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BetTikvah

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 have now drawn together the reports from the various sub-groups into a draft Merger Consultation Document ('MCD') and are working on the final version of the MCD, which will shortly be shared with the rabbis and lay leaders of both communities.

We have also now established the timetable for the consultation process which was outlined in our last statement.

- Both Councils will have met by **mid-January** to discuss the MCD.
- On the morning of **Sunday, 31st January**, there will be a joint meeting of the councils, rabbis and other leaders of both communities to review the MCD and discuss key issues. The start time will be confirmed shortly.
- Members of both communities will then be invited to separate meetings on **Sunday, 28th February**, to review the MCD and discuss key issues. Further details will be sent out early in 2016. Please diarise this date now!

The MPMC will continue to meet regularly to review feedback after each meeting and to ensure that the consultation process is open to everyone.

Again, 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 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