

Community Forums

Your feedback 2022

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Why have a review?

- 10 years since last major changes
- Pandemic has introduced new technology options introduced
- Your Merton engagement showed desire for more engagement

What do we want to know?

- We want to know what you think works currently and what can be improved
- We want your views on different approaches
- We have looked at what other boroughs do to see what alternatives exist
- We found 8 different models in London, including those that are similar to Merton

Area Committees

- Formal committees of the council
- Councillors supported by co-opted residents associations or other groups
- Public meetings at which residents can speak
- Example - Sutton

Externally managed forums

- Networks or forums delivered by local organisations external to the Council
- Can involve existing residents groups
- Mix of public meetings and online discussion
- Example - Lambeth

Digital Panels and Boards

- Panels are representative group or residents who complete regular online surveys

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• Example – Kensington & Chelsea

- Discussion Boards are online discussion groups

- Example – Barking and Dagenham

Question time events

- Public meetings where elected councillors and officers can be questioned

Page 35 Can be either borough wide or locally focused

- Example – Mayor of London; Wandsworth

Citizen Assemblies

- Randomly selected group of residents discuss and recommend solutions to a particular issue
- Example - Newham

Councillor led structures

- Ward councillors organise and host local meetings in their ward

Example - Ealing

Have your say

- www.merton.gov.uk/consultations
- Complete the survey by 4 April
- Any questions or comments?