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Dear Councillor

Notification of Cabinet Decisions

The decisions of the Cabinet meeting held on Thursday 22 September 2022 are attached.

The call-in deadline is Thursday 29 September 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

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4	Merton's Civic Pride Fund - Investing in Neighbourhoods using Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy funding	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Cabinet approve the replacement of the Neighbourhood Fund with a new funding regime called the “Civic Pride Fund – Investing in Neighbourhoods” 2. That Cabinet approve the council’s new overarching priority supported by the three principles set out in paragraph 2.5 as part of bid selection under the new Fund. 3. That Cabinet note the proposed timetable for bidding set out at paragraph 5 4. That Cabinet endorse the heads of terms and note the draft timetable for consideration of priorities and implementation for a new Ward Allocation Scheme set out at paragraphs 2.12 to 2.13 and 5
5	Merton Civic Pride Fund: Supporting the Voluntary and Community Sector 2023/26 - commissioning requirements	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Cabinet approve the aligning of a range of information, advice and preventative support services into an expanded ‘Supporting the Voluntary and Community Sector’ programme which sits under the umbrella of the Civic Pride Fund (see section 1.2-1.5). 2. That Cabinet approve the Prospectus as the basis on which to fund these services (see section 3.11-3.15). 3. That Cabinet note the funding available for 2023-26 and to approve the proposed allocations against each of the programme themes (see section 7). 4. That Cabinet approve the scoring methodology and weighting to select providers (see section 3.19).
6	Cost of Living support Fund	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. That Cabinet agree the proposal to commit £630,000 of the Household Support fund to free school meal vouchers for the period October 2022 to March 2023 (including Easter holidays) as set out in para 2.6. B. That Cabinet agree the proposal to commit £100,000 of the Household Support fund to be available for application based referrals from residents as set out in para 2.7 C. That Cabinet agree the proposal to commit £454,000 of the Household Support fund and

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		<p>£200,000 of the council's Cost of Living fund to direct grants with individual payments of £60 to residents in receipt of Council Tax Support by Post Office voucher as set out in para 2.8.</p> <p>D. That Cabinet agree the proposal to allocate £400,000 to initiatives that reduce heating costs as set out in para 2.11.</p> <p>E. That Cabinet agree the proposal to commit £100,000 to support arrangements in the voluntary and community sector as set out in para 2.16.</p> <p>F. That Cabinet agree the proposal to commit £200,000 to fund two Debt Advisors for two years for Citizens Advice as set out in 2.15 and 2.17.</p> <p>G. That Cabinet agree the proposal to commit £100,000 to Sustainable Merton to support the Community Fridge as set out in 2.18 and 2.19.</p> <p>H. That Cabinet agree the proposal to keep back £1 million to enable a further review in January 2023 and to implement further initiatives as set out in 2.20</p>
7	Living Wage Employer Accreditation	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>A. Cabinet notes what is required for the Council to achieve accreditation as a Living Wage Employer from the Living Wage Foundation; and</p> <p>B. Cabinet notes the indicative cost implications of rolling out the Real Living Wage (RLW) and London Living Wage (LLW) across all Merton 'in-scope' contracts; and</p> <p>C. Cabinet approves Merton seeking accreditation as a Living Wage Employer and agrees to introduce the Real Living Wage into Merton contracts - as and when the contracts come up for re-tendering (excluding Care Home contracts) – Phase I</p> <p>D. Cabinet agrees that more work be undertaken to ascertain a more realistic cost for implementing the LLW across Merton's Care Home contracts and that this work is carried out after Merton has achieved its Living Wage Employer accreditation – Phase II.</p> <p>E. Cabinet agrees the appointment of Cllr Billy Hayes as the Living Wage champion so that the Council may build on its status as a Living Wage Employer and become a Living Wage Borough</p>
8	Reference from the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel – Housing	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>1. That Cabinet noted the reference set out in paragraphs 2.6 to 2.21 of the report and would respond within two months.</p>

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9	Reference from the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel - Community waste collections	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>1. That Cabinet noted the reference set out in paragraph 2.7 of the report and would respond within two months.</p>
10	Award of Contract for Arboriculture Services	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>A. That Cabinet agreed to award a new contract for the provision of arboriculture services across the Council's administrative area to Barkland Tree Specialists for a period of three (3) years (from 01 November 2022) with potential extensions of up to 36 months (three years). The contract value is set out in Appendix A.</p> <p>B. That Cabinet delegate the decision to award an extension of the awarded contract to the Director of Environment and Regeneration in consultation with the Cabinet Member, for any period up to 3 years in accordance with CSO 27</p> <p>That the recommendations within the Exempt Appendix were approved.</p>
11	VAWG Strategy	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>A. That Cabinet note the update on the work on the VAWG agenda and agree the new VAWG Strategy 2022-2025 - Merton's Ending Violence Against Women & Girls Strategy 2022–2025.</p>
12	Public Space Protection Order	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>A. That Cabinet note the contents of the Evidence Report, the Public Consultation Findings and the Equalities Impact Assessment (Appendices 1-3).</p> <p>B. That Cabinet agree the proposal to extend the existing PSPO for alcohol related ASB for a further three years.</p> <p>C. That Cabinet agree conduct a further consultation, on whether to make Merton a responsible drinking borough and to making a borough wide PSPO for alcohol related ASB</p>

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13	June Financial Monitoring Report	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>A. That Cabinet note the financial reporting data for month 3, June 2022, relating to revenue budgetary control, showing a forecast net adverse variance at 30 June on service expenditure of £5.444m when corporate and funding items are included and £3.412m of reserves assumed to be used as agreed at last month's Cabinet</p> <p>B. That Cabinet note the contents of Section 5 and Appendix 5b of the report and approve the adjustments to the Capital Programme in the Table below</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="734 564 2112 1018"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Budget 2022-23</th> <th>Budget 2023-24</th> <th>Narrative</th> </tr> <tr> <th></th> <th>£</th> <th>£</th> <th></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Raynes Park – Capital Maintenance</td> <td>14,500</td> <td></td> <td>Vired from the Unallocated Budget</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Unallocated Capital Maintenance</td> <td>(58,250)</td> <td></td> <td>Allocation to Lonsome, Melbury and Raynes Park</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lonsome – Capital Maintenance</td> <td>28,720</td> <td></td> <td>Vired from the Unallocated Budget</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Merton Abbey – Capital Maintenance</td> <td>(8,610)</td> <td></td> <td>Vired to the Unallocated Budget</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Melbury – Capital Maintenance</td> <td>23,640</td> <td></td> <td>Vired from the Unallocated Budget</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Medical PRU</td> <td>(60,000)</td> <td>60,000</td> <td>Reprofiled in line with projected spend</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>(60,000)</td> <td>60,000</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>C. That Cabinet ask CMT to investigate and report back on measures to reduce the adverse variance, recognising that CSF have set some actions out already in Section 4</p>		Budget 2022-23	Budget 2023-24	Narrative		£	£		Raynes Park – Capital Maintenance	14,500		Vired from the Unallocated Budget	Unallocated Capital Maintenance	(58,250)		Allocation to Lonsome, Melbury and Raynes Park	Lonsome – Capital Maintenance	28,720		Vired from the Unallocated Budget	Merton Abbey – Capital Maintenance	(8,610)		Vired to the Unallocated Budget	Melbury – Capital Maintenance	23,640		Vired from the Unallocated Budget	Medical PRU	(60,000)	60,000	Reprofiled in line with projected spend	Total	(60,000)	60,000	
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14	July Financial Monitoring Report	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>A. That Cabinet note the financial reporting data for month 4, July 2022, relating to revenue budgetary control, showing a forecast net adverse variance at 31 July on service expenditure of £5.448m when corporate and</p>																																				

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funding items are included and £3.412m of reserves assumed to be used as agreed at the Cabinet meeting on the 18 July.

B. That CMT note the contents of Section 5 and approve the adjustments to the Capital Programme contained in Appendix 5b

That Cabinet note the contents of Section 5 and Appendix 5b of the report and approve the adjustments to the Capital Programme in the Table below:

		Budget 2022-23 £	Budget 2023-24 £	Budget 2024-25 £	Narrative
<u>Corporate Services</u>					
Customer Contact - Fix My Streets	(1)	50,000			Priority project from IT Implementation List
Business Systems - Parking System	(1)		95,110		Funded by the OCPB Reserve
<u>Children, Schools and Families</u>					
Joseph Hood - Schools Capital Maintenance	(1)	(66,120)	66,120		Reprofiled in line with projected spend
Dundonald - Schools Capital Maintenance	(1)	(12,000)			Reprofiled in line with projected spend
Raynes Park - Schools Capital Maintenance	(1)	12,000			Reprofiled in line with projected spend
Perseid Lower School - School Expansion	(1)	100,000	1,500,000	2,516,860	Splitting Perseid Lower Expansion from Perseid Upper
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Mainstream SEN (ARP) - West Wimbledon ARP	(1)	40,000	(40,000)		Reprofiled in line with projected spend
<u>Environment and Regeneration</u>					
On Street Parking - P&D - Pay and Display Machines	(1)	(200,000)			As Emissions based Charging is not being progressed unspent budget being vired back to Car Park Upgrades
Off Street Parking - P&D - Car Park Upgrades	(1)	260,000			Virement of projected unspent budget back to Car Park Upgrades from Pay and Display Machine Upgrade
Off Street Parking - P&D - Peel House Car Park*	(2)	700,000			Funding Required to undertake structural works

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Off Street Parking - P&D - Pay and Display Machines	(1)			(60,000)	Reprofiled in line with projected spend pattern and vired to Car Park Upgrades
Highways and Footways - Bishopsford Bridge	(1)	35,000			Virement from Cycleway schme to fund projected outturn on the scheme
Highways and Footways - Cycle Lane Roadway Bishopsford Bridge	(1)	(47,000)			Virement to main Bishopsford Bridge Scheme and relinquish projected underspend
Mitcham Area Regeneration - Pollards Hill Bus Shelter	(1)	(100,000)	100,000		Reprofiled in line with projected spend
Morden Area Regeneration - Morden Town centre Imp	(1)	(200,000)	200,000		Reprofiled in line with projected spend
Parks - New water play feature wimb pk	(1)	(226,000)	226,000		Reprofiled in line with projected spend
Parks - Multi Use Sports Areas	(1)	175,000		(175,000)	Reprofiled in line with projected spend
Parks - Figges Marsh Ward Allocation - Figges Marsh	(1)	10,020			Table Tennis Table funded by NCIL
Parks - Graveney Ward Allocation - Edenvale Rec	(1)	10,020			Table Tennis Table funded by NCIL
Parks - Lavender Fields Ward Alloc - Lavender Park	(1)	10,020			Table Tennis Table funded by NCIL
Parks - Longthornton Ward Alloc - Long Bolstead Rec	(1)	10,020			Table Tennis Table funded by NCIL
Parks - Colliers Wood Rec Playground	(1)	2,190			Additional NCIL Funding
Total		463,150	647,230	(235,000)	

C. That Cabinet ask CMT to investigate and report back on measures to reduce the adverse variance.

Merton Council - call-in request form

1. Decision to be called in: (required)

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

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

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

3. Desired outcome

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

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

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

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

5. Documents requested

6. Witnesses requested

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

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

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

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

The form and/or supporting requests must be sent:

- **EITHER** by email from a Councillor’s email account (no signature required) to democratic.services@merton.gov.uk
- **OR** as a signed paper copy to the Head of Democracy and Electoral Services, 1st floor, Civic Centre, London Road, Morden SM4 5DX.

For further information or advice contact the Head of Democracy and Electoral Services on 020 8545 3409