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# Merton Council

## Council

**3 February 2021**

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## Agenda item 7c – Strategic theme – MPWIR motion

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All of these grants are subject to competitive bids which require extensive research and documentation, yet must be submitted to tight deadlines.

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Cllr Edward Foley

Cllr Peter Southgate

Cllr Dickie Wilkinson

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## Agenda item 7c – Liberal Democrat Strategic theme Motion - 3 February 2021

### **Action on single-use plastics**

Council notes with concern:

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2. that at every step in its lifecycle, even long after it has been discarded, plastic creates greenhouse gas emissions that are contributing to the climate change emergency.

Council calls on Government to take action to reduce plastic use and find ways to stop our throwaway culture, and urges Government to fulfil its manifesto commitment to ban the practice of exporting unsorted plastic waste to developing countries, which the EU has banned since 1 January 2021.

In addition to necessary Government action, Council recognises that there is also a local leadership role to play in reducing plastic pollution across the borough.

#### Council notes:

- The work of the cross-party task group in drawing up a detailed action plan for reducing the use of single waste plastics by the Council and the council's partners
- The progress of the action plan including a successful bid to the GLA for refillable water stations across the borough, updating the Social Value Toolkit used by officers across the Council as part of the wider procurement toolkit to include guidance to its partners on the use of non-recyclable plastics

~~, and therefore~~ Council requests that Cabinet commits to:

1. Continue working with residents, businesses and organisations across Merton to help them go ‘single-use plastic free,’ sharing business support and practical advice to help the transition from single-use plastics to re-usable alternatives; and
2. ~~incorporating a~~ Suggesting a cross-party task group to examine with the Sustainable Communities panel the single-use plastics element in the relevant Sustainable Consumption workstream 1 into the Climate Change Delivery Plan ~~(that might include, for example, the Council itself becoming ‘single-use plastic free’, participation in schemes that encourage the refilling of drinking bottles, the installation of further water fountains, the collection and recycling of a full range of plastic materials, deposit schemes for plastic containers and information for residents and businesses).~~

Cllr Jenifer Gould

Cllr Hina Bokhari

Cllr Anthony Fairclough

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Council recognises that since the cross party declaration of a climate emergency in July 2019 the ~~Conservative opposition has repeatedly attempted to block the adoption of policies that Labour administration~~ has not ~~taken~~ take any meaningful action to reduce pollution in Merton.

Furthermore, council notes that:

- Anti-idling measures have been introduced including over 200 signs across the borough following consultation with all councillors, and the development of anti idling zones into School Streets ~~were delayed for years due to administration incompetence and inaction;~~
- In February 2019 the Conservative opposition voted against council passed a motion that was passed to introduce low emission bus zones in the town centres, since that date there have been several meetings with senior officers and TfL to assess a timetable ~~s been no action and there is no timetable~~ for their implementation;
- Labour have ensured that Merton is one of the greenest boroughs in London, with 24% tree canopy cover, and trees, grass or other natural surfaces covering almost half of the borough's land, and that in the past decade Merton has increased by 8 hectares the amount of publicly accessible green space in the borough. ~~failed to implement a large scale tree planting programme and have actively blocked attempts to increase tree planting;~~
- The ~~council~~ Conservative opposition has failed to ~~adopt~~ propose technology led solutions to combat the pollution crisis ~~unlike many other London boroughs;~~
- There have been several bids made ~~has been a repeated failure to bid~~ for available funding to improve the environment;
- Much of the pollution in Merton is caused by HGVs and busses and not by parked ~~as well as~~ cars;
- The previous parking charges increase (after 10 years of no increase which essentially resulted in a decrease in real terms), tax hike, which unfairly targeted the west of affected car-owners the borough, was an innovative step in encouraging behaviour change in order to ~~has not improved~~ air quality, and neither will ~~is~~ the proposed emissions based parking charges ~~tax hike~~ increase.

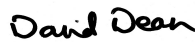
Therefore, council requests that cabinet:

- Work with officers to identify suitable opportunities for ~~Urgently increase~~ tree planting to ensure that the 10% increase in the borough's tree cover, as specified in the Climate Strategy and Action Plan, is met well before ~~by~~ the 2050 target;
- ~~Implement technology based solutions such as green living walls and city trees to immediately improve air quality;~~
- ~~Establish a position of Tree Champion~~ the role of the first-ever cabinet member to have the climate emergency in their job title in their efforts to drive forward the greening of the borough;
- Continue to Implement anti-idling enforcement in key pollution hotspots near schools and shops;
- Continue to Meet with TfL to press for new clean energy buses in London;
- Assess the benefits of ~~Increase~~ Increasing the number of air quality monitoring stations in the borough;

- Contact-Engage with local HGV companies and encourage a switch to clean powertrain technologies.



Cllr Daniel Holden



Cllr David Dean



Cllr Nigel Benbow

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- There have been several bids made for available funding to improve the environment;
- Much of the pollution in Merton is caused by HGVs and busses as well as cars;
- The previous parking charges increase (after 10 years of no increase which essentially resulted in a decrease in real terms),, which affected car-owners the borough, was an innovative step in encouraging behaviour change in order to improve air quality, as is the proposed emissions based parking charges increase.

Therefore, council requests that cabinet:

- Work with officers to identify suitable opportunities for tree planting to ensure that the 10% increase in the borough's tree cover, as specified in the Climate Strategy and Action Plan, is met by the 2050 target;
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## COUNCIL MEETING – 3 FEBRUARY 2021 NOTICE OF MOTION

### Remediation of End-our cladding scandal

#### Council notes:

1. 1. The Government's inadequate response to the Grenfell tragedy has failed to address the legitimate health & safety concerns of occupiers in blocks of flats causing genuine stress and risking residents' mental health. Many owners, in buildings of all heights, have been left in limbo, unable to remortgage/mortgage, buy or sell (without an EWS1 form) and understandably concerned about the cost of remedial work. The Government's responses to the Grenfell tragedy to date including the Grenfell Tower Public Inquiry, the commissioning of the independent review of building regulations and fire safety standards and also the establishment of the £1bn non-ACM and the £600m ACM cladding funds to address the legitimate health & safety concerns of occupiers in blocks of flats that had understandably been causing genuine stress and risking impact on residents' mental health
2. 2. Despite the Government's focus on blocks of flats above 18m, the Richmond House fire in Sutton demonstrates the need for residential developments below this height to be covered by legislation relating to fire safety risks. The Council commends the Government, which has put forward the Fire Safety Bill and draft Building Safety Bill, which incorporate recommendations from the Grenfell Tower Inquiry. The Fire Safety Bill will extend current fire safety obligations to exterior cladding and fire doors, and will apply to all flats, regardless of their height. The Building Safety Bill focuses on buildings over 18m.
3. 3. The Government has largely adopted a 'hands-off' approach, insisting that making properties safe is the responsibility of building owners and failing to hold developers to account. The Government has confirmed that making properties safe is the responsibility of building owners and developers in accordance with applicable laws and regulations and as supplemented by the various additional measures mentioned above. The Government is also expected to set out further measures in the upcoming Budget of 3 March 2021.
4. The work and contributions of Stephen Hammond MP in working with the many Plough Lane residents and leaseholders and also with national cladding campaigns on this issue. The Council further notes the support given and the concern shown by Stephen Hammond to the residents and Mr Hammond's work in lobbying and working with the Government and the Treasury on behalf of the leaseholders to request additional financial support to protect those who may be affected.

5. Recognises the concerns of the leaseholders and residents at Plough Lane and other developments which may be impacted. Many owners, in buildings of all heights, have been experiencing problems with regard to the ability to remortgage/mortgage, buy or sell (in the context of the fire safety certification EWS1 forms) with residents and leaseholders (for example those in the flats at Plough Lane being understandably concerned about the prospective costs of remedial work.

4.6. Council commends Merton officers for undertaking an audit of all residential blocks in Merton above 18m.

Council requests that Cabinet:

1. Signs up to the End our Cladding Scandal Campaign, which makes the following 10 demands: · The government must lead an urgent national effort to remove all dangerous cladding from buildings by June 2022. · The Building Safety Fund must cover all buildings, regardless of height, and a range of internal and external fire safety defects, not just cladding. · The government should provide the money up front and then seek to recover it from any responsible parties or via a temporary levy on development. · Social housing providers must have full and equal access to the fund. · The government must compel building owners or managers to be honest with residents about fire safety defects. · The government should cover the cost of interim safety measures. · The government should act as an insurer of last resort and underwrite insurance where premiums have soared. · A fairer, faster process is needed to replace the EWS form and funding is necessary to ensure all buildings requiring a form are surveyed within 12 months. Mental health support must be offered to affected residents. · Protecting residents from historic and future costs must be a key commitment of new building safety legislation.  
1. Acknowledges the work and campaigns of groups such as the End our Cladding Scandal Campaign

2. Further recognizes the work and campaigns of the Leasehold Knowledge Partnership (the LKP) and writes to Stephen Hammond MP and to Government to thank Stephen Hammond MP for his work and for his active support of the national cladding campaigns to date and to request that the Treasury gives favourable consideration to the proposals set out by the Leasehold Knowledge Partnership as the Government completes its work to finalise the national Budget scheduled for 3 March.

3. Establish dedicated web pages on the Council's website to offer help, support and useful information for affected residents, tenants and long leaseholders in both the private and social housing sectors and to access relevant support to deal with related issues including financial problems and mental health concerns, as well other useful relevant information (eg support concerning rogue landlords, ASB etc.)

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- ~~3. Publish the audit to establish the scale of cladding issues in Merton, and report back to Cabinet and full Council.~~
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Motion now to read

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NOTICE OF ORDINARY MOTION – End our cladding scandal

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Councillor Paul Kohler Councillor Hina Bokhari Councillor Anthony Fairclough

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Full Council 3<sup>rd</sup> February

## NOTICE OF MOTION

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Furthermore, council notes that:

- The administration has failed to bid for money for Morden regeneration from the Future High Streets Fund which gave over £1 million to Wandsworth Council, and over £11 million to Sutton Council for regeneration projects;
- Due to Labour's inaction an opportunity for £54.5 million from the GLA Land fund was missed;
- The Labour administration wasted thousands of pounds of taxpayers' money attending the MIPIM conference in 2019.

Council therefore accepts that the administration has failed to progress Morden regeneration and calls upon the cabinet to:

- Report progress made by the Morden Regeneration Steering Committee to the April council meeting and subsequent full council meetings after each meeting of the steering committee;
- Review membership of the Morden Regeneration Steering Committee;
- Convene a meeting with TfL and other stakeholders to plot a way forward;
- Create a role of Morden Champion to drive forward the regeneration programme.
- [- Review what lessons can be learned in managing development projects from the experience of Merantun Development Ltd](#)

Cllr Nick McLean

Cllr Daniel Holden

Cllr Stephen Crowe

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Full Council 3<sup>rd</sup> February

## NOTICE OF MOTION

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~~Furthermore,~~ council notes ~~that~~:

- ~~The administration has failed to bid for money for Morden regeneration from~~ Although Merton Council submitted bids to the Future High Streets Fund (which gave over £1 million funding for regeneration projects to high streets with a high level of shop vacancies and other signs of long-term decline, such as ~~to Wandsworth Council, and over £11 million to Sutton~~). Morden would not have qualified for the fund due to the criteria set by the government ~~Council~~ for regeneration projects;
- ~~The allocation of £300,000 from neighbourhood CIL towards Morden Town Centre Improvements at November's cabinet, which will help to revitalise the town centre with short term deliverable measures while the procurement of a development partner progresses~~
- ~~Working with the Mayor of London and with the landowners of the shops and flats above, the council invested more than £650,000 in 2018 to improve shopfronts in Morden Court Parade which was the largest single investment in shopfront improvements in the borough and transformed the parade. It was also shortlisted for the Architects Journal award for urban renewal.~~
- ~~Due to Labour's inaction an opportunity for £54.5 million from the GLA Land fund offers deeply unfavourable interest rates and is available only to developers and not the Council was missed;~~
- ~~The Labour administration wasted thousands of pounds of taxpayers' money attending the MIPIM conference in 2019 in order to raise the profile of regeneration sites across the borough which was also attended by the Conservative leader of Wandsworth Council, among others, and that the relationships developed there will serve both councils well.~~

Council therefore ~~accepts that the administration has failed to progress Morden regeneration and~~ calls upon the cabinet to:

- Report progress made ~~by to~~ the cross-party Morden Regeneration Steering Committee ~~to the April council meeting and subsequent full council meetings after each meeting of the steering committee and to the Sustainable Communities Panel;~~
- ~~Review membership of the Morden Regeneration Steering Committee;~~
- ~~Convene a meeting~~ Continue the dialogue with TfL and other stakeholders to plot a way forward;

- Create a role of Morden Champion to drive forward the regeneration programme.

Cllr Nick McLean

Cllr Daniel Holden

Cllr Stephen Crowe

MOTION NOW READS:

This council recognises the impact of the government's failure to properly fund TfL for the full impact of Covid-19 on its finances on efforts to progress Morden regeneration. In 2008-2009 the public showed its support for Morden regeneration in the moreMorden consultation, and it remains a key objective for the Labour administration.

council notes:

- Although Merton Council submitted bids to the Future High Streets Fund (which gave funding for regeneration projects to high streets with a high level of shop vacancies and other signs of long-term decline, such as Wandsworth and Sutton). Morden would not have qualified for the fund due to the criteria set by the government;
- The allocation of £300,000 from neighbourhood CIL towards Morden Town Centre Improvements at November's cabinet, which will help to revitalise the town centre with short term deliverable measures while the procurement of a development partner progresses
- Working with the Mayor of London and with the landowners of the shops and flats above, the council invested more than £650,000 in 2018 to improve shopfronts in Morden Court Parade which was the largest single investment in shopfront improvements in the borough and transformed the parade. It was also shortlisted for the Architects Journal award for urban renewal.
- the GLA Land fund offers deeply unfavourable interest rates and is available only to developers and not the Council ;
- The Labour administration attended the MIPIM conference in 2019 in order to raise the profile of regeneration sites across the borough which was also attended by the Conservative leader of Wandsworth Council, among others, and that the relationships developed there will serve both councils well..

Council therefore calls upon the cabinet to:

- Report progress made to the cross-party Morden Regeneration Steering Committee and to the Sustainable Communities Panel;
- Continue the dialogue with TfL and other stakeholders to plot a way forward;
- Create a role of Morden Champion to drive forward the regeneration programme.