

## COUNCIL MEETING – WEDNESDAY 12 APRIL 2017

### NOTICE OF MOTION

This Council notes that under the CIL Regulations and Government Guidance the 15% neighbourhood proportion of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is supposed to be spent:

- on addressing the demands development places on local areas where development occurs; and
- on priorities agreed between the council and the communities from those areas.

This Council believes that, given the neighbourhood CIL funding is designed to ensure residents benefit from improved local infrastructure as a result of developments in their own area, it is not only crucial that neighbourhood CIL in Merton should be spent in the neighbourhood where it was raised but also that local residents and their elected representatives should have a say over how it is spent.

This Council therefore resolves to support and promote:

- a) ongoing involvement of residents in the fund allocation process through regular agenda items at meetings of the 5 Community Forums and further consultations such as the online survey conducted earlier this year on residents' priorities; and
- b) the formation of a CIL Review Panel consisting of two council officers and five nominated councillors representing each of the designated town centres (Colliers Wood, Mitcham, Morden, Raynes Park and Wimbledon).

Having been received and studied by council officers, those project bids considered acceptable for funding according to the CIL legislation would be tabled for consideration and agreement by the CIL Review Panel, before then being recommended to the Cabinet Member for final approval of the allocation of funds.

This Council therefore asks Cabinet to request officers to draft appropriate terms of reference for a CIL Review Panel, to achieve these objectives, for agreement by the appropriate decision making body.

**Cllr John Bowcott**

**Cllr Najeeb Latif**

**Cllr David Simpson**

**Cllr Linda Taylor**

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