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BetTikvah

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

June 2016

Following the joint council meeting, which took place on 31 January 2016, the Merger Consultation Document was published and members of both synagogues met separately on 28 February 2016 for consultation meetings.

Since then, the MPMC has continued to meet on a monthly basis and can report that:

- We have held meetings with both Rabbis and discussions as to the future rabbinic leadership of the new community are ongoing.
- WLS held its AGM on 26 May 2016, amending its constitution to provide for a dissolution clause and the procedure leading to a vote as to whether or not its members wish to establish a new single community.
- Bet Tikvah's AGM is due to take place on Sunday, 3 July 2016, at which a constitutional amendment allowing for postal votes for a dissolution vote will be proposed.
- There have and continue to be a number of joint services between both communities: a joint service has been planned for Simchat Torah.
- **The vote: 11.00, Sunday, 25 September 2016.** Simultaneous EGMs will take place at each synagogue when each community, at the recommendation of their respective councils, will propose to dissolve and re-form as a single community. It is hoped that an announcement with the results will be made at around 12.30pm on the same day.
- Ballot papers will be sent to members of both communities in good time, so that any who are unable to attend on 25 September 2016 have sufficient time to return a postal vote.

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