

COUNCIL 15 SEPTEMBER 2021

NOTICE OF MOTION – STRATEGIC THEME MOTION

Speech and Language Therapy

This Council notes:

- Communications with parents on how to access provision for speech and language therapy, including on Dyslexia, need to be improved and made transparent, and
- The difficulties in resourcing appropriate levels of services to our children and young people, in part due to shortages within the profession, exacerbated by shortfalls in funding from central government

This Council therefore calls on Cabinet to:

- Use the education planning process as an opportunity to address communication issues, whilst ensuring support for children and young people's communication and language development needs are central to these plans; and
- Consider how Merton can effectively lobby and encourage Central Government to invest in more speech and language therapists by, for example, writing to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care.

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