

**HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL**



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*2 December 2014*

**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, 10 December 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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| <b>1.</b>       | <b>COUNCIL MINUTES</b>                                                                               | <b>SEE MINUTE BOOK</b> |
| <b>2.</b>       | <b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>                                                                         |                        |
| <b>3.</b>       | <b>THE MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>                                                                     |                        |
| <b>4.</b>       | <b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>                                                                      |                        |
| <b>5.</b>       | <b>LEADER'S REPORT</b>                                                                               |                        |
| <b>6.</b>       | <b>MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD</b>                                                                | <b>SEE MINUTE BOOK</b> |
|                 | a) 16 October 2014                                                                                   |                        |
|                 | b) 6 November 2014                                                                                   |                        |
|                 | c) 20 November 2014                                                                                  |                        |
| <b>7.</b>       | <b>MINUTES OF THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD</b>                                                     | <b>SEE MINUTE BOOK</b> |
| <b>8.</b>       | <b>QUESTIONS ASKED UNDER STANDING ORDER 8</b>                                                        |                        |
| <b>9.</b>       | <b>MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION OF THE COUNCIL</b>                                                   |                        |
|                 | a) Initial Budget Proposals 2015/16 - KEY DECISION (Minute EXB 90 refers)                            | <b>1 - 20</b>          |
|                 | Executive Board considered the attached report.                                                      |                        |
|                 | RECOMMENDED: That Council approve the initial budget proposals for 2015/16 as set out in Appendix 1. |                        |
|                 | b) Determination of the 2015/16 Council Tax Base - KEY DECISION (Minute EXB 87 refers)               | <b>21 - 24</b>         |

Executive Board considered the attached report.

RECOMMENDED: That Council approve

- 1) the Council Tax Base for 2015/16 to be set at 32,100 for the Borough, and that the Cheshire Fire Authority, the Cheshire Police & Crime Commissioner and the Environment Agency be so notified; and
- 2) the Council Tax Base for each of the Parishes as follows:

| Parish        | Tax Base |
|---------------|----------|
| Hale          | 649      |
| Halebank      | 488      |
| Daresbury     | 153      |
| Moore         | 320      |
| Preston Brook | 324      |
| Sandymoor     | 948      |

- c) 2014/15 Revised Capital Programme (Minute EXB 91 refers)

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Executive Board considered the attached report'

RECOMMENDED: That Council approve the revisions to the Council's 2014/15 Capital Programme set out in paragraph 3.2 of the report.

- d) Appointment of Co-optee to Children Young People and Families Policy and Performance Board

RECOMMENDED: That Council re-appoint Miss Elizabeth Lawler as a voting co-optee on the Children, Young People and Families Policy and Performance Board for a period of four years.

- e) Change of Committee/ Board Membership

Council are asked to note that, in accordance with Standing Order 30 (4), the Leader has notified a change in Committee/Board membership as follows:

**Health PPB**

Councillor Carol Plumpton Walsh to replace Councillor Gerrard

**Children Young People and Families PPB**

Councillor Carol Plumpton Walsh to stand down from this Board

**10. MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND PERFORMANCE BOARDS AND THE BUSINESS EFFICIENCY BOARD**

**SEE MINUTE BOOK**

- 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

**11. COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**SEE MINUTE BOOK**

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

**12. 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 item 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.

**Please note that if this resolution is passed, members of the press and public will be asked to leave the room during consideration of the following business.**

**13. MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION OF THE COUNCIL**

- a) Peelhouse Lane - New Widnes Cemetery - KEY DECISION  
(Minute EXB 101 refers)

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Executive Board considered the attached report.

RECOMMENDED: That Council

- 1) note the progress made to date and approve the timeline for the tender and construction process detailed in Appendix A;
- 2) approve the proposal to tender works for the construction of a new cemetery;
- 3) approve the addition of the £2.8m project to the Council's Capital Programme; and
- 4) approve the new name of the cemetery as Peel House Cemetery.

- b) Warrington Road Traveller Site (Minute EXB 103 refers)  
Executive Board considered the attached report.

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RECOMMENDED: That Council

- 1) note the revised scheme costings, set out in Section 5 of the report, subject to formally agreeing the required additional funding contributions from the Homes and Communities Agency, and a developer's planning obligation (S106) contribution;
- 2) increase the estimated amount of the new permanent Warrington Road site within the Council's Capital Programme, in line with the final estimated cost identified following the value engineering process; and
- 3) granted delegated authority to the Strategic Director, Policy and Resources, in consultation with the Portfolio holder for Physical Environment, to consider how any residual gap in funding might be met.