

COUNCIL MEETING – 8 JULY 2020

Proposed Amendment to the Recommendation in Agenda item 8.

Proposed by Cllr Anthony Fairclough
Seconded by Cllr Simon McGrath

To add the following recommendation:

"The Council:

- a) commits in principle, to the idea that those working for Merton's contractors in the care sector should be paid at least the London Living Wage, and recognises that this will likely only be affordable with increased investment in social care from the Government;
- b) recognises that the London Living Wage was looked at in 2017 when the homecare framework was procured, at which time the additional cost to the Council was £2.6m per annum, which excludes residential care;
- c) works with existing contractors to get the data needed to understand the impact on the Council's finances of requiring the London Living Wage for contractors' workers in any new procurement exercise;
- d) requests the leader of the Council to write to Merton's MPs to request the Government provides sufficient funding to support this in addition to the funding necessary to ensure the care sector is sustainable, and continues to take other opportunities to lobby for it."

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