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Dear all,

**Re: Hate Crime Strategy – Thank You**

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January, Merton Council's 'Safer and Stronger Executive Board' unanimously approved the new Safer Merton Hate Crime Strategy. This strategy represents a commitment from Merton Council and Merton Police to treat hate crime as the pressing issue it is, supporting its victims and taking robust action against perpetrators.

We understand that this strategy has been developed over a period of several months and we recognise that it would not have been possible without the input and support from vital community organisations and divisions of the council. Much of the work required in order to deliver this strategy cannot be achieved unless we work together to understand the needs of residents, and so we thank you for your input.

Our borough is successful and thrives when the community is united and this strategy, along with the valuable work behind it, has helped to cement the strong relationship that exists in Merton between the council, the police, and the community.

Once again, thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Lee  
Director  
Merton Council

Steve Wallace  
Superintendent  
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