

Liberal Democrat amendment to business of extraordinary meeting

To add the following paragraphs (numbered appropriately) at the end of the "Council resolves" section:

3. To request that Cabinet commission a detailed, evidence-based review of Merton Council and South London Waste Partnership processes in managing and monitoring waste management services – particularly in relation to the existing contract with Veolia. During the review, information, evidence and opinions should be taken from Council officers, external bodies and organisations, including other Waste Partnership Boroughs, and members of the public to help understand the key issues and areas for improvement.

4. To request that Cabinet debate and, if appropriate, adopt any recommendations for improvement made by the review panel.

So that the motion reads as follows:

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.

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Proposed by Cllr Anthony Fairclough

Seconded by Cllr Paul Kohler

Signed by Cllr Anthony Fairclough

Cllr Paul Kohler

Cllr Eloise Bailey