

COUNCIL MEETING – 18 NOVEMBER 2020

NOTICE OF MOTION – STRATEGIC THEME

This Council notes:

- Merton has repeatedly had one of the worst records in the country for childhood vaccinations eg consistently in the bottom decile for 5 year MMR
- Merton has a similarly poor record in respect of vaccinations recommended for adults: eg flu for over 65s was the 4th worst in London in 2019/20 Q4

This Council believes that:

- the recent improvement at ages 1 and 2 in 2020/21 Q1 is a welcome development from which lessons must be learned;
- the overall statistics remain a cause for serious concern and must inevitably impact negatively on NHS resources in the winter months;
- if a vaccine for Coronavirus does become available, the overall poor level of take-up is unlikely to improve without urgent action that will otherwise result in residents in Merton being inadequately protected against Covid 19.

This Council therefore resolves to:

- call on the Cabinet to prioritise work to promote the take-up of all relevant vaccines across the appropriate age and target groups with our colleagues in NHS England, CCG/local GPs and providers of vaccinations;
- call on the Cabinet to measure and assess the effectiveness of the coordinated effort on increasing the uptake of flu vaccinations in Merton, reporting back to each meeting of the Healthier Communities and Older People OSP, to allow recommendations to be made;
- request that the Cabinet member for Adult Social Care and Public Health briefs councillors on this issue each month, and organises for publicity and sharable information to be provided to councillors so they can support the work of the Council.

Councillor Paul Kohler Councillor Anthony Fairclough Councillor Simon McGrath

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