### **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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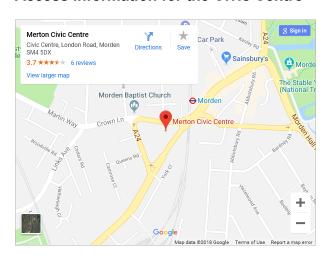
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Date: 23 January 2019

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
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