

CABINET PORTFOLIOS

EFFECTIVE FROM 15 MAY 2019

Leader of the Council
Councillor Stephen Alambritis

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance
Councillor Mark Allison

- Leading on the budget, including the development of revenue, capital and debt management strategies
- Responsible for corporate finance, IT and audit, human resources, civic and legal services, and risk management
- Lead on asset management, driving improvements in council performance and leading performance review meetings
- Leading on the change management agenda with responsibility for driving through value for money and efficiency within the council and cutting out waste and bureaucracy
- Overseeing the Council Commissioning strategy with regard to waste and street cleansing and optimising the financial and strategic benefits
- Ensuring contracts uphold best possible outcomes in effective management of waste and street cleansing
- Monitoring progress of council wide strategic approach to customer services and community support and access.
- Responsible for effective communication with residents
- Monitoring the implications of Brexit on Merton Council, working alongside the Cabinet Member for Women and Equalities

Cabinet Member for Women and Equalities
Councillor Laxmi Attawar

- Ensuring all equalities strands (sex, race, disability, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, pregnancy/maternity, religion/belief, age, marriage and civil partnerships) are embedded throughout council performance and the impact on these groups of austerity is minimised
- Overall responsibility for council policy on gender equality
- Oversight of the Council's Equality Strategy – development and implementation
- Assessing the needs of the borough's EU citizens as the UK exits the EU
- Assessing and improving equality of access to council services and customer services
- Overseeing Equality Assessments (EAs)
- Overseeing community engagement, including Community Plan, increased participation in local decision making and increasing social capital
- Joint responsibility for Merton's Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) strategy
- Support and development of the LGBT+ forum
- Support and development of the Faith and Belief Forum

Cabinet Member for Children's Services**Councillor Kelly Braund**

- Covering the full statutory role as lead member for Children
- Development of the Children's Trust
- Overall responsibility for tackling child poverty, and minimising the effects of austerity on children
- Children's care services and disabled children, including Special Educational Needs
- Early years and childcare, extended schools and children's centres
- Leading on improvement in youth services. Responsible for youth justice, and engaging young people in the life of the community eg Youth Parliament
- Corporate parenting and ensuring our looked after children succeed
- Strong safeguarding through Local Safeguarding Children's Board partnership.
- Supporting families to stay together wherever appropriate, and promoting security and stability when children do come into our care
- Joint responsibility for Merton's Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) strategy

Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Health and the Environment**Councillor Tobin Byers**

- Community care services including relations with local Primary Care Trust, Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and health organisations and protecting local hospital services.
- Social services for adults, services for adults with learning disabilities and mental health services.
- Older people's services including support for carers, day care for the elderly and meals on wheels, working alongside the National Health Service.
- Increasing recycling rates and overseeing the council's waste strategy and street cleaning services
- Lead member for Air Quality with joint responsibility for sustainable transport
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- Leading on personalisation and choice issues.
- Public Health and Health and Wellbeing Board.
- Healthy living schemes.

Cabinet Member for Commerce, Leisure and Culture
Councillor Caroline Cooper-Marbiah

- Leading on libraries including maximising use of library buildings
- Overseeing leisure operations and development
- Liaising with businesses and cultural organisations to embed culture in regeneration plans
- Business opportunities in heritage and tourism
- Leading on trading standards and commercial environmental health
- Leading on parks and use of the borough's greenspaces
- Leading on greenspaces and encouraging sustainable activity by local community groups in allotments, parks and open spaces, including, where appropriate, the transfer of assets to community trusts
- Working with organisations in the borough's thriving arts and cultural communities

Cabinet Member for Voluntary Sector, Partnerships and Community Safety
Councillor Edith Macauley

- Overseeing the council's community partnerships, including specific focus on the voluntary sector
- Leading on the management of grants to community groups
- Looking at decisions of Grants Committee and chair of the Merton Compact Board.
- Chair of the Joint Consultative Committee with Ethnic Minorities
- Reducing the threat of crime and anti-social behaviour in Merton and working closely with Police and Community Safety partnerships
- Leading on a knife crime strategy for the borough
- Point of contact with Borough Command Unit and Deputy Mayor for Crime and Safety
- Overseeing CCTV operations, including fly-tipping detection and deterrence
- Joint responsibility for Merton's Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) strategy
- Oversight of the Council's Preventing Violent Extremism strategy
- Support and development of Merton's Armed Forces Community Covenant
- Overseeing voluntary sector organisations applying to become Refugee Community Sponsors

Cabinet Member for Schools and Adult Education
Councillor Eleanor Stringer

- Overarching management of education
- Leading on the planning, development and expansion of the schools estate
- Raising standards at each key stage in schools, especially GCSE KS4, and minimising the impact of austerity on educational outcomes
- Championing fair access and leading on work bridging the gap in Merton's schools provision

- Leading on strategic schools' issues
- Responsibility for Smart Centre (PRU) and exclusions.
- Governor training and support
- Leading across the 14-19 agenda including skills
- Improving the scope of the adult education service
- Improving transitions for those previously excluded from education into mainstream education, work and training.

**Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Housing and Transport
Councillor Martin Whelton**

- Leading on regeneration and neighbourhood renewal initiatives.
- Responsible for housing strategy, developing relations with Housing Associations and promoting the needs of tenants and leaseholders. Ensuring delivery of promises by Clarion Housing.
- HMOs and landlord licencing
- Strategic infrastructure development in the borough, including boosting trade in town centres, supporting small businesses, markets and Business Improvement Districts
- Overseeing major projects in Wimbledon. Building a vision in conjunction with local residents for the future of our neighbourhoods.
- Transport planning including Crossrail 2, and liaison with Transport for London. Leading on traffic and highways, development and building control, spatial policy.
- Lead member for parking services and for developing the council's parking management strategy.
- Joint responsibility for sustainable transport