

Merton Council Council

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COUNCIL MEETING – 21ST NOVEMBER
NOTICE OF MOTION – STRATEGIC THEME

This Council supports the Social Mobility Pledge and resolves to request the Cabinet to agree to its formal adoption:

Partnership

We will partner with schools or colleges to provide coaching through quality careers advice, enrichment experience and / or mentoring to people from disadvantaged backgrounds or circumstances.

Access

We will provide structured work experience and / or apprenticeships opportunities to people from disadvantaged backgrounds or circumstances.

Recruitment

We will adopt open employee recruitment practises which promote a level playing field for people from disadvantaged backgrounds or circumstances.

Cllr Oonagh Moulton

Cllr Thomas Barlow

Cllr Nigel Benbow

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NOTICE OF MOTION COUNCIL 21ST NOVEMBER 2018

Merton Council notes that as a result of the ongoing cuts by the Government, Merton schools:

- Must bear the brunt of unfunded National Insurance increases
- Will suffer inadequate High Needs Block Funding, leaving our most vulnerable pupils without the support they need

Despite this context of cuts, Council notes:

- That 91% of Merton's schools have been rated Good or Outstanding by Ofsted, and results continue to improve.

Council regards:

- The Chancellor's Budget announcement for £400 million for schools to spend on 'little extras' as insufficient compared to the £2.5 billion that has been cut since 2015. Furthermore, the £400 million is a one off payment so does not deal with the long term funding crisis in schools.

The Government's treatment of state education undermines the efforts of teachers, support staff, students and parents across the UK who work hard to maintain high standards. Therefore, Merton Council resolves:

- To join other councils in resisting the Government's ongoing cuts to school budgets and call for more funding to be invested in education
- To call on the Government to fully fund the pay increase for teachers that is independently recommended by the School Teachers' Review Body

CLlr Caroline Cooper-Marbiah CLlr Sally Kenny CLlr Eleanor Stringer

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NOTICE OF MOTION

At the most recent meeting of the Wimbledon Community Forum on 27th September, residents expressed their concern at the lack of progress in transferring Morley Park from Berkeley Homes to Merton Council. Residents ask that the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Housing and Transport report to the next Wimbledon Community Forum on how they propose to bring negotiations with Berkeley Homes over Morley Park to a rapid conclusion and open the park consistent with the planning consent.

Cllr James Holmes

Cllr Andrew Howard

Cllr Najeeb Latif

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