

From Cllr Bhim to the Cabinet Member for Sustainable Development

With widespread housing pressures facing councils across the country, what are the supply, demand and financial challenges facing Merton?

From Cllr McLean to the Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Services

Can the Cabinet Member confirm that local government will be exempt from the rise in employers' national insurance contributions?

From Cllr Page to the Leader of the Council

Can you confirm whether all staff—including agency, interim, and contractor staff—who are required to hold up-to-date DBS checks currently have them; and if not, how many checks remain outstanding

From Cllr Butcher to the Cabinet Member for Civic Pride and Climate Change

Many councils have been unable to continue hosting fireworks events; however, in Merton, I know residents are delighted that we've kept ours going. Could the Cabinet Member explain how we have been able to achieve this?

From Cllr Cox to the Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Services

Does the Cabinet Member believe that the government's decision to scrap the Winter Fuel Allowance for thousands of pensioners in Merton was a lawful decision?

From Cllr Dresselaers to the Cabinet Member for Sport and Heritage

How many tennis coaches registered to coach in Merton within the last 12 months will be unable to continue unless they join Tennis in Merton, the parent company of Emma Wells Tennis

From Cllr Charles to the Leader of the Council

Please can the Council Leader outline the Civil Defence contingency plans and preparations that are in place in the London Borough of Merton, in the unlikely event of an armed conflict, or a meteor strike, or another unforeseen far reaching disaster.

Can he please highlight the role the Chief Executive will play, alongside her counterparts in the other London Boroughs. Can he also please confirm that the underground shelters and command centres in the Borough are fully equipped and that strategies to evacuate residents under the age of 16 are in place.

Cllr Ofeimu to the Cabinet Member for Sport and Heritage

London Sport has announced the creation of a new sports club database, which will be incorporated into the GLA's Civic Strength Index—a measure in which Merton currently performs well, with most of our wards ranking in the 4th or 5th quintile. Could the Cabinet Member clarify how this database will enhance our understanding of participation levels across different wards in Merton?

From Cllr Holden to the Cabinet Member for Transport and Cleaner Streets

Lime Bikes continue to annoy residents by inconsiderate parking across the borough, such as outside Wimbledon station, and on Edge Hill. These two locations in particular have dedicated E-bike bays. When will he enforce the use of these bays and what actions will he take to address ongoing problems with Lime Bikes directly?

From Cllr Hall to the Cabinet Member for Housing and Sustainable Development

How many Biodiversity Gain Plans the council has approved since May 2022 and what proportion of those plans included (a) projects in Merton and (b) projects outside Merton.

Cllr Syeda to the Cabinet Member for Civic Pride and Climate Change

I am thrilled by the progress made towards establishing public toilet provision at Morden Tube Station, a much-needed resource that enhances accessibility. Could the Cabinet Member for Civic Pride provide an update on this project's timeline?