

## **Liberal Democrat Strategic theme Motion 2**

### **Air quality Scrutiny Champion**

This Council notes:

- That the borough is designated an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA);
- LB Merton's Air Quality Action Plan 2018–2023;
- Research showing that a number of LB Merton schools are located in areas with dangerously high pollution levels.

This Council believes that:

- Air quality is a significant public health issue that needs action from the Council; and
- There should be a focus on measurement of the success of the Council's air quality strategies, and a greater focus on meeting targets and improving air quality.

Therefore, this Council requests that the Sustainable Communities Overview & Scrutiny Panel appoint a councillor as "Air Quality Scrutiny Champion" to ensure air quality plans and actions throughout the borough are consistently monitored, and to support LB Merton's scrutiny of its commitments in relation to improving air quality. The proposed role of the Air Quality Scrutiny Champion" is set out below.

### **The Air Quality Scrutiny Champion**

- needs an up-to-date understanding of Council/contractor issues affecting air quality;
- should obtain briefings from relevant officers as required;
- should be facilitated in seeking co-operative working with the relevant Cabinet Member(s) and will provide input as required;
- should report back to the panel on at least on an annual basis;
- will work to promote improvements in the scrutiny of air quality plans and activity within the Council;
- could be a nominated Council representative on any relevant outside body;
- will not receive an SRA for this role;
- should be appointed at the Sustainable Communities Overview & Scrutiny Panel at their planned meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019, as a time bound appointment with reappointment at the beginning of each new Council term."

**Proposed by: Cllr Eloise Bailey**

**Seconded by: Cllr Paul Kohler**

**Signed by Cllr Eloise Bailey**

**Cllr Paul Kohler**

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