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