

HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



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**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, 5 March 2014 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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1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
3.	MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION OF THE COUNCIL	
a)	Treasury Management Statement 2014/15 (Minute EXB 144 refers) Executive Board considered a report of the Operational Director, Finance, on the Treasury Management Statement 2014/15. RECOMMENDED: That Council adopt the policies, strategies, statements and prudential and treasury indicators as outlined in the report.	1 - 28
b)	Budget 2014/15 (Minute EXB 145 refers) Executive Board considered a report of the Operational Director, Finance, on the Budget 2014/15. RECOMMENDED: That Council adopt the resolution as set out in Appendix A of the report, which included setting the budget at £108.234m, the Council Tax requirement of £37.101m (before Parish, Police and Fire precepts) and the Band D Council Tax for Halton of £1,181.56.	29 - 50
c)	2013/14 Revised Capital Programme (Minute EXB 155 refers) Executive Board considered a report of the Operational Director, Finance, on the 2013/14 Capital Programme. RECOMMENDED: That Council approves the revisions to the Council's 2013/14 Capital Programme set out in paragraph 3.2 of the report.	51 - 58

<p>d) Capital Programme 2014-15 (Minute EXB 151 refers)</p> <p>Executive Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Children and Enterprise, on the Capital Programme for the Children and Enterprise Directorate.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED: That Council approve the Capital Programme 2014/15.</p>	59 - 64
<p>e) Establishment of a Combined Authority for the Liverpool City Region (Minute EXB 150 refers)</p> <p>Executive Board considered a report of the Chief Executive on the establishment of a Combined Authority for the Liverpool City Region.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED: That Council</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) confirms its previous decision that the Council should formally become a constituent member of the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority; 2) notes the position on the making of the Orders attached in Appendix 1 and the Parliamentary process currently in train; 3) endorses the Constitution for the Combined Authority as attached in Appendix 2; 4) approves the Operating Agreement for the Combined Authority as attached in Appendix 3; 5) approves arrangements set out in the report to appoint Members to the Combined Authority and its Committees; 6) notes that no allowances (other than travel and subsistence) will be paid to Members of the Combined Authority, the Scrutiny Pool and other Committees and Boards, with the exception of the Merseytravel Committee; 7) agrees that the payment of allowances for Co-opted Members of the Transport Committee will be dealt with in accordance with the current Merseyside Integrated Transport Authority Scheme and the Council's own scheme be amended accordingly; 	65 - 254

- 8) notes that a review of the Combined Authority's arrangements will be undertaken during the first year and reported to the Combined Authority's Annual General Meeting in 2015; and
- 9) agrees that approval to make any technical amendments to the Constitution and Operating Agreements for the Combined Authority and any other associated requirements to achieve the creation of the Combined Authority be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council.

f) Pay Policy Statement 2014/15

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To consider the attached report:-

RECOMMENDATION: That Council approves the Pay Policy Statement for 2014/15.

4. OUTSIDE BODIES MEMBERSHIP

Council are asked to note a change of membership for the Bridgewater Community Healthcare Trust Outside Body as follows:-

Councillor Morley will replace Councillor Wright.

RECOMMENDED: That this change be noted.

5. ABSENCE OF AN ELECTED MEMBER

At its meeting on 11 December 2013, Council resolved to grant Councillor Frank Fraser a period of absence from attending Council meetings for 3 months due to ill health. This extension would conclude on 14 March 2014.

In the event that Councillor Fraser continues to be absent from meetings of the Council, under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, permission is sought for Councillor Fraser to be granted a further period of absence from attending Council meetings for a period of 3 months, concluding on 6 June 2014, due to continued ill health.

RECOMMENDED: That Councillor Fraser be granted a further period of absence from attending Council meetings for a period of 3 months, concluding on 6 June 2014.