

Liberal Democrat – Non-Strategic theme motion – Council, 14 September 2022

Cost of Living Emergency – Impact on Schools

Council notes:

The deleterious effect of the Cost of Living emergency on Merton's schools, including increased energy, staffing and maintenance costs;

The lack of Government support in helping schools address these cost increases;

The likelihood that, without additional funding, schools will have little choice but to deal with these additional costs by cutting back on teachers & support staff, teaching hours and/or other cuts that will adversely affect the education of children in Merton.

Council Requests :

The Leader of the Council to write to our MPs asking them to press the Government to immediately provide additional emergency funding for schools;

Relevant Cabinet members and Officers after consulting local schools, to present a paper to Cabinet as soon as possible on the extent of the funding shortfall caused by the Cost of Living emergency on local schools and outlining the options available to the Council in providing assistance to local schools;

If the paper includes confidential information, that information to be made available to all Councillors on request.

Councillor Chessie Flack

Councillor Paul Kohler

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