

Agenda Item 9

COUNCIL MEETING – WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2013

NOTICE OF MOTION

This Council notes that:

- Merton's previous Conservative administration allocated over £10million for a new Morden Park Pool in the budget agreed by Full Council back in March 2010;
- Three and a half years on, there has been no progress made in rebuilding this local leisure centre despite its ever worsening state of repair;
- The original capital funding has been pushed back year on year so that, according to the proposed 2014-18 Capital Programme, the bulk of the funding (£10million) for this important project will not now be spent until 2015-16; and
- In 2011, the Sustainable Communities scrutiny panel clearly supported the principle of retaining three leisure centres in the Borough.

This Council recognises the importance of easy access to leisure facilities for local communities in Merton and the benefits this can have for public health in the borough, and is therefore concerned that the Cabinet has still not brought forward proposals for the replacement of Morden Park Pool despite the money being in the Capital Programme to do so.

This Council believes that building a new Morden Park Pool will encourage and help deliver a healthier future both for local residents and visitors to Morden Park, which is why one of the first acts of an incoming Conservative administration after the local elections next year would be to prioritise this important project.

This Council therefore calls on the current Cabinet also to make a clear commitment to invest in the future and build a new leisure centre for Morden so that residents can take comfort from the fact that everyone is united on this matter.

Councillor Samantha George

Councillor Maurice Groves

Councillor Ray Tindle

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