

PART 3 – D

1. Cabinet

- 1.1 Cabinet members, the Leader and Deputy Leader, are responsible for service and support activities in terms of political management and to be the Council spokesperson on their area of responsibility.
- 1.2 The Cabinet members all have a responsibility for overseeing the:
- development, implementation, monitoring and review of the Council's policies and strategies in respect of their areas of activity;
 - promotion of positive partnerships with private and voluntary organisations in the context of developing services and matters relating to their Portfolio which involve members' contact with the government and any regional or national organisations;
 - promotion and pursuit of principles agreed by the Council in respect of equalities, and sustainability, in its role as an employer, service provider and the exercise of community leadership.
- 1.3 Throughout this work, Cabinet members must encourage joint working where appropriate with other Cabinet members to ensure the objectives of the Council are met and that service plans link with commitments agreed by the Cabinet.
- 1.4 Cabinet Portfolio members will engage, with the Overview/Scrutiny process in order to enhance decision making, both before and after decisions are made.
- 1.5 The key areas of responsibility for Cabinet members with specific portfolio areas as agreed by the Leader are as follows:

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2. Cabinet portfolios

2.1 Councillor Stephen Alambritis – Leader of the Council

Elected by the Council 26 May 2010.

On his election as Leader of the Council Councillor Stephen Alambritis appointed the following Cabinet members.

2.2 Councillor Mark Betteridge - Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Implementation

Ensuring implementation of key pledges including wheeled bins, bulky waste collection, improved street sweeping, tackling flytipping and graffiti, council tax rebate and fair parking charges. Lead member for parking services, waste services and waste operations. Driving improvements in council performance and leading performance review meetings. Responsible for customer satisfaction and provision of good quality services. Monitoring progress of council wide strategic approach to customer services and community support and access. Responsible for effective communication with residents.

2.3 Councillor Mark Allison - Cabinet Member for Finance

Leading on the change management agenda with responsibility for driving through value for money and efficiency within the council and cutting out waste and bureaucracy. Leading on the budget, including the development of revenue, capital and debt management strategies. Responsible for corporate finance, IT and audit, human resources, civic and legal services, and risk management.

2.4 Councillor Andrew Judge - Cabinet Member for Environmental Sustainability and Regeneration

Leading on improving the physical environment in which people live and work. Ensuring maximum recycling and utilization of waste, leading on waste contracts. Ensuring the maximum of renewable and low carbon energy. Protecting the fauna and flora in our natural environments. Encouraging sustainable activity by local community groups in allotments, parks and open spaces, including, where appropriate, the transfer of assets to community trusts. Lead on asset management, traffic and highways, fleet transport and transport planning, development and building control, spatial policy, environmental health, commercial and trading standards, green spaces. Leading on regeneration and neighbourhood renewal initiatives including Mitcham and Morden town centres. Overseeing major projects in Wimbledon. Building a vision in conjunction with local residents for the future of our neighbourhoods. Economic Development. Liaison with and support of the Business Community.

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2.5 Councillor Linda Kirby - Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health

Community care services including relations with local PCT and health organisations and progress on Better Healthcare Closer to Home programme. Healthy living schemes. Social services for adults, services for adults with learning disabilities and mental health services. Older people's services including support for carers, day care for the elderly and meals on wheels, working alongside the NHS. Leading on personalisation and choice issues.

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2.6 Councillor Edith Joan Macauley - Cabinet Member for Community Safety, Engagement and Equalities

Community partnerships including specific focus on voluntary sector. Looking into the management of grants to community groups. Looking at decisions of Grants Committee and Merton Compact Board. Development of CDZs. Reducing the threat of crime and anti-social behaviour in Merton and working closely with Police and Community Safety partnerships. Leading on community engagement, including Community Plan, and increased participation in local decision making. Engaging young people in the life of the community eg Youth Parliament and their responsibilities as part of the whole community. Ensuring all equalities strands (gender, race, disability, sexual orientation, religion/belief and age) are embedded throughout council performance.

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2.7 Councillor Maxi Martin - Cabinet Member for Children's Services

Covering the full statutory role as lead member for Children. Development of the Children's Trust. Overall responsibility for tackling child poverty. Children's care services and disabled children. Early years and childcare, extended schools and children's centres, and creation of centre of excellence. Development of the IGC. Leading on improvement in youth services. Responsible for youth justice. Corporate parenting and ensuring our children succeed. Ensuring strong prevention work with families, supported by partners. Strong safeguarding through LSCB partnership. Delivering purposeful intervention to prevent care and promote permanency.

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2.8 Councillor Peter Walker - Cabinet Member for Education

Overarching management of education leading into commissioning of schools. Raising standards at each key stage in schools, especially GCSE KS4, and schools organisation including BSF, the introduction of sixth forms and primary school programme. Strategic schools issues. Responsibility for Smart Centre (PRU) and exclusions. Reducing NEETs. Governor training and support. School meals and sports and fitness. 14-19 agenda including skills. Improving scope of adult education service, encouraging participation and provision for all, including improving transitions for those previously excluded from education into mainstream education, work and training.

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2.9 Councillor Martin Whelton - Cabinet Member for Community and Culture

Leading on libraries including: ensuring that library services are accessible to all; supervising investment, improvement and building on new technology in libraries. Maximising use of library buildings. Leisure operations and development. Maximising opportunities of 2012 Olympics. Arts and culture development. Heritage and tourism. Ensuring licensing policy and its consequences work in the interests of all citizens. Responsible for housing strategy, developing relations with Housing Associations and promoting the needs of tenants and leaseholders. Ensuring delivery of promises by Merton Priory Homes. Housing needs. Ensuring sufficient supply of affordable housing.

3. Delegations of executive powers – agreed by the Leader of the Council (21 June 2010)

The Leader of the Council has agreed that with the exception of specific delegations made here all executive matters delegated to the executive leader under part 3C of the constitution are delegated to Cabinet as a collective decision making body.

3.1 Delegations to Cabinet Members from the Leader of the Council

3.1.1 Councillor Andrew Judge - Cabinet Member for Environmental Sustainability and Regeneration

The Cabinet Member for Environmental Sustainability and Regeneration shall have delegated authority to approve the making of any order relating to traffic management or car parking; and

In determining any matter the Cabinet Member may refer any matter to the Street Management Advisory Committee and if he chooses to do so he shall have regard to the advice of that committee.

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Leader of the Council

Councillor Samantha George
Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Change Management and Performance
Leading on the change management agenda, with responsibility for driving through value for money and efficiency within the Council and cutting out waste and bureaucracy. Responsible for human resources, civic and legal services, Asset Management, risk management and communications. Responsible for customer satisfaction and provision of good quality services. ... [1]

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Councillor Samantha George

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Change Management and Performance

Leading on the change management agenda, with responsibility for driving through value for money and efficiency within the Council and cutting out waste and bureaucracy. Responsible for human resources, civic and legal services, Asset Management, risk management and communications.

Responsible for customer satisfaction and provision of good quality services. Monitoring progress of Council wide strategic approach to customer services and community support and access. Driving improvements in Council performance and leading performance review meetings.

Councillor William Brierly

Cabinet Member for Planning and Traffic Management

Leading on planning issues including: local development framework, design, plans and projects, development and building control. Traffic and street management issues such as CPZs, road closures, one way systems, cycle and bus lanes. Implementing introduction of traffic calming measures such as 20mph schemes and Home Zones and improving road safety. Ensuring planning and traffic management process is accessible and transparent with increased participation.

Councillor Maurice Groves

Cabinet Member for Adult Care Services and Health

Community care services including relations with local PCT and health organisations and progress on Better Healthcare Closer to Home programme. Healthy living schemes. Social services for adults, services for adults with learning disabilities and mental health services. Older people's services including support for carers, day care for the elderly and meals on wheels.

Councillor Diane Neil Mills

Cabinet Member for Finance and Regeneration

Leading on the budget, including the development of revenue, capital and debt management strategies. Responsible for corporate finance, IT and audit.

Leading on regeneration and neighbourhood renewal initiatives

including Mitcham and Morden town centres. Overseeing major projects in Wimbledon. Building a vision in conjunction with local residents for the future of our neighbourhoods. Economic Development. Tourism. Leverage of alternative funding streams and partnership working with other agencies. Liaison with and support of the Business Community.

Councillor Henry Nelles

Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Engagement

Community partnerships including specific focus on voluntary sector.

Management of grants to community groups. Charing Grants

Committee and Merton Compact Board. Development of CDZs.

Reducing the threat of crime and anti-social behaviour in Merton and working closely with Police and Community Safety partnerships to counter fear of crime. Tackling youth offending.

Leading on community engagement, including Community Plan, and increased participation in local decision making. Engaging young people in the life of the community eg Youth Parliament and their responsibilities as part of the whole community. Building stronger communities, promoting cohesion and ensuring good relations between communities.

Councillor Linda Scott

Cabinet Member for Housing and Community Services

Responsible for housing strategy, housing landlord services and relations with tenants and leaseholders. Housing needs and provision of adequate, suitable and affordable accommodation. Affordable housing. Property management and lettings.

Also leading on adult education and libraries including: ensuring that library services are accessible to all; supervising investment, improvement and modernisation in libraries. Improving scope of adult education service, encouraging participation and provision for all, including improving transitions for those previously excluded from education into mainstream education, work and training. Heritage.

Councillor Debbie Shears

Cabinet Member for Children`s Services

Covering the full statutory role as lead member for Children.

Development of the Children`s Trust. Overarching management of education leading on to commissioning of schools. Raising standards at each key stage in schools, especially GCSE KS4, and schools organisation including BSF, the introduction of sixth forms and pupil place planning. Strategic schools issues, community support and IGC development. 14 -19 agenda, including skills.

Overall responsibility for tackling child poverty. Children`s care services and disabled children. Early years and childcare, extended schools and

children`s centres, and creation of centre of excellence. Responsibility for Smart Centre (PRU) and exclusions. Governor training and support. School meals and sports and fitness. Leading on improvement in youth services. Reducing NEETs.

Councillor David Simpson CBE

Cabinet Member for Environment and Leisure Services

Implementing the "green" agenda for environmental improvements, parks and protection of open spaces and conservation areas, waste management and services, street cleaning, refuse collection, fly tipping and graffiti. Focus on increasing recycling rates. Street scene improvements and the Built Environment. Environmental quality and enforcement. Environmental health. Fleet transport. Commercial and trading standards. Ensuring licensing policy and its consequences work in the interest of all citizens.

Leisure operations and development. Arts and culture development. Maximising opportunities of 2012 Olympics.

Assistant Cabinet Members

Councillor Tariq Ahmad

Assistant Cabinet Member for Community Cohesion

Building stronger communities, promoting cohesion and ensuring good relations between communities.

Councillor Krystal Miller

Assistant Cabinet Member for Schools

Pupil place planning. Governor training and support. 14 -19 agenda, including skills.