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Dear Councillor

Notification of Cabinet Decisions

The decisions of the Cabinet meeting held on Monday 17 July 2023 are attached.

The call-in deadline is Monday 24 July 2023 at noon

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

Yours sincerely

Democratic Services

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4	Review of Building Control and Proposed Increase to Building Control Fees	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>A. That Cabinet noted the ongoing Review of the Building Control Service to make it fit for purpose.</p> <p>B. That Cabinet approved an increase to Building Control Fees as set out in the report and detailed in the Appendix.</p> <p>C. That Cabinet noted the current position with regard to legislative changes affecting the Building Control Service, following the outcome of the investigation into Grenfell and Dame Judith Hackitt’s Independent Review of Building Regulations and Fire Safety.</p>
5	Merton’s Civic Pride Fund – Investing in Neighbourhoods and Merton’s Community Climate Action Fund	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That Cabinet</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approved the proposed approach to launching and administering Merton’s new Community Climate Action Fund alongside Merton’s Civic Pride Fund – Investing in Neighbourhoods. 2. Approved the amended assessment criterion B set out at para 2.13 for Merton Civic Pride Fund – Investing in Neighbourhoods so that it refers to the Council Plan – “Building a Better Merton Together” which confirms the context for the council’s strategic objectives. 3. Approved the proposed criteria for Merton’s new Community Climate Action Fund. 4. Noted the new prioritisation guidance for both funds, as well as the additional information requirements for projects which have already received council funding. 5. Approved the proposed timetable set out in Section 5 of the report.
6	The role of Merton’s libraries as community hubs	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>A. That Cabinet noted the progress made with establishing Merton’s libraries as</p>

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		<p>community hubs.</p> <p>B. That Cabinet agreed the direction of travel for Merton’s libraries as community hubs and the kinds of services and partnerships that will be provided through them.</p>
7	Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That Cabinet approved the adoption and publication of the Housing Assistance Policy</p>
8	A modernised approach to engaging residents	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>A. That Cabinet agreed the proposals for a more resident-facing approach to community engagement, through a new model for community forums as well as additional support for resident associations</p> <p>B. That Cabinet agreed to the proposals to supplement the biennial residents survey with a new digital engagement platform that includes a citizens panel</p>
9	Draft Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy 2023 - 2026	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>A. That Cabinet agreed to go out to public consultation on the draft Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy prior to a final version being presented to Council for adoption in November 2023.</p> <p>B. That Cabinet delegated the authority to agree the final version of the Strategy, for submitting to Council, to the Cabinet Member for Civic Pride in order to enable a longer consultation timescale.</p> <p>C. That Cabinet noted that in addition to the nine Protected Characteristics defined by the Equality Act the scope of the strategy has been extended to include care experienced young people, armed forces veterans, single parent households and socio-economic status.</p> <p>D. That Cabinet noted the proposed consultation timeline.</p> <p>E. That Cabinet noted the proposed duration of the Strategy is intended to align both with the end date of the new Council Plan and to the Equality and Human Rights</p>

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		Commission’s requirement that Councils publish updated equalities objectives every four years.																														
10	The Provision of Educational Occupational Therapy for Children and Young People of The London Borough of Merton	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>1 That Cabinet approved the award of the contract for Educational Occupational Health Services, (Ed OT), for the initial contract term of four (4) years, with the option to extend for up to two (2) years for Merton children and young people with Education, Health and Care plans, (EHCP). The identities of the preferred and unsuccessful bidders are set out in Appendix A</p> <p>2 That Cabinet noted the spend for the Educational Occupational Therapy services for an initial term of four (4) years, with the option to extend for two (2) years, with a total contract value as shown in Appendix A for the full six years.</p> <p>3 That Cabinet delegated the authority to approve the two (2) extension to the Executive Director of CLLF Department.</p>																														
11	Quarter 1 Financial Monitoring Report	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>A. That Cabinet noted the financial reporting data for quarter 1, June 2023, relating to revenue budgetary control, showing a forecast net adverse variance at 30th June on service expenditure of £8.186m when corporate and funding items are included.</p> <p>B. That Cabinet noted the contents of Section 5 and Appendix 5b of the report and approved the adjustments to the Capital Programme in the Table below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="734 1102 1991 1362"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Budget 2022-23</th> <th>Budget 2023-24</th> <th>Budget 2024-25</th> <th>Budget 2025-26</th> <th></th> </tr> <tr> <th></th> <th>£</th> <th>£</th> <th>£</th> <th>£</th> <th></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Children, Lifelong Learning & Families</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hillcross - Capital Maintenance</td> <td>1,950</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Virement from the Unallocated Budget</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wimbledon Park - Capital Maintenance</td> <td>(67,850)</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Virement to the Unallocated Budget</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Budget 2022-23	Budget 2023-24	Budget 2024-25	Budget 2025-26			£	£	£	£		Children, Lifelong Learning & Families						Hillcross - Capital Maintenance	1,950				Virement from the Unallocated Budget	Wimbledon Park - Capital Maintenance	(67,850)				Virement to the Unallocated Budget
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	Abbotsbury - Capital Maintenance	96,980				Virement from the Unallocated Budget
	Malmesbury - Capital Maintenance	(1,990)				Virement to the Unallocated Budget
	Liberty - Capital Maintenance	(430)				Virement to the Unallocated Budget
	St Marks Primary - Capital Maintenance	(650)				Virement to the Unallocated Budget
	Sherwood - Capital Maintenance	(17,200)				Adjustment to Budget progressed and scheduled
	Unallocated - Capital Maintenance	(28,010)				Virement to Various Schemes
	Raynes Park - Capital Maintenance	(36,790)				Virement to the Rutlish Budget
	Rutlish - Capital Maintenance	36,790				Virement from the Rutlish Budget
	Perseid School Expansion	(50,000)	50,000			Re-profiled in accordance with budget
	Second school ARP expansion 4	(20,000)	20,000			Re-profiled in accordance with budget
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	Primary school ARP expansion	(10,000)	10,000			Re-profiled in accordance with budget
	Ricards Lodge - 6th Form Expansion(a)	50,000	3,550,000			DfE Post 16 Capacity School Contrib £364,000
	<u>Environment and Regeneration</u>					
	Parks Investment - New Green Flag	12,000				New Grant from GLA
	Sports Facilities - Tennis Big Screens	60,000				Funded from Reserve
	Morden Leisure Centre - New Running Track	(350,000)	350,000			Re-profiled in accordance with budget
	Parks Investment - Abbey Recreation Ground	(7,210)				£7,210 Spent in Reserve
	CCTV Investment - CCTV cameras & infrastructure upgrade	(439,730)	439,730			Re-profiled in accordance with budget
	Raynes Park Area Roads - Raynes Park Station Pub Realm	5,870				Additional S106 Funding
	Highways and Footways - Casualty Reduction & Schools	(9,100)				TfL budget reduced in accordance with Budgets
	Parks Investment - Tennis Court Major Resurfacing	185,590	(35,590)	(75,000)	(75,000)	Re-profiled in accordance with budget
	<u>Housing & Sustainable Development</u>					
	Major Projects - Affordable Housing - Affordable Housing Fund	(4,522,490)	4,522,490			Re-profiled in accordance with budget
	Mitcham Area Regeneration - Knowledge Exchange Mitcham	266,500				Funding from South

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		Wimbledon Area Regeneration - Wimbledon Hill Rd	92,000				Virement between in
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		Total	(4,865,770)	8,926,630	(75,000)	(75,000)	
<p>(a) Requires Council Approval</p> <p>C. That Cabinet recommended to Council to approve Ricards Lodge Sixth Form Expansion scheme of £3,600,000 noting the information contained in 5.2b(ii)</p>							

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 Democracy Services Manager, 1st floor, Civic Centre, London Road, Morden SM4 5DX.

For further information or advice contact the Democracy Services Manager on 0208 545 3357