

Date: 23 January 2019

Councillor Mary Curtin
Mayor of Merton

c.c. Democratic Services

Dear Madam Mayor

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

In accordance with Merton Council's Procedure Rules Part 4–A Para.3.1. We request an extraordinary meeting of the Council, which we assume – in accordance with past practice – will be held at the end of the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 6th February 2019.

The purpose of the meeting is:

To discuss and debate issues relating to the service failure of the refuse and recycling arrangements provided by Veolia since 1st October 2018 and the response of Merton Council. To include:

- a) The continuing role and suitability of the South London Waste Partnership in contract management;
- b) Financial penalties levied against Veolia for poor performance;
- c) Why the 'Mucky Merton' campaign has gained traction;
- d) The activation of the 'step in' clause in the Veolia contract;
- e) The pressure on and cost of reporting mechanism for service failures generated by Councillors and members of the public as well as the dismal failure of Veolia's response times;
- f) The failure of Veolia to deal with fly tipping in the borough.

and this Council resolves

1. To recommend that the Cabinet undertakes to investigate and publish options for Merton Council to move to a different waste services contractor at the earliest break clause in the contract with Veolia.
2. In an acknowledgement of political responsibility, the Leader of the Council, and the Cabinet Member for Environment and Street Cleanliness are urged to voluntarily forfeit their special responsibility allowances from the date of this meeting until the Annual Council Meeting on 15th May 2019, as a token of their failure.

Yours sincerely

Cllr Nigel Benbow

Cllr Adam Bush

Cllr Omar Bush

Cllr Thomas Barlow

Cllr Stephen Crowe Cllr David Dean Cllr James Holmes Cllr Edward Gretton

Cllr Daniel Holden Cllr Andrew Howard Cllr Janice Howard Cllr Nick McLean

Cllr Najeeb Latif Cllr Oonagh Moulton Cllr Hayley Ormrod Cllr David Simpson

Cllr David Williams