

# Merton Council

## Extraordinary Council meeting

### Membership

**The Mayor:** Councillor Mary Curtin

**The Deputy Mayor:** Councillor Geraldine Stanford

**Councillors:** Agatha Mary Akyigyina OBE, Stephen Alambritis, Mark Allison, Stan Anderson, Laxmi Attawar, Eloise Bailey, Thomas Barlow, Nigel Benbow, Hina Bokhari, Kelly Braund, Mike Brunt, Adam Bush, Omar Bush, Ben Butler, Tobin Byers, Billy Christie, David Chung, Caroline Cooper-Marbiah, Pauline Cowper, Stephen Crowe, David Dean, John Dehaney, Nick Draper, Anthony Fairclough, Edward Foley, Brenda Fraser, Edward Gretton, Joan Henry, Daniel Holden, James Holmes, Andrew Howard, Janice Howard, Natasha Irons, Mark Kenny, Sally Kenny, Linda Kirby, Paul Kohler, Rebecca Lanning, Najeeb Latif, Edith Macauley MBE, Russell Makin, Peter McCabe, Simon McGrath, Nick McLean, Oonagh Moulton, Aidan Mundy, Hayley Ormrod, Dennis Pearce, Owen Pritchard, Carl Quilliam, David Simpson CBE, Marsie Skeete, Peter Southgate, Eleanor Stringer, Dave Ward, Martin Whelton, Dickie Wilkinson and David Williams

**Date: Wednesday 6 February 2019**

**Time: 9.30 pm, or on the rise of the Ordinary meeting of the Council, scheduled for 7.15pm the same evening**

**Venue: Council chamber - Merton Civic Centre, London Road, Morden SM4 5DX**

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Date: 23 January 2019

Councillor Mary Curtin  
Mayor of Merton

c.c. Democratic Services

Dear Madam Mayor

## **EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

In accordance with Merton Council's Procedure Rules Part 4–A Para.3.1. We request an extraordinary meeting of the Council, which we assume – in accordance with past practice – will be held at the end of the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

The purpose of the meeting is:

To discuss and debate issues relating to the service failure of the refuse and recycling arrangements provided by Veolia since 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018 and the response of Merton Council. To include:

- a) The continuing role and suitability of the South London Waste Partnership in contract management;
- b) Financial penalties levied against Veolia for poor performance;
- c) Why the 'Mucky Merton' campaign has gained traction;
- d) The activation of the 'step in' clause in the Veolia contract;
- e) The pressure on and cost of reporting mechanism for service failures generated by Councillors and members of the public as well as the dismal failure of Veolia's response times;
- f) The failure of Veolia to deal with fly tipping in the borough.

and this Council resolves

1. To recommend that the Cabinet undertakes to investigate and publish options for Merton Council to move to a different waste services contractor at the earliest break clause in the contract with Veolia.
2. In an acknowledgement of political responsibility, the Leader of the Council, and the Cabinet Member for Environment and Street Cleanliness are urged to voluntarily forfeit their special responsibility allowances from the date of this meeting until the Annual Council Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019, as a token of their failure.

Yours sincerely

Cllr Nigel Benbow

Cllr Adam Bush

Cllr Omar Bush

Cllr Thomas Barlow

Cllr Stephen Crowe    Cllr David Dean    Cllr James Holmes    Cllr Edward Gretton

Cllr Daniel Holden    Cllr Andrew Howard    Cllr Janice Howard    Cllr Nick McLean

Cllr Najeeb Latif    Cllr Oonagh Moulton    Cllr Hayley Ormrod    Cllr David Simpson

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