

Sutton Liberal Democrat AGM- 19 November 2026

Council Group Report

Covering activity from September to 27 October 2026

Full Council met on 19 October, when our manifesto was formally adopted as the strategic priority for this administration, alongside the Local Plan.

Hustings were held at the Group meeting on 12 October, followed by the appointment of Cllr Cryss Mennaceur as the new Deputy Leader for the remainder of the municipal year. The resulting vacancy for Deputy Mayor was filled by Cllr Luni Sabharwal.

The regular cycle of committee meetings is now underway, with the full schedule available on the Council's website.

Work is progressing well on the transition from the committee system to a Cabinet system. The working group and officers continue to develop the proposals, with the new arrangements needing to be agreed by March, ahead of implementation in May 2027.

The budget process is also underway, and we have made encouraging progress in identifying savings and narrowing the forecast budget gap, supported by the One Sutton transformation programme. Committee Chairs will outline how transformation within their portfolios will help close the gap, with further Group discussions scheduled for 16 November.

While the position is improving, further work is needed to balance the 2027/28 budget. As we enter the winter months, financial pressures could intensify, particularly in Adult Social Care, SEND, and temporary accommodation, alongside rising contract costs and growing service demand.

There are no other significant matters to report at this stage.

Cllr Sunita Gordon
27 October 2026