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Dear Councillor

**Notification of Cabinet Decisions**

The decisions of the Cabinet meeting held on Monday 24 February 2020 are attached.

The call-in deadline is Monday 2 March 2020 at noon

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

Yours sincerely

Democracy Services



## Decisions of the Cabinet held on Monday 24 February 2020

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4	Reference from the Overview and Scrutiny Commission – pre decision scrutiny of the Business Plan 2020-24	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the recommendation made by the Overview and Scrutiny Commission (set out in paragraph 2.4 of the Cabinet report) and the outcomes of consideration by the Overview and Scrutiny Panels (set out in Appendix 1 to the Cabinet report) be taken into account when taking decisions relating to the Business Plan 2020-24.</p>
5	Merton's strategy for meeting the needs of children and young people who have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the publication in March 2020 of Merton's Strategy for meeting the needs of children and young people with SEN and/ or disabilities age 0-25 (2020-23). 'The Merton SEND Strategy' – Appendix 1 to the Cabinet report be approved.</p>
6	The Canons, Mitcham - Landscape & Building Contracts	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Council award Lot 1 - Landscape Contract to Tenderer D under the terms set out in the exempt appendices.</li> <li>2. That the Council award Lot 2 - Building Contract to Tenderer E under the terms set out in the exempt appendices.</li> </ol>
7	Wimbledon Park Lake – Outdoor Swimming Proposal	The item was withdrawn.
8	Bishopsford Road Bridge - preferred option	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Cabinet continues to recognise the urgency and importance of reopening Bishopsford Road Bridge and reaffirms its commitment to holding special meetings where necessary.</li> <li>2. That Cabinet selects the demolition of the existing structure and the erection of a new bridge [options 5 or 6] as the preferred option from a number of options explored to reopen the bridge.</li> </ol>
9	Award of Microsoft Enterprise	RESOLVED:

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	Agreement	That a three-year contract be awarded for the provision of Microsoft Enterprise Licences to Supplier B, to be appointed as the Microsoft Large Account Reseller partner (LAR) for London Borough of Merton.
10	Local Business Rates Discretionary Rate Relief and Retail Discount Schemes 2020/21	RESOLVED: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Local Discretionary Business Rate Relief Scheme for 2020/21 be agreed.</li> <li>2. That the new Retail Discount Scheme for 2020/21 be agreed.</li> </ol>
11	Financial Monitoring December 2019	RESOLVED: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the financial reporting data for month 9, December 2019, relating to revenue budgetary control, showing a forecast net favourable variance at year-end of £1,710k, -0.3% of gross budget be noted.</li> <li>2. That the contents of Section 4 and the amendments to the Capital Programme contained in Appendix 5b of the Cabinet report be noted.</li> </ol>
12	Business Plan 2020-24	RESOLVED: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the response to the Overview and Scrutiny Commission be agreed;</li> <li>2. That having considered all of the information in this report and noted the positive assurance statement given by the Director of Corporate Services based on the proposed Council Tax strategy, the maximum Council Tax in 2020/21, equating to a Band D Council Tax of £1,276.92, which is an increase of below 4% be approved and recommended to Council for approval.</li> <li>3. That all of the latest information and the comments from the scrutiny process be considered, and recommendations to Council be made as appropriate</li> <li>4. That the Business Plan 2020-24 including the General Fund Budget and Council Tax Strategy for 2020/21, and the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) for 2020-24 as submitted, along with the draft Equality Assessments (EAs), be</li> </ol>

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		<p>approved and recommended to Council for approval subject to any proposed amendments agreed at this meeting;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. That having considered all of the latest information and the comments from the scrutiny process, the Capital Investment Programme (as detailed in Annex 1 to the Capital Strategy); the Treasury Management Strategy (Section 5), including the detailed recommendations in that Section, incorporating the Prudential Indicators and the Capital Strategy (Section 4) as submitted and reported upon be approved and recommended to Council for approval, subject to any proposed amendments agreed at this meeting;</li> <li>6. That it be noted that the GLA precept will not be agreed by the London Assembly until 24 February 2020, but the provisional figure has been incorporated into the draft MTFS.</li> <li>7. That officers be requested to review the savings proposals agreed and where possible bring them forward to the earliest possible implementation date</li> <li>8. That it be noted that there may be minor amendments to figures in this report as a result of new information being received after the deadline for dispatch and that this will be amended for the report to Council in March.</li> <li>9. That Risk Management Strategy be approved.</li> </ol>
<b>14</b>	Exclusion of the public	Cabinet agreed to note the information contained in the exempt appendices without making reference to it as part of the discussion and therefore the meeting remained in public.
<b>15</b>	Wimbledon Park Lake - Outdoor swimming proposal: Exempt appendices	The item was withdrawn.
<b>16</b>	Award of Microsoft Enterprise Agreement - Exempt appendix	Cabinet noted the information contained in the exempt appendix and did not refer to it as part of the discussion. The decision is set out under item 9 above.
<b>17</b>	The Canons Mitcham Landscape	Cabinet noted the information contained in the exempt appendix and did not refer to it as part

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and Building Contracts - Exempt appendices	of the discussion. The decision is set out under item 6 above.
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## Merton Council - call-in request form

### 1. Decision to be called in: (required)

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

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

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

### 3. Desired outcome

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

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

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

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

**5. Documents requested**

**6. Witnesses requested**

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

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

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

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

The form and/or supporting requests must be sent:

- **EITHER** by email from a Councillor's email account (no signature required) to [democratic.services@merton.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@merton.gov.uk)
- **OR** as a signed paper copy to the Head of Democracy Services, 7<sup>th</sup> floor, Civic Centre, London Road, Morden SM4 5DX.

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