

Merton Council Council

16 November 2022

Supplementary Agenda 1

21 Amendment to the Strategic Theme Report

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NB: There have been no Strategic Theme Motions submitted to this meeting.

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Liberal Democrat Proposed Amendment to the Recommendation in Agenda item 7a. Strategic theme Main report: Promote a dynamic connected and inclusive community with a specific focus on supporting our diverse community by working with Merton’s Voluntary and Community Sector.

Proposed by Cllr Paul Kohler

Seconded by Cllr Samantha MacArthur

Add Recommendation B:

That Council notes with regret the missed opportunity to include reference in the Report to local businesses, the local economy, the plight of our high streets, or sporting provision across the borough, given the Report’s stated purpose under para 1.2 is to “report on progress” on the Strategic Priority set by the current/former administration in its Business Plan “[t]o promote a dynamic, connected and inclusive community and economy with safe, vibrant high streets and jobs for our residents”; that Council further notes the role of community policing in building an inclusive community with safe, vibrant high streets; and that Council calls on Cabinet to commit to running an active campaign against any further attempts to close police stations in Merton, in light of the Mayor of London’s closure of 44 police stations since 2016 and his recently published Police & Crime Plan, which commits to the disposal of further Metropolitan Police premises.

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