

COUNCIL MEETING – 18 NOVEMBER 2020
NOTICE OF MOTION – STRATEGIC THEME

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residents in Merton [are being in](#) adequately protected against Covid 19.

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- [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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