

## COUNCIL MEETING – WEDNESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2015

### MOTION - STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE – CORPORATE CAPACITY WITH A FOCUS ON THE MERTON PARTNERSHIP

That this Council notes the importance of its Strategic Partners in delivering both services to and enhanced life changing experiences for its residents in Merton. The Community Plan 2013 sets out a vision to meet the needs of the community and, in particular amongst its partners, enhancement is provided by:

- the Clinical Commissioning Group (NHS)
- the Merton Chamber of Commerce
- Merton Voluntary Service Council
- the Jobcentre Plus
- South Thames College
- The Community Engagement Network

The Council acknowledges its responsibility to equip residents - young and old - to:

- take advantage of access to and understand the advice of healthcare professionals
- enjoy enrichment by being able to participate fully in the life of the community
- enable engagement with higher education
- be eligible to find employment

In order to achieve these objectives the Council resolves:

- not only to meet its statutory obligations to provide education for the young, but also to provide education to adults of every age, by providing an Adult Education Service which takes full account of the funding available to it from central government.
- to require the Cabinet to:
  - review again the economics of maintaining the Adult Education Centre at Whatley Avenue
  - spell out in a report how it intends to meet the delivery of Adult Education in Merton in the period 2015-18 and meet its partnership obligations

**Councillor James Holmes**

**Councillor Oonagh Moulton**

**Councillor David Williams**

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