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# **Merton Council**

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**15 September 2021**

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## **Speech and Language Therapy**

This Council notes:

- Communications with parents on how to access provision for speech and language therapy, including on Dyslexia, need to be improved and made transparent, and
- The difficulties in resourcing appropriate levels of services to our children and young people, in part due to shortages within the profession, exacerbated by shortfalls in funding from central government

This Council therefore calls on Cabinet to:

- Use the education planning process as an opportunity to address communication issues, whilst ensuring support for children and young people's communication and language development needs are central to these plans; and
- Consider how Merton can effectively lobby and encourage Central Government to invest in more speech and language therapists by, for example, writing to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care.

Cllr Jenifer Gould

Cllr Hina Bokhari

Cllr Eloise Bailey

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## **Dedicated Schools Grant motion**

This council recognises that the Labour administration has failed to manage the overspend in the Dedicated School Grant, this has built up over the previous four years with a current in year overspend of £12.2million.

Council notes:

1. That the administration did not give due priority to the management of the Dedicated Schools Grant and the reduction of the annual overspend.
2. The poor financial management of the DSG by the Labour administration has led to the increasing overspend of the DSG, which has resulted in council budget cuts

Therefore, council calls upon the cabinet to establish a cross party working group to oversee the restructuring of the DSG to ensure that it is placed on a sustainable footing.

Cllr Hayley Ormrod

Cllr James Holmes

Cllr Omar Bush

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Agenda Item 7a: Strategic Theme: Main Report

Liberal Democrat Group Amendment to recommendations within the Strategic Theme Main Report

Insert a new Recommendation (D) as below, and renumber the existing Recommendation (D) as (E).

“(D) Commends the commitment to avoid closing schools in para 8.4, and requests Cabinet **also to discourage schools from** increasing class sizes above 30 children as part of their response to falling admissions numbers.”

Cllr Anthony Fairclough

Cllr Hina Bokhari

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