

COUNCIL MEETING – WEDNESDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2016

NOTICE OF MOTION

This Council believes that webcasting has an important part to play in ensuring greater openness and transparency of decision making in Merton; enhancing democracy; and increasing accountability to the residents it is elected to serve.

This Council therefore regrets the decision taken as part of last year's Budget setting process to discontinue the webcasting service as from February 2016 and the failure to investigate other models of delivery, such as sponsorship or an in house service as happens in Wandsworth.

Given that – unlike My Merton - the quarterly publications of many local authorities are now completely self-funding, this Council requests Cabinet at its meeting on 15 February 2016 to reallocate up to £15,000 from Merton's current communications and marketing budget of over £300,000 per annum in order to ensure continued webcasting of major meetings such as Full Council and the Planning Applications Committee, while also exploring alternative low cost ways of providing this important service.

Cllr Hamish Badenoch

Cllr Adam Bush

Cllr Daniel Holden

Cllr David Simpson

