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Dear

I am writing to you because, in recent months, attendance at the Joint Consultative Committee with Ethnic Minority Organisations (JCC) has been consistently low. This is something we are hoping to improve upon in the final part of 2018 and into 2019.

The JCC exists for the benefit of ethnic minorities in Merton. We want to ensure you have the opportunity to raise issues of concern that affect your communities, comment on service change, and ensure the opinions and requirements of ethnic minorities are heard and understood by the council. This can only happen effectively if the committee meetings are attended in good numbers.

The future, both in the short and long-term, will see a number of changes affect the London Borough of Merton; Brexit, major regeneration, and changes to the way public services are funded are certain to have a large impact on the borough and its residents. For this reason, it is of paramount importance that the council ensures BAME communities have a voice which can be heard by those in the council and other public agencies; the JCC is the platform which allows for this.

If there is anything we can do to make the meetings more accessible and relevant to you, please let us know and we will accommodate where possible. The next meeting is on the 5th of December 2018 at 7:15pm. One of the items will be the new policing arrangements; local officers will be present to take questions and listen to concerns. It would be great to see as many of you there as possible. If you are unable to attend please try to send a deputy.

Please let Evereth Willis know who the main contact for your organisation should be. Additionally if there are other organisations that you think should also be invited to JCC meetings please let Evereth know. Her contact details are as follows: Evereth.willis@merton.gov.uk or 020 8545 4637.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, enclosed in a hand-drawn oval. The signature appears to read 'Edith Macauley'.

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