

Terms of Reference – Heritage Forum

The Heritage Forum meets twice a year to review progress against the borough's Heritage Strategy and to discuss wider heritage matters pertaining to the London Borough of Merton. It is facilitated by the Library & Heritage Service and is chaired by the Cabinet Member for Community and Culture. It is an open meeting that can be attended by any resident with an interest in heritage.

Agenda items can be submitted by all members with a short supporting note or update paper if required. No formal reports will be prepared but notes of the meetings will be taken and made available on the Council's website.

The remit of the forum is to:

- Facilitate joint working within the council and with external bodies in order to achieve excellence in heritage related projects
- To coordinate funding opportunities and establish project teams to take bids forward and support partner bids
- To provide heritage input into statutory planning policy documents
- To improve partnership working and communication between the various heritage providers in the borough
- To champion initiatives to raise standards of design and heritage provision within the borough
- To increase awareness of and public access to heritage resources and facilities in the borough
- To maintain an ongoing work programme for the group to be updated at each meeting