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Bet Tikvah

Joint Statement from the members of the Woodford Liberal Synagogue and Bet Tikvah Merger Project Management Committee ('MPMC')

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We are pleased to inform members that following the recent MPMC meeting, we are now drawing together reports from the various sub-groups into a draft Merger Consultation Document.

We aim to circulate the Merger Consultation Document in December, initially to the rabbis and council members of both synagogues only, for discussion and feedback. The plan is to incorporate any such feedback in a revised version of the Merger Consultation Document, which will be published and distributed to the members of both synagogues in early 2016, following which separate members' consultation meetings will take place at each synagogue.

The Merger Consultation Document will show how the groups working on the merger view the way a merged synagogue might look and will give members the opportunity to engage in the ongoing discussion about the merger.

During 2016, as explained in earlier updates, we will be holding further joint events, including more combined services so that members of both synagogues can begin to get an increasing sense of how we could operate as one community.

We would also remind members that, at the present time, while we are beginning to see the positive ways in which this merger may impact on both communities, no decision has been taken as yet. Any final decision must to be taken at separate extraordinary general meetings ('EGMs') of the members of each synagogue. At some point in 2016, probably after the High Holy Days, the MPMC may recommend to both Councils that they hold EGMs to hold a formal vote on whether the two synagogues should merge.

As always, if any member has any concerns or would like to discuss any of the issues relating to the merger please contact any member of the MPMC.

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The Merger Project Management Committee

