

**SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES DIVISION**  
**HIRE OF MERTON AND MORDEN ASSEMBLY HALL**  
**CONDITIONS OF HIRE / RULES AND REGULATIONS**  
**FOR HIRERS**

**1. DEFINITIONS**

*The Council* means Merton Council.

*Hall* means the premises named in the confirmation of booking.

*Director of Environment & Regeneration* means the Director or his / her designated officers.

**2. APPLICATIONS**

All applications must be made online at [www.merton.gov.uk/leisure/venues](http://www.merton.gov.uk/leisure/venues). The application will consist of the booking fee payable online, and then a refundable deposit\* payable to the Leisure Support Office. A member of the team will contact you upon your booking to collect the deposit. For bookings taken over the telephone, a 5% administration fee will apply.

**3. HIRER**

The hirer is the person who completes the online booking and/or signs the application form, if made by telephone.

**4. SUB LETTING**

The hall may not be sublet without authority of the Director of Environment & Regeneration.

**5. PAYMENT**

Full payment is to be made at the time of booking together with a deposit of 50% of the booking fee

**6. RECEIPTS**

Only receipts on the official numbered form are valid

**7. DAMAGE AND DEPOSIT\***

The hirer is responsible for the cost of repair for any damage caused during a hiring and/or the cost of additional cleaning as a result of the hall being left in an unacceptable state.

Therefore a deposit of 50% of the booking fee will be required for each event to cover the possibility of damage and for additional cleaning. This will be refunded if, on inspection after the booking that there is no damage or further cleaning required. You will be required to complete a monitoring form at the end of your booking

**8. GOOD ORDER**

The hirer must provide sufficient stewards to maintain good order at all times to the satisfaction of the Director of Environment & Regeneration.

**9. ADVERTISING**

No advertisements or posters may be displayed, without prior approval by the Director of Environment & Regeneration.

**10. RIGHT OF ENTRY**

The hirer will only be allowed to enter the hall at the time specified on their booking confirmation slip. The hirer is responsible for ensuring that time is included in their booking for decorating and setting up before the event and cleaning up and vacating the premises by the time specified on the booking confirmation. Failure to follow these rules will result in the loss of your deposit. The Council reserves right of entry at all times to its officers, statutory authorities and officers of the Licensing Authority.

**11. ELECTIONS**

The Council reserve the right to cancel a booking if the hall is required for any electoral purpose. All hiring fees paid will be refunded in full recompense.

**12. ELECTRICALS**

No temporary additions to lighting or electrical circuits may be made without authority of the Director of Environment & Regeneration. The Council is not liable for any equipment brought into the hall such as band equipment.

**13. DRAINAGE AND SINKS**

Food, food sauces and other slow dissolving items must not be thrown down the kitchen sink,

**14. DECORATIONS**

No decorative hangings may be used unless certified as fire resistant. All decorative hangings must be applied to surfaces with removable white or clear sticky tac only. The use of tape is prohibited. Use of smoke machines are not permitted inside the facilities.

**15. ALCOHOL - LICENCES**

It is the responsibility of the hirer to obtain a temporary licence from the Council's Licensing Section on 0208 545 3969 and ask for a Temporary Event Notice. The cost £21.00 per night. Applications must be made at least 21 days prior to the event. Further details can be found at [www.merton.gov.uk/licensing](http://www.merton.gov.uk/licensing).

**16. DANCING AND MUSIC LICENCES**

It is the responsibility of the hirer to obtain a temporary music and dancing licence when music & dancing is to take place. Please contact the Council's Licensing Section – details as above.

**17. CANCELLATION**

The hirer may cancel a letting by giving three months' notice in writing. The hirer will then receive a full refund. The hirer may cancel a letting by giving a months' notice in writing when half of the total amount paid will be refunded. A lesser notice will incur penalties equal to the total hire fee. The Council may cancel a hiring by giving three months' notice except as in Regulation "11, or without notice in any emergency.

**18. COUNCIL LIABILITY**

The Council accepts no liability for injury, damage or loss not directly attributable to negligence of their employees or agents.

**19. INDEMNITY**

The hirer indemnifies the Council against any claim, action or proceedings resulting from use of the hall and will pay any Council costs incurred.

**20. PARKING**

No vehicle may be left within twenty feet of an emergency exit or exit route and must not park within the yellow parking boxes. There are only six designated parking spaces at Merton Hall. Parking is also available on nearby streets. The car park will be locked at end time specified on the booking confirmation.

**21. SMOKING**

Smoking is prohibited in the all areas of the Hall and also in the Car Park Area. Smoking is permitted at the eastern side of the building where there are suitable cigarette disposal bins.

**22. NOISE AND ANNOYANCE**

The hirer must ensure no excessive noise, or annoyance is caused to local residents. A noise monitoring system may stop music if sound level reaches more than 95 decibels. No music after 11.00pm for bookings finishing at 11.30pm and no music after 10.00pm for bookings finishing at 10.30pm.

**23. DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES**

No inflammable chemical, explosive or other dangerous substances may be used or kept on site without written authority of the Director of Environment & Regeneration.

**24. FAILURE TO VACATE**

The Council may remove from site any articles not removed by the hirer on completion of hiring and the hirer shall pay all fees incurred.

**25. STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS**

The hirer must comply with all statutory requirements including the Race Relations Act and Sex Discrimination Acts.

**26. CATERING**

The provision of catering and other refreshment facilities will remain the responsibility of the hirer.

**27. ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS**

The Council reserves the right to make any additional conditions or regulations considered necessary to ensure safety or proper operation of a letting.

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## **13 – 20 year old birthday parties rules**

1. There must be two people over the age of 21 on every entrance door to the hall for the entire evening, and these people names must be given to the caretaker on duty
2. There must be a ratio of two people over the age of 21 years old to every 10 people under the age of 18 years old for the entire evening.
3. The hall may not be sublet without authority of the Director of Environment & Regeneration. This includes ticket sales for disco events
4. The music must finish at 10.00pm and the hall needs to be cleaned and vacated by 10.30pm
5. For parties taking place within a Pavilion for 13-20 year olds, a caretaker must be present at all times. There are additional charges for this service which is mandatory.

If these rules are broken the caretaker may end the party and you will not be eligible for a refund.

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## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

*If you would like to provide music (except private parties) and sell alcohol at your function you will need to apply for a Temporary Events Notice at least 10 days before the event. For more information about the Temporary Events Notice please contact the licensing department on 020 8545 4005.*

Before your booking starts your caretaker will:

1. Show you the locations of the fire exits in the Hall and explain how to use them.
2. Show you the locations of any fire alarms and explain how they are operated.
3. Explain the fire procedure for the Hall.
4. Show you the hall and facilities such as toilets, light switches and fire extinguishers.
5. Give you information about how to contact Council Staff if there is need to do so.
6. Confirm the finishing time of your booking and when you should turn any music off.
7. Ask you to complete a monitoring form so the Office can issue a deposit refund

**Please note that the Caretaker is responsible for the care, security and safety of the hall you have booked. The Caretaker is there to assist you in making your booking a success and you should respect any reasonable request. The Caretaker has the authority to cancel any booking at any time if he / she considers that this action is necessary. The Council will always support decisions made by the Caretaker whilst carrying out his / her official duties.**