Cabinet identify sites to commission the development		will be considering this		
of homes, such as those offered by YCube, in order to		recommendation from early 2016		
support residents to move out of temporary		onwards		
accommodation or social housing. (paragraph 14.10)				
Recommendation 17	Cabinet	Officers in FutureMerton are in	May 2016	G
That the Council lobby the Sec. of State for Health to		discussions with the NHS Merton		
simplify structures regarding land ownership and		CCG and NHS England regarding		
responsibilities for selling off NHS land. (paragraph 14.20)		this recommendation and will		
		report back on their discussions		
		in spring 2016		



Sustainable Communities Work Programme 2015/16

This table sets out the Sustainable Communities Panel Work Programme for 2015/16; the items listed were agreed by the Panel at its meeting on 11th June 2015. This Work Programme will be considered at every meeting of the Panel to enable it to respond to issues of concern and incorporate reviews or to comment upon pre-decision items ahead of their consideration by Cabinet/Council.

The work programme table shows items on a meeting-by-meeting basis, identifying the issue under review, the nature of the scrutiny (pre decision, policy development, issue specific, performance monitoring, partnership related) and the intended outcomes.

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Meeting date – 11 June 2015

Scrutiny Category	Item/issue	How	Lead member/lead officer	Intended outcomes
Setting the work programme	Priorities for 2014/15 – Cabinet Member/Director presentation	Report	Chris Lee/Simon Williams and Cabinet Members	To provide an overview of the departments priorities to establish where the Panel might focus their work programme and add value to the
Setting the work programme	Agreeing the 2014/15 work programme	Report	Rebecca Redman	work of the council. To enable the Panel to agree the draft 2015/16 work programme.
Scrutiny Review	Morden Leisure Centre	Verbal Update	Christine Parsloe	To provide the Panel with an update on work undertaken and planned in relation to the Morden Leisure Centre development.
Performance Monitoring	Circle Housing Merton Priory (Performance Monitoring)	Presentation	Representatives from CHMP	To enable the Panel to performance monitor progress with delivery of the stock transfer commitments, repairs and maintenance and to receive an update on the regeneration

				programme.
Performance Monitoring	Performance Reporting(including focus on waste management and street scene)	Verbal Report	Chris Lee	To highlight to the Panel any items for concern where under performance is evident and to make any recommendations or request information as necessary

Meeting date – 2nd September 2015

Scrutiny Category	Item/issue	How	Lead member/lead officer	Intended outcomes
Pre decision scrutiny	Creating a Tourist Industry in Merton	Report	Chris Lee/James McGinlay	To provide the Panel with an overview of the councils work in this area to determine if Members feel a task group review of the tourist industry in Merton would add value.

Pre decision scrutiny	Merton Adult Education	Report	Simon Williams	To enable the Panel to comment on proposals for the Merton Adult Education Service and to make any recommendations for Cabinet consideration.
Scrutiny Review	Draft Final Report – Housing Supply Task Group	Report	Rebecca Redman/Cllr Ross Garrod	To present the Final Report and recommendations of the Housing Supply Task Group to the Panel for endorsement and submission to Cabinet their consideration.
Scrutiny Review	Commercial Services and opportunities to maximise resources	Report	Chris Lee	To provide the Panel with an overview of the councils work in this area to determine if Members feel a task group review of commercial services would add value.
Performance Monitoring	Climate Change and Green Deal Task Group	Progress Report	James McGinlay	To provide the Panel with an update on the delivery of the action plan to implement all agreed recommendations

				resulting from this task group review.
Performance Monitoring	Performance Reporting(including focus on waste management and street scene)	Verbal Report	Chris Lee	To highlight to the Panel any items for concern where under performance is evident and to make any recommendations or request information as necessary
Setting the work programme	Work Programme 2015/16	Report	Rebecca Redman	To amend/agree the Panels work programme and accommodate any pre decision or other items that the Panel may wish to consider.

Meeting date – 11th November 2015

Scrutiny Category	Item/issue	How	Lead member/lead officer	Intended outcomes
Pre decision scrutiny	Budget/Business Plan Scrutiny (round 1)	Report	Chris Lee/Simon Williams/Caroline Holland	To comment on the councils budget proposals at phase 1.

Pre decision scrutiny	Results of the wheeled bin pilot	Report	Chris Lee	To comment on the findings of the wheeled bin pilot and make any
Scrutiny Review	Morden Leisure Centre	Verbal Update	Chris Parsloe	recommendations to Cabinet. To provide an update to the Panel on the development of Morden Leisure Centre.
Performance Monitoring	Performance Reporting(including focus on waste management and street scene)	Verbal Report	Chris Lee	To highlight to the Panel any items for concern where under performance is evident and to make any recommendations or request information as necessary
Setting the work programme	Work Programme 2015/16	Report	Rebecca Redman	To amend/agree the Panels work programme and accommodate any pre decision or other items that the Panel may wish to consider.

Meeting date - January 2016

Scrutiny Category	Item/issue	How	Lead member/lead officer	Intended outcomes
Pre decision scrutiny	Budget and business plan scrutiny (round 2)	Report	Chris Lee/Simon Williams/ Caroline Holland	To comment on the budget and business plan proposals at phase 2 and make any recommendations to the Commission to consider and coordinate a response to Cabinet.
Scrutiny Review	Scoping Report – Commercial Services Task Group	Report	Stella Akintan	To agree the scope for the Panels task group review of commercial services.
Performance Monitoring	Circle Housing Merton Priory	Presentation	CHMP	Content of presentation to be discussed. Primarily covering repairs and maintenance issues and how they have been addressed and further issues mitigated.

Scrutiny Review	Executive Response and Action Plan – Housing Supply Task Group	Report	James McGinlay/Steve Langley	To provide the Panel with a response to the Report and recommendations of the Housing Supply Task Group further to Cabinet consideration.
Performance Monitoring	Performance Reporting (including focus on waste management and street scene)	Verbal Update	Chris Lee	To highlight to the Panel any items for concern where under performance is evident and to make any recommendations or request information as necessary
Setting the work programme	Work Programme 2015/16	Report	Rebecca Redman	To amend/agree the Panels work programme and accommodate any pre decision or other items that the Panel may wish to consider.

Meeting date - February 2016

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Scrutiny review	Cycle Routes	Report	James McGinlay	To provide Members with an update on developments to cycling provision in Merton.
Pre decision scrutiny	Phase C Procurement programme (including parks, grounds, maintenance and waste)	Report	Cormac Stokes	To enable Members to undertake pre decision scrutiny of the contract for Phase C.
Performance Reporting	Town Centre Regeneration Update (including updates on developments re: developing cycling provision)	Presentation	James McGinlay	To provide a progress update on delivery of the councils town centre regeneration programme.
Performance Monitoring	Libraries Annual Report	Presentation	Anthony Hopkins	To provide the annual report on libraries service and to inform members of proposed future development of the libraries service.

Performance Monitoring	Performance Reporting(including focus on waste management and street scene)	Verbal Report	Chris Lee	To highlight to the Panel any items for concern where under performance is evident and to make any recommendations or request information as necessary
Setting the work programme	Work Programme 2015/16	Report	Stella Akintan	To amend/agree the Panels work programme and accommodate any pre decision or other items that the Panel may wish to consider.

Meeting date - March 2016

Scrutiny Category	Item/issue	How	Lead member/ lead officer	Intended outcomes
Pre decision	Highways maintenance – contract renewal	Report	Chris Lee	To provide members with an opportunity to comment on the highways maintenance contract renewal and to make any recommendations to Cabinet for consideration.

Performance Monitoring	Climate Change and Green Deal Task Group	Progress Report	James McGinlay	To provide the Panel with an update on the delivery of the action plan to implement all agreed recommendations resulting from this task group review.
Pre decision scrutiny	TENTATIVE – Draft Heritage Strategy	Report	Anthony Hopkins	To comment on the draft Heritage Strategy and forward any recommendations to Cabinet, if necessary.
Scrutiny review	Shared Services	Report	Chris Lee	Briefing on shared services to update the Panel on work being undertaken by the Panel in this area, including proposals for establishing shared services across functions/services within the E&R department.
Performance Monitoring	Adult Skills and Employability Task Group – Progress on implementation of action plan	Report	James McGinlay/Yvonne Tomlin Cllr Holmes (Member Champion)	To performance monitor delivery of the action plan resulting from the task groups review of adult skills and employability.

Performance Monitoring	Performance Reporting(including focus on waste management and street scene)	Verbal Report	Chris Lee	To highlight to the Panel any items for concern where under performance is evident and to make any recommendations or request information as necessary
Scrutiny Review	Topic Suggestions 2016/17	Report	Stella Akintan	To seek topic suggestions from the Panel to inform discussions about the Panels 2016/17 work programme.