

INNOVATION & CHANGE DEPARTMENT
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Dear Councillor

Notification of Cabinet Decisions

The decisions of the Cabinet meeting held on Monday 18 December 2023 are attached.

The call-in deadline is Wednesday 27 December 2023 at noon

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

Yours sincerely

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4	Reference from the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Panel - Task Group Review of Eating Disorders and Self Harm affecting young people in Merton	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>A. The Cabinet noted the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Panel Task Group's report and would respond to the recommendations within two months.</p>
5	Proposed changes to the Council's charging scheme for pre-application advice	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>a) That Cabinet agreed to the adoption and implementation of the changes to the pre application fees system as set out in this report and based on inflation since the last increase with effect from 1st January 2024.</p> <p>b) That Cabinet agreed to the proposed charging and remuneration proposals, and the code of conduct and process changes for Merton's Design Review Panel.</p> <p>c) That charges and fees are increased each April in line with the annual rate of inflation</p>
6	Home Energy Efficiency Loan	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That Cabinet:</p> <p>1. Award a new contract to Bidder A for the provision of loan brokerage service to administer an energy efficiency loan to Merton homeowners</p>
7	Financial Approvals - December	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>A. That Cabinet approve £1,126,319 draw down from the Balancing the Budget Reserve to Finance and Digital to fund the Dark Fibre programme of works. The Council was awarded a grant to provide fibre in the borough to CCTV camera and Council buildings. The grant only covered certain areas and additional funding is required to rollout to the other areas. Work has started using the grant but the</p>

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additional funding is now required to commission the other work.

B. That Cabinet note the contents of Section 5 and appendices 5a to 5c and approve the adjustments to the Capital Programme in the 4 Tables below:

Cost Centre Narrative	Budget 2023-24 £	Budget 2024-25 £	Budget 2025-26 £	Explanation for the Budgetary Change
Finance & Digital				
Planned Replacement Programme	(600,000)	600,000	0	SAN Reprocurement will now be in early 2024-25
Social Care IT System - Replacement SC System	(636,930)	636,930	0	Reprofiled in line with projected spend
Business Systems - Parking System	0	(60,110)	0	Funding moved to Revenue
Finance & Digital	(1,236,930)	1,176,820	0	

Cost Centre Narrative	Budget 2023-24 £	Budget 2024-25 £	Budget 2025-26 £	Explanation for the Budgetary Change
Children, Lifelong Learning & Families				
Cricket Green Expansion	(39,040)			Reprofiling and Virement to Perseid Lower Expansion
Perseid Lower Expansion		96,700		
Perseid Upper Expansion	(9,130)			
West Wimbledon ARP	(34,220)			
Hatfeild ARP	(14,310)			
Children's Centres - Family Hubs	167,000	0	0	Second Tranche of Grant
Total Children, Lifelong Learning & Families	70,300	96,700	0	

Cost Centre Narrative	Budget 2023-24 £	Budget 2024-25 £	Budget 2025-26 £	Explanation for the Budgetary Change

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		Environment, Civic Pride & Climate			
	Raynes Park Area Roads - Raynes Park Station Public Realm	1,760	0	0	Additional S106 Funding
	Off Street Parking - P&D - Peel House Carpark	(200,000)	200,000	0	Reprofiled in line with projected spend
	Fleet Vehicles - Fleet De-carbonisation Infrastructure	0	300,000	0	Funded by Climate Change Reserve
	Highways and Footways - Highway Bridges and Structures	14,170	0	0	Additional Section 106 Grant
	Sports Facilities - Leisure Centre Plant & Machine	(150,000)	150,000	0	Soft Play Equipment Madera Hall spend projected in 24-25
	Parks - Green Spaces Bridges	23,000	(23,000)	0	To cover the costs of Ravensbury Bridge of £115k
	Major Library Projects - Library Video	24,500			New Grant Funding
	Climate Change Initiatives - Community Retrofit Loan	214,000	(140,000)	(100,000)	Budget to be paid to contractor in 2023-24
	Total Environment, Civic Pride & Climate	(72,570)	487,000	(100,000)	
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Housing & Sustainable Development				
Mitcham Area Regeneration - New Horizon Centre	(21,610)	0	0	Reduction in Civic Pride NCIL Funding
Wimbledon Area Regeneration - Haydons Road Public Realm	(327,060)	327,060	0	Reprofiled in line with projected spend
Wimbledon Area Regeneration - Wimb. Village Heritage Led Public Realm	(50,000)	50,000	0	Reprofiled in line with projected spend
Morden Area Regeneration - Morden Town Centre	(100,000)	100,000	0	Reprofiled in line with projected spend
Civic Centre - Civic Centre Boilers	(1,884,080)	1,884,080	0	Reprofiled in line with projected spend
Civic Centre - Civic Centre Lighting Upgrade	90,010	205,000	0	Sub scheme separated and progressed separately
Civic Centre - Workplace Design	(295,010)		0	Sub scheme separated and progressed separately
Total Housing & Sustainable Development	(2,587,750)	2,566,140	0	
Overall Total	(3,826,950)	4,326,660	(100,000)	

C. That Cabinet note the adjustments to the Capital Programme in the Table below:

Cost Centre Narrative	Budget 2023-24 £	Budget 2024-25 £	Budget 2025-26 £	Explanation for the Budgetary Change
Children, Lifelong Learning & Families				
Hollymount - Capital Maintenance	(38,740)	0	0	Required adjustments to the approved programme for the capital maintenance of schools - these schemes are all funded by government grant and are treated as one budget within the capital programme.
Hillcross - Capital Maintenance	14,000	0	0	
Bond - Capital Maintenance	0	40,000	0	
Singlegate - Capital Maintenance	11,000	0	0	
St Marks - Capital Maintenance	1,590	0	0	
Unallocated - Capital Maintenance	(50,000)	22,150	0	
Melrose - Capital Maintenance	(12,970)	12,970	0	
Total Children, Lifelong Learning & Families	(75,120)	75,120	0	

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
- **OR** as a signed paper copy to the Head of Democracy & Electoral Services, 1st floor, Civic Centre, London Road, Morden SM4 5DX.

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