

HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



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3 December 2013

**TO: MEMBERS OF THE HALTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

You are hereby summoned to attend an Ordinary Meeting of the Halton Borough Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall on Wednesday, 11 December 2013 commencing at 6.30 p.m. for the purpose of considering and passing such resolution(s) as may be deemed necessary or desirable in respect of the matters mentioned in the Agenda.

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Chief Executive

-AGENDA-

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10.	MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION OF THE COUNCIL	
	a) Further Development of Sci-Tech Daresbury - KEY DECISION (Minute EXB 103 refers)	1 - 6

Executive Board considered a report and presentation of the Chief Executive which updated Members on the proposed arrangements to fund the future development of Sci-Tech, Daresbury.

RECOMMENDED: That

- 1) the proposals for the future development of Sci-Tech Daresbury be noted;
- 2) Council be asked to approve the inclusion of Project Tech Space in the Council's Capital Programme, to be funded as set out in the Threshold Report;
- 3) authority be given for the Council to enter into the legal and funding agreements with the Joint Venture Partners for the delivery of the projects; and
- 4) agree to the Council entering into the financial arrangements to deliver the projects.

- b) Determination of the 2014/2015 Council Tax Base (Minute EXB 112 refers)

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Executive Board considered a report of the Operational Director, Finance, on the requirement for the Council to determine the 'Tax Base' for its area and the tax base for each of the Parishes.

RECOMMENDED: That Council approve

- 1) the Council Tax Base for 2014/15 to be set at 31,400 for the Borough, and that the Cheshire Fire Authority, the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Environment Agency be so notified; and
- 2) the Council Tax Base for each of the Parishes be set as follows;

Parish	Tax Base
Hale	643
Halebank	494
Daresbury	150
Moore	316
Preston Brook	319
Sandymoor	950

- c) 2013/14 Half Year Spending (Minute EXB 113 refers) **11 - 20**

Executive Board considered a report of the Operational Director, Finance, which reported on the 2013/14 Half Year Spending as at 30 September 2013.

RECOMMENDED: That Council approve the revisions to the Council's 2013/14 Capital Programme set out in paragraph 3.2 of the report.

- d) Budget Proposals 2014/15 (Minute EXB 116 refers) **21 - 30**

Executive Board considered a report of the Operational Director, Finance, on initial revenue budget proposals for 2014/15.

RECOMMENDED: That Council approve the initial budget proposals for 2014/15 as set out in Appendix 1.

- e) Widnes Waterfront Infrastructure (Minute EXB 119 refers) **31 - 34**

Executive Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Children and Enterprise, which provided an update on regeneration projects at Widnes Waterfront and Johnson's Lane, and sought approval to vary the Capital Programme to allow these projects to proceed.

RECOMMENDED: That Council include the £0.52m remediation costs of the former Bayer site and £0.5m for the provision of infrastructure at Johnson's Lane, Widnes, within the Capital Programme, to initially be funded from Growing Places Fund (GPF) loans (subject to successful bids) which will thereafter be repaid from the capital receipts generated from the sale of the respective sites.

f) Absence of Elected Member

Council are asked to note that Councillor Frank Fraser has been absent from attending Council meetings for four months, due to ill health.

Under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, permission is sought for Councillor Fraser to be granted an extended period of absence from attending Council meetings for a further period of 3 months, concluding on 14 March 2014.

11. MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND PERFORMANCE BOARDS AND THE BUSINESS EFFICIENCY BOARD

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- a) Children, Young People and Families
- b) Employment, Learning, Skills and Community
- c) Health
- d) Safer
- e) Environment and Urban Renewal
- f) Corporate Services
- g) Business Efficiency Board

12. COMMITTEE MINUTES

SEE MINUTE BOOK

- a) Development Control
- b) Regulatory
- c) Appeals Panel

13. PART II

In this case the Board has a discretion to exclude the press and public and, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, it is **RECOMMENDED** that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, having been satisfied that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

14. MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION OF THE COUNCIL

- a) The Draft Final Business Case Submission to the Department for Transport- KEY DECISION (Minute MGEb 15 refers) **35 - 66**

Mersey Gateway Executive Board considered a report of the Chief Executive.

- b) Former Crosville Depot Runcorn- Variation to Capital Programme **67 - 72**

To consider the attached Part II report.