

## Labour Amendment to the Liberal Democrat – Non-Strategic theme motion – Council, 6 July 2022

### Cost of Living Emergency – Living Wage Accreditation

Council Notes:

1) ~~1)~~ That low pay still affects many people in Merton and that the Cost-of-Living crisis is making their situation worse

~~1)2)~~ That Merton Council is a London Living Wage direct employer

32) The ~~successful Liberal Democrat~~ amendment to the Budget resolution passed by Council in March 2021:

"G) welcoming the provision in the MTFS for increased contract costs/LLW for contracts due to be re-let in 2022/23 onwards, requests Cabinet make real movement towards paying the London Living Wage to care workers employed by outside contractors as and when each contract comes up for retendering and/or renegotiation."

~~2)3)~~ The ongoing work to negotiate new contracts with service providers who pay the London Living Wage, most recently (27<sup>th</sup> June) Cabinet approving a contract for Supported Living Services for Adults with a Learning Disability which pays London Living Wage to its staff

Council requests that Cabinet present a paper to ~~the September full Council meeting~~ on the costs, implications and timescale for Merton being accredited by the Living Wage Foundation to become in recognition of its status as a Living Wage Employer, ~~accredited by the Living Wage Foundation.~~

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