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Dear Councillor

Notification of Cabinet Decisions

The decisions of the Cabinet meeting held on Monday 9 November 2020 are attached.

The call-in deadline is Monday 16 November 2020 at noon

The [call-in](#) form is attached for your use if needed and refers to the relevant sections of the constitution.

Yours sincerely

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4	Reference to Cabinet from the Sustainable Communities Panel on the grounds maintenance performance	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the recommendations of the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel, as set out in paragraphs 2.8 to 2.18 of the Cabinet report, be taken into account when making decisions on the Idverde grounds maintenance service.</p>
5	Allocation of Neighbourhood CIL Funding	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the allocation of Neighbourhood CIL funding towards two urgent projects to support impacts of Covid-19 upon community facilities namely £49,650 to Carers Support Merton for promoting digital equality for carers and £45,000 to the Citizens Advice Merton and Lambeth to cover an additional Debt Advisor or General Advisor dedicated to Merton to address capacity challenges be approved. 2. That the allocation of £300,000 Neighbourhood CIL funding towards Morden Town Centre improvements be approved. 3. That delegated authority be granted to the Director of Environment and Regeneration in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Environment and Housing to allocate up to £20,000 Neighbourhood CIL funding to the purchasing of IT equipment including devices and other items to support school pupils across the borough in accessing internet based learning from home required due to Covid, in line with Cabinet's agreed Neighbourhood Fund criteria.
6	Melrose School Expansion - appointment of constructor	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the Council award the contract for the school expansion construction works for Melrose School as outlined in the confidential appendix 1.</p>
7	Council Tax Support Scheme 2021/22	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>A. That the uprating revisions for the 2021/22 council tax support scheme detailed</p>

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		<p>in the report be agreed, in order to maintain low council tax charges for those on lower incomes and other vulnerable residents.</p> <p>B. That Cabinet recommends to Council that it adopts the proposed revisions to the 2021/22 scheme.</p>										
8	Business Plan 2021-25	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>A. That the proposed new savings to meet the non-Covid gap be agreed, and referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Commission; and that these savings be ratified at a future Cabinet meeting, with the draft Equality Assessments (EAs) subject to scrutiny comments.</p> <p>B. That it be noted that any proposed amendments to previously approved savings previously agreed (replacements and deferrals) will be reported to the Cabinet meeting in December.</p> <p>C. That the decision in principle to continue with the Business Rate Pool for 2021/22 be noted.</p> <p>D. That the summary of the COVID-19 Impact, along with details of funding received to date, at Appendix 2 be noted.</p>										
9	Financial Monitoring report 2020/21 - September 2020	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>A. That the financial reporting data for month 6, September 2020, relating to revenue budgetary control, showing a forecast net adverse variance at year-end of £10.7m be noted.</p> <p>B. That the contents of section 4 of the report be noted and the adjustments to the Capital Programme in Appendix 5b be approved. That the contents of Section 4 and Appendix 5b of the report be noted and the amendments to the Programme contained in the Table below be approved:</p> <table><tr><td></td><td>Budget</td><td>Budget</td><td>Budget</td><td>Narrative</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>		Budget	Budget	Budget	Narrative					
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			2020-21	2021-22	2023-24	
		<u>Corporate Services</u>	£	£	£	
		Invest to Save	(140,000)			Budget relinquished as struggling to spend
		<u>Community and Housing</u>				
		Disabled Facilities Grant	(187,000)		187,000	Re-profiled Budget
		<u>Children, Schools and Families</u>				
		Melrose Primary SEMH annexe 16	35,950	89,050		Virement from Harris Wimb & Fur. SEN Prov
		Melrose S'dary SEMH 14 Places		125,000		Virement from Harris Wimb
		Harris Academy Wimbledon		(150,000)		Virement to Prim & Sec SEMH
		Further SEN Provision	(35,950)	(64,050)		Virement to Secondary SEMH
		<u>Environment and Regeneration</u>				
		Culverts	(258,120)	258,120		Budget re-profile to match projected

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						spend
		Merton Lost Rivers	(100,000)		100,000	Budget re-profile to match projected spend
		Beddington Lane Cycle Scheme	104,000			Additional TfL Grant added to Section 106 Funding
		ANPR Cameras Supporting Enforcement of School Streets	486,000			SCIL Funded Scheme
		Street Lighting Wimbledon	150,000	670,000		SCIL Funded Scheme
		Haydons Road Public Realm Improvements	50,000	350,000		SCIL Funded Scheme
		Rowan Park Community Facility Match Funding	150,000			SCIL Funded Scheme
		Bishopsford Bridge	802,800	512,000		SCIL Funded Scheme
		Cycle Lane&Roadway Bishopsford Bridge	20,000	130,000		SCIL Funded Scheme
		Morden Town Centre Improvements	100,000	200,000		NCIL Funded Scheme
		Crown Creative	150,000			SCIL Funded

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10	Exclusion of the public	The Cabinet noted the information contained in the exempt appendix and therefore the meeting remained in public.										
11	Melrose School expansion - appointment of constructor exempt appendix	The Cabinet noted the information contained in the exempt appendix. The decision is set out under item 6 above.										

Merton Council - call-in request form

1. Decision to be called in: (required)

2. Which of the principles of decision making in Article 13 of the constitution has not been applied? (required)

Required by part 4E Section 16(c)(a)(ii) of the constitution - tick all that apply:

(a) proportionality (i.e. the action must be proportionate to the desired outcome);	
(b) due consultation and the taking of professional advice from officers;	
(c) respect for human rights and equalities;	
(d) a presumption in favour of openness;	
(e) clarity of aims and desired outcomes;	
(f) consideration and evaluation of alternatives;	
(g) irrelevant matters must be ignored.	

3. Desired outcome

Part 4E Section 16(f) of the constitution- select one:

(a) The Panel/Commission to refer the decision back to the decision making person or body for reconsideration, setting out in writing the nature of its concerns.	
(b) To refer the matter to full Council where the Commission/Panel determines that the decision is contrary to the Policy and/or Budget Framework	
(c) The Panel/Commission to decide not to refer the matter back to the decision making person or body *	
* If you select (c) please explain the purpose of calling in the decision.	

4. Evidence which demonstrates the alleged breach(es) indicated in 2 above (required)

Required by part 4E Section 16(c)(a)(ii) of the constitution:

5. Documents requested

6. Witnesses requested

7. Signed (not required if sent by email):

8. Notes – see part 4E section 16 of the constitution

Call-ins must be supported by at least three members of the Council.

The call in form and supporting requests must be received by 12 Noon on the third working day following the publication of the decision.

The form and/or supporting requests must be sent:

- **EITHER** by email from a Councillor's email account (no signature required) to democratic.services@merton.gov.uk
- **OR** as a signed paper copy to the Head of Democracy and Electoral Services, 1st floor, Civic Centre, London Road, Morden SM4 5DX.

For further information or advice contact the Head of Democracy and Electoral Services on 020 8545 3409