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Dear Merley Community Centre Hirers and Users

**Subject: Merley Community Centre – Hire Charges 2026/27**

The purpose of this notification is to advise Hirers and Users of The Merley Community Centre (MCC) that in the final quarter of 2025 the Committee and Trustees of Merley Community Association (MCA) have carried out a review of our costs and therefore the charges we will need to make for use of the MCC in the Financial Year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2027.

Our review included the quality, flexibility, and layout of the MCC facilities and supporting infrastructure, recalculation of each hall/room charge according to size and use, historical discounting practices and local market research against equivalent community facilities. Also included in our review were the historical and future projected costs for the operation of the MCC in ensuring that it remains viable for the community we serve in the future.

As a result of our findings, the Committee and Trustees have therefore, after a one year moratorium on hire charges, agreed to increase hire charges for the Merley Community Centre in line with the attached price and charging schedule which will be with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 until the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2027.

The Committee and Trustees will carry out the next review in the fourth quarter of 2026 and advise of any price variations for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2027 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2028 in December 2026.

Harold J Burridge

Chair – Merley Community Association.