

COUNCIL MEETING – 12TH SEPTEMBER NOTICE OF MOTION – STRATEGIC THEME MOTION

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2. Despite the issue being raised periodically at full Council meetings-level over the years there has been no meaningful progress to report., it recognises that the decision to fund and provide step-free access is with the Department of Transport, Network Rail and Transport for London.
3. The matter cannot be left until the various issues that continue to arise in respect of Cross Rail 2 are resolved, although it is welcomed that the Mayor of London has committed Crossrail 2 will be 100% step-free, and that the Mayor also recently announced funding to make Wimbledon Park step free. -

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2. The Cabinet ~~to consider how Merton can effectively lobby, assist and encourages and assists~~ bids to the Department of Transport’s “Access for All” and the Mayor’s ~~equivalent programmes to determine how Merton can secure monies to use in any potential match-funding bids.~~ Transport for London programme to make more stations in Merton step-free.

Councillor Hina Bokhari Councillor Paul Kohler Councillor Eloise Bailey

Motion now to read:

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