COUNCIL MEETING – WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2017

MOTION - STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE – CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

This Council supports and promotes the most effective and robust scrutiny process possible for Children and Young People, particularly given the vulnerable groups involved, the Ofsted requirement for effective scrutiny and the recommendations from the 2006 Leach Review of Overview and Scrutiny in Merton.

This Council therefore resolves that Scrutiny would be more effective if the Children and Young People O&S panel:

1) selected one or more co opted members with relevant professional experience outside the Borough;
2) considered more detailed recommendations to guide and focus debate;
3) received fuller executive summaries to aid understanding;
4) enjoyed greater Scrutiny officer support in the form of recommended questions and areas of focus; and
5) had the opportunity to invite non voting observer members from outside the Borough for one or more meetings because they have a particular expertise in matters being scrutinised.

Cllr Charlie Chirico       Cllr James Holmes       Cllr Linda Taylor