

# Merton Council

## Council (Budget Meeting)

### Membership

**The Mayor:** Councillor Joan Henry

**The Deputy Mayor:** Councillor Agatha Mary Akyigyina OBE

**Councillors:** Sally Kenny, Stephen Alambritis MBE, Laxmi Attawar, Thomas Barlow, Hina Bokhari, Mike Brunt, Billy Christie, Caroline Cooper-Marbiah, Anthony Fairclough, Edward Foley, Brenda Fraser, Jenifer Gould, Daniel Holden, Andrew Howard, Natasha Irons, Linda Kirby MBE, Paul Kohler, Edith Macauley MBE, Peter McCabe, Simon McGrath, Nick McLean, Aidan Mundy, Dennis Pearce, Marsie Skeete, Eleanor Stringer, Martin Whelton, Helena Dollimore, James Williscroft, Sheri-Ann Bhim, John Braithwaite, Michael Butcher, Caroline Charles, Eleanor Cox, Klaar Dresselaers, Chessie Flack, Kirsten Galea, Ross Garrod, Jil Hall, Billy Hayes, Susie Hicks, Dan Johnston, Andrew Judge, Usaama Kaweesa, Samantha MacArthur, Gill Manly, Stephen Mercer, Stuart Neaverson, John Oliver, Robert Page, Michael Paterson, Tony Reiss, Slawek Szczepanski, Matthew Willis, Max Austin and Victoria Wilson

**Date:** Wednesday 1 March 2023

**Time:** 7.15 pm

**Venue:** Council chamber - Merton Civic Centre, London Road,  
Morden SM4 5DX

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| 1 | Apologies for absence              |         |
| 2 | Declarations of Pecuniary Interest |         |
| 3 | Minutes of the previous meeting    | 1 - 8   |
| 4 | Business Plan 2023-27              | 9 - 272 |

*Part 4A, paragraph 3.3 of the Constitution states that the business at the Budget Council meeting shall include the following:*

- receive a presentation of the Budget/Council Tax report from the relevant officers*
- officers to respond to questions from members via the Mayor*
- receive remarks from the Cabinet on the report*
- Council to debate the report and take any motions or Amendments*

*In accordance with Part 4A, paragraph 10.4 of the Constitution, all decisions relating to either the substantive budget motion/proposal or any amendments to it, will be taken via a recorded vote (roll call).*

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| 4a | Business Plan 2023-2027 Savings Information Pack   |              |
|    | This report is provided separately and will be discussed as part of the preceding agenda item on the Business Plan |              |
| 5  | Pay Policy Statement and the Members Allowances Scheme   | 273 -<br>296 |

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