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Merton Partnership thematic subgroup- Children and Young People (Merton Children's Trust Board)	Strategic partnership of key service providers to children and families at executive level	Bi-monthly	N	N	N	N	Children & Young People Plan (CYPP)	N	L	M	M
Merton Safeguarding Children Board (MSCB) + Subgroups: Communications; Quality Assurance; Policy & Practice; Training	Statutory body to assure that all services in Merton effectively safeguard children	Bi-monthly	Y	Y	Y	Y	CYPP, MSCB Business Plan	Y	M	H	H
Family Poverty Partnership (Formerly Child Poverty Action Group)	To address key issues in relation to child poverty and employability, with a focus on young people, lone parents and income maximisation. To support parents and young people to gain employment, thereby reducing the number of children living in households that are dependent on workless benefits and support them into employment	Quarterly	N	Y	N	N	Family Poverty Strategy, Childcare Sufficiency Assessment, Employment Strategy	Y	L	M	H
Merton Early Childhood Partnership	Ensuring that we deliver high quality, affordable and accessible early childhood services across Merton. This partnership strategically oversees the joining-up of early childhood services, with a focus on children's centres and improving outcomes for children at the end of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)	Termly	N	N	Y	Y	Early childhood policies	Y	M	M	M
Merton Education Partnership	Partnership between the local authority and Merton schools	Termly	N	Y	N	N	Education policies	Y	L	M	M
SWLSEP + Subgroups	Sub-regional education and learning partnership	Termly	N	N	N	N	Education policies	N	L	M	M
Behaviour & Attendance Partnership (Hard to Place)	Schools attendance	Monthly	N	Y	Y	N	Education policies	Y	L	M	M
Merton Anti Bullying Forum	Partnership to support anti bullying activity	Termly	N	N	Y	N	Anti Bullying Strategy	N	L	M	M
Youth Justice Executive Board and subgroups	Partnership of agencies working in the youth justice sector	Strategic - three times a year; Operational bi-monthly	Y	Y	Y	Y	Youth justice policies	Y	L	M	M
Youth Crime Prevention Board	Partnership of agencies working to prevent youth crime	Quarterly	N	Y	Y	Y	Youth policies	Y	L	M	M
14-19 Strategic Partnership + subgroups: Alternative Education; Apprenticeships	Shortly to be renamed and reshaped in response to the Raising of Participation Age.	Three times a year	N	Y	Y	N	14-19 Strategy	N	L	M	M
Children with a Disability Partnership	Partnership of agencies working with children with a disability and their families	Quarterly	N	Y	Y	Y	Disability policies	N	L	M	M
CAMHS Partnership	Partners supporting children with mental health needs including the CAMHS service	In abeyance	N	N	N	N	Health & Wellbeing Strategy	N	L	M	M

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Targeted Mental Health in Schools (TAMHS) Steering Group	Multi agency group to oversee the work of the TAMHS services	Quarterly	N	N	N	N	Health & Wellbeing Strategy	N	L	M	M
Merton Youth Partnership	Partners providing youth services and young people	Quarterly	N	Y	N	N	Youth policies	N	L	M	M
Joint Teenage Pregnancy & Substance Partnership Board	To Address key issues in relation to TP and Substance misuse, monitor local need and performance of services.	Quarterly	N	Y	Y	N	Teenage Pregnancy and Substance Misuse Strategy	Y	L	M	M
School Sports Partnership	To inspire young people to achieve their best within sport and physical activity through the provision of high quality PE, coaching, leadership, extra curricular activity and competition (Also service provider)	n/a	N	Y	Y	Y	Sport, Health & Physical Activity Strategy	N	L	M	M

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ADULT SOCIAL CARE											
Learning Disability Partnership Board	To implement Valuing People, the Government White Paper on learning disabilities.	Monthly	N	N	N	N	N	N	L	H	H
The Transition Partnership Board	To promote the well-being of young people with physical and/or learning disabilities and/or mental health problems aged between 14-25 years in Merton. Membership includes Young People going through Transition (from the Your Shout Group), Carers, Council Officers from Children's and Adult services, Health, voluntary organisations and representatives from educational establishments.	3 times a year	N	N	N	N	N	N	L	H	H
Adult Social Care Voluntary Sector Task Group Meeting	To build strong relationship between Merton's voluntary sector and LB Merton's Adult Social Care services	Once every 3 weeks	N	N	N	N	N	Compact Board, Health and Wellbeing Board	N	L	H
Safeguarding Adults Board (VAST)	Safeguarding Adults Board (known locally as VAST) is a partnership constituted under the Department of Health guidance: 'No Secrets' (March 2000). The Board has an Independent Chair whose prime duty is to ensure that the main statutory agencies - local councils, the police, Surrey Fire and Rescue and NHS organisations, the independent voluntary sector and people who use our services and carers - work together to safeguard adults at risk of harm.	Bi-monthly (will be statutory under new health & social care bill 2012)	In near future	N	N	Y	N	Health and Wellbeing Board, Safer Merton Partnership	N	L	H
The Gables Panel	To provide senior management oversight of referrals to the Gables Supported Housing scheme, to ensure that vacancies go to customers in priority need.	Monthly	N	N	N	N	N	Yes- the council aims to reduce admission to residential care.	N	M	L
ECSH Panel	To provide senior management oversight of referrals to Extra-Care Supported Housing, to ensure that vacancies go to customers in priority need.	Monthly	N	N	N	N	N	Yes- the council aims to reduce admission to residential care.	N	M	L
HOUSING											
South West London Partnership	The South West London Housing Partnership was founded in 2003. It comprise the Housing Departments of seven boroughs in SW London and it works on affordable housing issues in our part of London. The seven boroughs are: Croydon, Kingston upon Thames, Lambeth, Merton, Richmond upon Thames, Sutton and Wandsworth. The priorities for its work is to make the most of the supply of housing, to meet housing needs; to improve housing conditions; to tackle deprivation and build communities; and to be an effective Partnership. This work is divided into a number of sub groups.	Quarterly	N	Y	Y	N	N	London Housing Strategy, Merton Housing Strategy, South West London Housing Strategy, Homes and Communities Agency Framework Delivery Agreement	N	H	H
Merton Housing Association Group (MerHAG)	A partnership of all Registered Providers with stock holdings in Merton and the GLA to leverage investment from housing associations in the borough and shared best practice to assist continuous improvement of services and affordable housing.	Six monthly	N	N	Y	N	N	Merton Housing Strategy, HCA Framework Deliver Agreement	N	H	M
Shared Lives Plus	The UK network of family-based and small scale ways of providing accommodation and support to vulnerable adults in the community. Members include individual Shared Lives carers, and other local authority Shared Lives schemes. It also acts as a network to influence national and local decision making and the	Annually	N	N	Y	N	N	Housing Strategy, Adult Social Care Commissioning Strategy, Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults, Shared Lives Plus Guidance and Policies 2011, HN&E Service	N	L	L
London Association of Adult Placements Group	A partnership of London borough Shared Lives schemes that provide accommodation and support to vulnerable groups. In addition, the group provides peer to peer support on changes to legislation and regulation and the development of best practice To deliver strategic, local leadership in housing. To engage key partners from health, social care, planning and other statutory agencies, as well as registered providers and third sector organisations in delivering the council's Housing Strategy and Tenancy Strategy. Work of the group also supports the council's Community Plan and Planning policies.	Quarterly Bi-annual	N	N	Y	N	N	Housing Strategy, Adult Social Care Commissioning Strategy, Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults, Shared Lives Plus Guidance and Policies 2011, HN&E Service Merton's Community Plan	N	L	L
Merton Partnership - Sustainable Communities Thematic Partnership Housing Sub Group			Y	N	N	Y	Y	LDF Core Planning Strategy Housing Strategy 2012-2015 for Merton Tenancy Strategy for Merton (January 2013)	N	M	H
Homelessness Strategy Group	To deliver co-ordinated and effective approaches to tackling homelessness locally that address not only housing need but all aspects of social need, through joint working with organisations tackling homelessness in Merton, as required by homelessness legislation.	Bi-annual	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Housing Strategy 2012-2015 Homelessness Strategy 2008-2013	N	M	H
Gypsies & Travellers Officers Group	To develop, deliver and review strategic housing policies for Gypsies and Travellers, taking into account evidence gathered through statutory accommodation needs assessment, and information shared by partner agencies including TES, the Police, Planning, Highways, Estates, Health and MPH.	Annual	N	N	Y	Y	Y	lff Core Planning Strategy Housing Strategy 2012-2015 Homelessness Strategy 2008-2013 Gypsies & Travellers Strategy	N	M	H
Affordable Warmth & Winter Well-Being Partnership	To deliver co-ordinated and effective approaches in tackling excessive winter deaths and to improve access to energy efficiency measures by vulnerable households, through joint work with Environmental Health, the NHS, third sector agencies and community organisations.	Bi-annual	N	N	N	N	N	Affordable Warmth & Winter Well Being Delivery Plan	N	M	H

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The GLA oversees local authorities and approves investment programme to ensure that it meets VFM criteria, and projects are delivered within agreed timescales

The Local Authority contributes to the HCA's assessment of Registered Providers' work in the community. The local authority is also expected to assess the RP's bids / applications for GLA investment.

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Rough Sleepers Case Conferecing Panel	To develop, deliver and monitor Merton's Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP) and protocol for outreach & resettlement, involving agencies working with rough sleepers in Merton, such as the Police, outreach & resettlement services, drug & alcohol services and registered providers.	Approximately 8 times a year. Meet more frequently during winter months.	N	N	N	Y	Housing Strategy 2012-2015 Homelessness Strategy 2008- 2013	N	M	H	H
LIBRARIES											
Merton Libraries and Imagine Wellbeing Services Partnership	A partnership for the delivery of a programme of employability support, mental health and well being activities in libraries.	Quarterly	N	N	N	N	Health and Wellbeing	N	L	L	L
Merton Libraries and Arthritis Society Partnership	A partnership for the delivery of a programme of health related workshops and drop in sessions in all libraries.	Quarterly	N	N	N	N	Health and wellbeing	N	L	L	L
Merton Libraries and Macmillan Cancer Support Partnership	A partnership for the delivery of a programme of health related workshops and drop in sessions in all libraries.	Quarterly	N	N	N	N	Health and wellbeing	N	L	L	L
Merton Libraries and Falun Datur Partnership	A partnership for the delivery of a programme of wellbeing activities in libraries.	Quarterly	N	N	N	N	Health and wellbeing	N	L	L	L
Merton Libraries and Alzheimers Society Partnership	A partnership for the delivery of a programme of health related workshops and drop in sessions in all libraries.	Quarterly	N	N	N	N	Health and wellbeing	N	L	L	L
Merton Libraries and Om Yoga Services Partnership	A partnership for the delivery of a programme of wellbeing activities in libraries.	Quarterly	N	N	N	N	Health and wellbeing	N	L	L	L
Merton Libraries and Next Steps Partnership	A partnership for the delivery of a programme of employability support sessions in libraries.	Quarterly	N	N	N	N	Sustainable communities	N	L	L	L
Merton Libraries and Groundwork Partnership	A partnership for the delivery of a programme of employability support sessions in libraries.	Quarterly	N	N	N	N	Sustainable communities	N	L	L	L
Merton Libraries and Wise Owls Partnership	A partnership for the delivery of a programme of employability support sessions in libraries.	Quarterly	N	N	N	N	Sustainable communities	N	L	L	L
Merton Libraries and University of the Third Age Partnership	A partnership for the delivery of adult learning activities in libraries.	Quarterly	N	N	N	N	Sustainable communities	N	L	L	L
Merton Libraries and Kiara Training College Partnership	A partnership for the delivery of adult learning activities in libraries.	Quarterly	N	N	N	N	Sustainable communities	N	L	L	L
Merton Libraries and Best Training Partnership	A partnership for the rental of space and the delivery of adult learning activities in libraries.	Quarterly	N	N	N	N	Sustainable communities	N	L	L	L
Merton Libraries and WordWell Services	A partnership for the delivery of adult learning activities in libraries.	Quarterly	N	N	N	N	Sustainable communities	N	L	L	L
Merton Libraries and Think Chinese Partnership	A partnership for the delivery of adult learning sessions and children's activities in libraries.	Quarterly	N	N	N	N	Sustainable communities	N	L	L	L
Merton Libraries and Explore Learning Partnership	A partnership for the delivery of family learning sessions and children's activities in libraries.	Quarterly	N	N	N	N	Children and Young People	N	L	L	L
Merton Libraries and Book Bags Partnership	A partnership for the delivery of staff training and children's activities in libraries.	Quarterly	N	N	N	N	Children and Young People	N	L	L	L
Merton Libraries and Polka Theatre Partnership	A partnership for the delivery of children's activities in libraries.	Quarterly	N	N	N	N	Children and Young People	N	L	L	L
Merton Libraries and Travelling Interactive Theatre for Children (TITCH) Partnership	A partnership for the delivery of children's activities in libraries.	Quarterly	N	N	N	N	Children and Young People	N	L	L	L
Merton Libraries and New Wimbledon Theatre Partnership	A partnership for the rental of space and the delivery of children's learning activities in libraries.	Quarterly	N	N	N	N	Children and Young People	N	L	L	L
Merton Libraries and First Class Learning Partnership	A partnership for the rental of space and the delivery of children's learning activities in libraries.	Quarterly	N	N	N	N	Children and Young People	N	L	L	L
Merton Libraries and Kumon Partnership	A partnership for the rental of space and the delivery of children's learning activities in libraries.	Quarterly	N	N	N	N	Children and Young People	N	L	L	L
Merton Libraries and Exchange Group Partnership	A partnership for the rental of space and the delivery of adult learning activities in libraries.	Quarterly	N	N	N	N	Sustainable Communities	N	L	L	L
PUBLIC HEALTH											
Merton Health and Wellbeing Board (Merton Partnership thematic subgroup)	Merton Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) will work to deliver the vision of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy providing strategic leadership to improve the health and wellbeing of local people. It will promote an integrated approach to delivery of priorities, oversee development of new strategic commissioning and engage on strategic plans and service delivery.	Every 2 months	Y	N	N	Y	Merton Partnership, Health and Wellbeing Strategy, Community Plan	N	M	H	H
One Merton Group	To develop a shared work programme on health and wellbeing and integration of health and social care in line with the Merton HWB Strategy. To provide executive support to the HWB including strategic oversight of implementation of the HWB Strategy.	Every month	N	N	N	N	Executive support to Health and Wellbeing Board	N	M	M	M
South London HIV Partnership	To develop a joint, robust and timely approach to the planning, procurement and performance management of high quality providers of services that deliver care and support to people living with HIV in South London.	Quarterly	N	N	N	N	HWB indicator - reducing late diagnosis of HIV	N	M	L	L
South West London HIV Consortium	To commission HIV prevention and outreach health promotion services to high risk groups living in South West London to prevent HIV infection and encourage early testing of those at risk.	Quarterly	N	N	N	N	HWB indicator - reducing late diagnosis of HIV	N	M	L	L
Pan-London HIV programme	To commission programmes and services which support gay men to improve their knowledge and understanding of HIV prevention, improve access to HIV/STI testing and treatment, and provide counselling.	Quarterly	N	N	N	N	HWB indicator - reducing late diagnosis of HIV	N	M	M	M
Chlamydia Screening Programme Partnership	To lead on the implementation and performance management of the South West London Chlamydia Screening Programme.	Quarterly	N	N	N	N	Public Health indicator - Chlamydia diagnoses in 15-24 year olds	N	M	L	L

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Following the June 2013 Spending Review, money may go through Health and Wellbeing Boards, so may be required to receive additional funding in the future.

The ToR of the One Merton Group are currently under review following the recent transitions in health and wellbeing.

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FUTURE MERTON											
Merton Partnership thematic network- Sustainable Communities and Transport	To work in partnership to reduce CO2 and impact on climate change, increase supply of housing, increase inward investment in the borough, increase the supply of jobs and improve skills	Quarterly	N	N	N	N	The Merton Partnership, Community Plan	N	M	H	H
Sustainable Communities and Transport- Housing Subgroup	To deliver strategic, local leadership in housing. To engage key partners from health, social care, planning and other statutory agencies, as well as registered providers and third sector organisations in delivering the council's Housing Strategy and Tenancy Strategy. Work of the group also supports the council's Community Plan and Planning policies.	Quarterly	Y	N	N	Y	Merton's Community Plan LDF Core Planning Strategy Housing Strategy 2012-2015 for Merton Tenancy Strategy for Merton (January 2013)	N	M	H	H
Sustainable Communities and Transport- Economic Well Being	To implement and monitor employment and skills action plan. To work in partnership to seek out possible funding for employment and skills	6 weeks	N	N	N	N	Sustainable Communities and Transport thematic network, Economic Development Strategy	Y	L	H	M
Sustainable Communities and Transport- Merton Transport Sub Group	To improve the quality and choice of transport for everyone in the borough. To create a public realm where people choose to walk, cycle and use public transport rather than use their private car. Improve the accessibility and use of sustainable modes of transport and reduce traffic congestion in Merton. Balance the quality of the transport environment between the east and west of the borough.	Quarterly	N	N	N	N	Sustainable Communities and Transport thematic network, Local Implementation Plan, Community Plan	N	L	M	M
Sustainable Communities and Transport- Infrastructure and Investment Board	To establish need and priority to ensure the borough gets the physical infrastructure it requires. To monitor the co-ordinated delivery of major schemes and projects to support property development, particularly housing within the borough. To ensure the best use is made of sites, property and money and identify and develop opportunities for co-location.	Quarterly	N	N	N	N	Sustainable Communities and Transport thematic network	N	L	M	M
Wandle Valley Regional Park Trust	Wandle Valley Regional Park Trust to provide leadership, vision, coordination and ultimately the funding to deliver a regional park over the next decade. The Trust will be constituted as a Limited Company with charitable status, which is the best 'business model' to allow the regional park to grow over the next 3 to 5 years. Partners Croydon Council, Merton Council Sutton Council, Wandsworth Council, Natural England, Environment Agency, National Trust, Wandle Trust, South London Business	Quarterly	N	N	N	N	Yes, principally LDF Core Planning Strategy in Merton	N	L	M	M
Arts Professionals Network	To share, develop, facilitate and empower partners in the furtherance of the arts, working independently and in partnership	3 times a year - Termly	N	N	N	N	Merton's Culture & Sport Framework	N	L	L	L
Community Sport & Physical Activity Professionals Network	To share, develop, facilitate and empower partners in the furtherance of community sport & physical activity, working independently and in partnership	3 times a year - Termly	N	N	N	N	Merton's Culture & Sport Framework	N	L	L	L
SAFER MERTON											
Merton Partnership thematic subgroup- Safer and Stronger Communities	To deliver partnership approaches to (and meet the Council's statutory obligations around) all issues of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour. It acts as the governance body for the commissioning and planning of drug and alcohol services, and also leads on volunteering, cohesion and community engagement issues.	This is the community safety partnership which is required by law Safer Stronger Board (SSB) meets quarterly and has sub groups	Y	No, but is predominantly grant funded money ring fenced by the HO and MOPAC	Y	Y	Safer Stronger/crime reduction	Yes, by law all statutory partners have to agree the way forward together	H	H	H
Merton Community Policing Partnership	To provide a mechanism for local police accountability and for sharing information between the police and the wider community.	This is an independent group and does not fit into the LSP also the purpose is not correct and it has been renamed by MOPAC	N	N	N	Y	Safer Stronger/crime reduction, the new Safer Neighbourhoods Board	N	L	H	H
Domestic Violence Board	To govern the work done across the borough and partnerships. To monitor the work being done by agencies.	Quarterly (safer merton)	N	It will require other partners to use resources more efficiently	N	Y	Safer Stronger/crime reduction, Health & Wellbeing board and the LSCB	Yes, by law all statutory partners have to agree the way forward together	H	H	H
MAPPA (Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements)	"Responsible authorities" tasked with the management of registered sex offenders, violent and other types of sexual offenders, and offenders who pose a serious risk of harm to the public	Monthly	Y	N	N	Y	Safer Stronger/crime reduction, Health & Wellbeing board and the LSCB	N	H	H	H

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MARAC (Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference.)	MARAC is a meeting where agencies talk about the risk of future harm to people experiencing domestic abuse and if necessary their children, and draw up an action plan to help manage that risk.	Monthly	Y	N	Y	Y	Safer Stronger/crime reduction, Health & Wellbeing board and the LSCB	N	H	H	H
Offender Management Panel	Operational partnership overseeing offender case work	Monthly	N	N	Y	N	Safer Stronger/crime reduction, the new Safer Neighbourhoods Board, Health & Wellbeing board, Youth justice policies	Y	L	M	M

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Compact Board	To promote and monitor the delivery of the Merton Compact through promoting good relations and working between voluntary sector organisations and public sector and business partners in Merton.	Quarterly	N	N	N	Y	Voluntary Sector Strategy Merton Compact	Makes recommendations to council officers	M	H	M
Merton Partnership	A Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) addressing local problems such as funding, strategies, and initiatives. They promote joint working, community involvement and improving the quality of life in the area. The Partnership's primary objectives are to deliver the Community Plan, Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy and, more recently, the Local Area Agreement.	Quarterly	N	N	N	N	The Community Plan	Makes recommendations to council officers	L	H	H
Merton Partnership Executive Board	To operationally manage the delivery of the priorities and targets of the Merton Partnership. It does this through coordinating and monitoring the work of the five Thematic Partnerships.	6 times a year	N	N	N	N	The Community Plan	Makes recommendations to Merton Partnership	L	M	M

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required in line with best practice partnership working

A review is currently underway, but an important body for the council both reputationally and in bringing statutory/voluntary partners together. The review will determine how this will be laid out going forward

A review of the Merton Partnership is currently underway and the future of the MPEB will form part of this review

Definition of 'partnership'

A partnership is a joint working arrangement where partners:

- (a) are otherwise independent bodies
- (b) agree to co-operate to achieve common goals or outcomes
- (c) create a new organisational structure or process to achieve this goal
- (d) plan and implement a jointly agreed programme, often with joint staff or resources
- (e) share relevant information, and pool risks and rewards