

**HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL**



*Municipal Building,  
Kingsway,  
Widnes.  
WA8 7QF*

*29 May 2014*

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

*You are hereby summoned to attend the Annual Meeting of the Halton Borough Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall on Friday, 6 June 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-**

<b>Item No.</b>		<b>Page No.</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR</b>  To be moved by Councillor Marie Wright and seconded by Councillor Ged Philbin  “That <b>Councillor Shaun Osborne</b> be elected Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2014/15”.  To be moved by Councillor Arthur Cole and seconded by Councillor Harry Howard  “That <b>Councillor Ellen Cargill</b> be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2014/15”.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>COUNCIL MINUTES</b>	<b>1 - 6</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>THE MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	
<b>5.</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	
<b>6.</b>	<b>BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS 22 MAY 2014</b>  To submit for information the election returns (see attached).	<b>7 - 8</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>EXECUTIVE BOARD (SELECTION COMMITTEE) 3 JUNE 2014</b>  To formally approve the following recommendations of the Executive Board (Selection Committee).  (N.B. The Executive Board will be meeting on 3 June 2014 to consider these recommendations. Any amendments will be reported to Council).  a) Deputy Leader of the Council 2014/15  To be moved by the Mayor and seconded by the Deputy Mayor:-  “That Councillor Mike Wharton be appointed as Deputy Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2014/15”.  b) Boards, Committees, Appeals Panel and Working Party	

To be moved by the Mayor and seconded by the Deputy Mayor:-

“That the following Boards, Committees, Appeals Panel and Working Party be constituted with the membership as shown for the Municipal Year 2014/15”

(N.B. Information regarding membership will be circulated as soon as possible.)

**Children, Young People and Families Policy and Performance Board (11)**

**Corporate Policy and Performance Board (11)**

**Employment, Learning, Skills and Community Policy and Performance Board (11)**

**Health Policy and Performance Board (11)**

**Safer Policy and Performance Board (11)**

**Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board (11)**

**Business Efficiency Board (11)**

**Regulatory Committee (11)**

**Development Control Committee (13)**

**Appeals Panel (20)**

**Appointments Committee (6)**

**Mayoral Committee (5)**

**Standards Committee (9)**

**Local Development Framework Working Party (15)**

c) Appointment of Scrutiny Co-ordinator

To appoint a Scrutiny Co-ordinator for the Municipal Year 2014/15.

d) Appointment of Co-optee to the Health Policy and Performance Board

To confirm the appointment of Mr Tom Baker as the Healthwatch Halton representative to the Health Policy and Performance Board for the Municipal Year 2014/15.

- e) Appointments to Outside Bodies  
To consider the attached report.

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RECOMMENDED: That the Council appoint representatives to the Outside Bodies.

## **8. EXECUTIVE BOARD PORTFOLIOS**

The Leader will report on the Portfolio holders for Executive Board for the Municipal Year 2014/15.

## **9. CIVIC SUNDAY**

To note the arrangements for Civic Sunday as being on Sunday 22 June 2014 in St Paul's Church of England Church, Victoria Square, Widnes WA8 7QU starting at 9.30am.

## **10. ABSENCE OF AN ELECTED MEMBER**

At its meeting on 5 March 2014, 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 6 June 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 concluding on 15 October 2014, due to continued ill health.

RECOMMENDED: That Councillor Fraser be granted a further period of absence from attending Council meetings, concluding on 15 October 2014.

**COUNCIL**

*At a meeting of the Council on Wednesday, 9 April 2014 in the Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall*

Present: Councillors Ratcliffe, Baker, M. Bradshaw, J. Bradshaw, D. Cargill, E. Cargill, Cassidy, Cole, Dennett, Edge, Fry, Gilligan, Harris, R. Hignett, S. Hill, V. Hill, Hodge, Horabin, Howard, Jones, M Lloyd Jones, P. Lloyd Jones, A. Lowe, J. Lowe, MacManus, McDermott, A. McInerney, T. McInerney, Morley, Nelson, Nolan, Osborne, Parker, Philbin, Polhill, C. Plumpton Walsh, N. Plumpton Walsh, Roberts, Rowe, Sinnott, G. Stockton, J. Stockton, Thompson, Wainwright, Wallace, Wharton, Wright, Woolfall and Zygadlo

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Fraser, Gerrard, P. Hignett, Lea, C. Loftus, K. Loftus and Logan

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: M. Reaney, A. Scott, D. Johnson, I. Leivesley and G. Meehan

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## COU91 COUNCIL MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings of Council held on 5 February 2014 and 5 March 2014, having been printed and circulated, were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meetings be confirmed and adopted.

## COU92 THE MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor thanked Officers and fellow Members in helping to make her Mayoral Year successful and enjoyable. She advised that it had been a great honour to represent Halton and that her Charities had enjoyed the various fund raising events held during the year. She also thanked the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress for their support and wished the Mayor-elect, Councillor Shaun Osborne – every success for 2014/15.

The Mayor also took the opportunity to wish fellow Members who were standing for re-election in the forthcoming Local Elections on 22 May 2014 every success.

COU93 LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader made the following announcements:-

- Mersey Gateway – financial close was reached with the Merseylink consortium on 27 March 2014, with a reported £250 million of procurement savings. A number of initial contracts worth a total of £10 million were ready to be announced by Merseylink with the majority going to North West businesses. He thanked Officers, public and private supporters of the scheme, and in particular Councillor McDermott for his leadership in the early days of the project;
- Liverpool City Region Combined Authority held its inaugural meeting on 1 April 2014 and appointed Councillor Phil Davies, Leader of Wirral Borough Council, as its Chairman; and
- He thanked the Mayor for her year of service and congratulated her on a successful year.

COU94 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Council considered the minutes of the Executive Board meetings from 6 February 2014, 27 February 2014, 13 March 2014 and 27 March 2014.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be received.

COU95 MINUTES OF THE MERSEY GATEWAY EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Council considered the minutes of the Mersey Gateway Executive Board meeting on 13 March 2014.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be received.

COU96 MINUTES OF THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

The Council considered the minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting on 15 January 2014.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be received.

COU97 QUESTIONS ASKED UNDER STANDING ORDER 8

It was noted that no questions had been submitted under Standing Order No. 8.

COU98 JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY (MINUTE EXB 164 REFERS)

Executive Board had considered a report of the Strategic Director, Communities, on the establishment of a Joint Health Scrutiny Protocol.

RESOLVED: That Council approve the Joint Health Scrutiny Protocol.

Strategic Director  
- Communities

COU99 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2014/15 (MINUTE EXB 180 REFERS)

Executive Board had considered a report of the Strategic Director, Policy and Resources, on the Calendar of meetings for the 2014/15 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED: That Council approve the Calendar of meetings for the 2014/15 Municipal Year.

Strategic Director  
- Policy &  
Resources

COU100 ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION 2014 (MINUTE EXB 181 REFERS)

Executive Board had considered a report of the Strategic Director, Policy and Resources, which sought approval to a number of changes to the Council's Constitution.

It was noted that the Scrutiny Chair's Group had been consulted upon the proposed change to the Remit of PPB's and were happy to support that recommendation.

RESOLVED: That the changes to the Council's Constitution, as set out in Appendix 1 attached to the report, be approved.

Strategic Director  
- Policy &  
Resources

COU101 POLLING DISTRICTS/POLLING STATIONS REVIEW (MINUTE EXB 182 REFERS)

Executive Board had considered a report of the Strategic Director, Policy and Resources, on the results of the formal Polling District, Places and Station Review.

RESOLVED: That Council adopt the amendments to the scheme, as detailed in the Appendix to the report, for the period 2014/19.

Strategic Director  
- Policy &  
Resources

COU102 APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR FOR 2014/15 (MINUTE MYR 3 REFERS)

The Mayoral Committee had considered a Part II item which made recommendations for the appointment of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the 2014/15 Municipal Year. Formal confirmation would be sought at the Annual meeting of Council.

RESOLVED: That Council note that

- 1) Councillor Shaun Osborne be appointed Mayor; and
- 2) Councillor Ellen Cargill be appointed Deputy Mayor.

*(N.B. Councillor J Lowe declared a Disclosable Other Interest in item HEA65 on the Health Policy and Performance Board as a Member of the YMCA Board in Halton; Councillor N Plumpton Walsh declared a Disclosable Other Interest in item CS47, Corporate Policy and Performance Board as a gym member of D L Leisure).*

COU103 MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND PERFORMANCE BOARDS AND THE BUSINESS EFFICIENCY BOARD

The Council considered the reports of the following Boards in the period since the meeting of Council on 5 February 2014:-

- Children, Young people and Families;
- Employment, Learning, Skills and Community;
- Health;
- Safer;
- Environment and Urban Renewal;
- Corporate; and
- Business Efficiency.

In considering the minutes, the following observations were made:

- CYP 48 – Adoption Scorecard 2010/13 – Councillor Dennett advised Members that Halton had achieved both Indicators on the Adoption Scorecard – one of only two North West Councils to do so;
- SAF 42 - Proposed Anti-Social Behaviour Reforms – Councillor Osborne highlighted the pilot Perpetrator Scheme for male perpetrators of domestic violence, and of the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme, Clare’s Law;
- CS44 – Living Wage Topic Group – Councillor



Gilligan advised Members that the proposal to introduce a 'supplement' to any pay grade which currently sat below the Living Wage Rate would be considered by the Budget Working Group;

- CS45 – Energy Efficiency – Councillor Gilligan reported that the Council had achieved savings of around £70,000 for 2015/16 through its Carbon Reduction Commitment; and
- Councillor A Lowe, Chair of the Business Efficiency Board, wished to place on record his thanks to Councillor Martha Lloyd Jones, as Vice Chair, for chairing meetings of the Board when he was unable to do so due to ill health.

#### COU104 COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Council considered the reports of the following Committees in the period since the meeting of Council on 5 February 2014:-

- Development Control;
- Regulatory;
- Appeals; and
- Mayoral.

*Meeting ended at 7.02 p.m.*

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**ELECTION RESULTS – THURSDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2014****BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

<b>WARD</b>	<b>CANDIDATES</b>	<b>PARTY</b>	<b>NO. OF VOTES CAST</b>	<b>TURNOUT</b>
Appleton	Sue Edge	Labour	Uncontested	
Birchfield	Michael Fry Philip Harper	Labour Conservative	855 593	28.01%
Broadheath	Keith Morley	Labour	Uncontested	
Ditton	Paul Griffiths Joe Roberts	Conservative Labour	318 1251	28.95%
Farnworth	Colleen Harper Andrew MacManus	Conservative Labour	666 986	27.25%
Grange	Mark Dennett William Dowdle Paul Meara	Labour Conservative Liberal Democrat	933 187 83	25.32%
Hale	Mike Wharton	Labour	Uncontested	
Halton Brook	Kevin Horne John Stockton	UKIP Labour	454 973	29.98%
Halton Castle	Ellen Cargill Rochelle Carney Darrin Whyte	Labour UKIP Trade Unionist and Socialist Against Cuts	956 413 72	31.76%
Halton Lea	Luke Hanson Alan Lowe Colin Rowan David Woods	UKIP Labour Conservative Liberal Democrat	345 885 83 55	29.99%
Halton View	Duncan Harper Tom McInerney	Conservative Labour	273 1267	30.22%

Heath	Philip Busow Tony Dalton Charlotte Gerrard Christopher Rowe	UKIP Conservative Labour Liberal Democrat	416 232 513 541	36.74%
Hough Green	Phil Harris Joanne McLean	Labour Conservative	1135 297	29.89%
Kingsway	Brad Bradshaw June Roberts	UKIP Labour	287 886	23.95%
Mersey	John Gerrard Glyn Redican Granville Spencer Joe Whyte	Labour UKIP Liberal Democrat Trade Unionist and Socialist Against Cuts	765 451 142 97	27.55%
Norton North	Adam Burnett Diane Inch Peter Lloyd Jones	Conservative Liberal Democrat Labour	257 491 850	32.20%
Norton South	Martha Lloyd Jones Ruth Rowan	Labour Conservative	1129 134	27.72%
		Overall Turnout		29.02%

**REPORT:** Council

**DATE:** 6 June 2014

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director – Policy and Resources

**SUBJECT:** Appointments to Outside Bodies

**WARDS:** Boroughwide

### **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To review the Council's representation on outside bodies.

### **2.0 RECOMMENDED: That the Council appoint representatives to the outside bodies as detailed in the attached list.**

### **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

Each year the Council undertakes a review of its membership on outside bodies. In accordance with this practice, a review has been undertaken and recommendations to serve on the various bodies have been put forward.

### **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

None.

### **5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

None.

### **6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

**6.1 Children and Young People in Halton** – none.

**6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton** – none.

**6.3 A Healthy Halton** –none.

**6.4 A Safer Halton** – none.

**6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal** – none.

### **7.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

None.

**8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

None.

**9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

None under the meaning of the Act.