

HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



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11 May 2017

**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, 19 May 2017 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.	ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR To be moved by Councillor Thompson and seconded by Councillor John Stockton “That Councillor Alan Lowe be elected Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2017/18” To be moved by Councillor Philbin and seconded by Councillor Rowe “That Councillor John Bradshaw be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2017/18”	
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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 2017/18”

(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)

Health Policy and Performance Board (11)

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

Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board (11)

Safer Policy and Performance Board (11)

Business Efficiency Board (11)

Regulatory Committee (11)

Development Control Committee (11)

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 be moved by the Mayor and seconded by the Deputy Mayor: –

“To appoint a Scrutiny Co-ordinator for the Municipal Year 2017/18 as set out in the tabled document”.

d) Appointment of Co-optees

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

“That the following appointments of Co-optees be confirmed

- 1) The re-appointment of Mr Tom Baker as the Healthwatch Halton representative and non-voting Co-optee to the Health Policy and Performance Board for the Municipal Year 2017/18; and
- 2) The re-appointment of Reverend David Felix and Mr Stephen Cluff as non-voting Parish Council Co-optees to the Standards Committee for the Municipal Year 2017/18”.

e) Appointment to Outside Bodies

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

“That Council consider the attached report”.

RECOMMENDED: That Council appoint representatives to the Outside Bodies.

f) Executive Board Portfolios

The Leader will report on the Portfolio holders for Executive Board for the Municipal Year 2017/18.

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8. CONSTITUTION UPDATE 2017/18 (MINUTE EXB 115 REFERS)

Executive Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, which sought approval of a number of changes to the Council’s Constitution.

A copy of the draft Constitution can be found via the following link www.halton.gov.uk/draftconst

RECOMMENDED: That Council approve the revised Constitution, including the matters set out in Appendix 1 attached to the report.

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9. CIVIC SUNDAY

To note the arrangements for Civic Sunday as being Sunday 25 June 2017 at St Michaels & All Angels Church, Greenway Road, Runcorn, WA7 4NW, starting at 10.00 a.m.

COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council on Wednesday, 8 March 2017 in the Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall

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

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Nolan, Harris, and G. Stockton

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: D. Parr, I. Leivesley, M. Vasic, M. Reaney, A. Scott and E. Dawson

Also in attendance: None

Action

COU58 COUNCIL MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2016, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

COU59 THE MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor made the following announcements:

- The Mayor hosted a reception for Mr Bill Armes who had recently celebrated his 100th birthday and who had been a volunteer at Halton Play Council for 29 years since his retirement;
- An MBE medal and citation, awarded to the late Miss M J Preece had been passed to the Council for safe keeping. This would be on display in the reception area at Runcorn Town Hall; and
- The Mayor had been presented with a pen, the case of which had been carved by local craftsmen, from wooden pews once situated in St John's Church, Weston, Runcorn.

COU60 LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader made the following announcements:

- He reported on the Budget Speech which had been made in Parliament earlier in the day. Confirmation of its contents and how they would affect Halton, were awaited;
- Merseyflow, the web site dedicated to the administration of the tolling system for the new Mersey Gateway Bridge and the Silver Jubilee Bridge, had been launched; and
- He thanked all Council staff and those from other agencies that had helped members of the community in a practical way on the day that 'Storm Doris' arrived.

COU61 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Council considered the minutes of the executive Board meetings on 15 December 2016, 19 January 2017 and 23 February 2017.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be received.

COU62 MINUTES OF THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

The Council considered the minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting on 18 January 2017.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be received.

COU63 QUESTIONS ASKED UNDER STANDING ORDER 8

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

COU64 BUDGET 2017/18- KEY DECISION (MINUTE EXB 96 REFERS)

The Executive Board had considered a report setting out a recommendation to Council in respect of the Budget, Capital Programme and Council Tax for 2017/18. Since then the Cheshire Fire Authority and the Cheshire Police and Crime Commissioner had set their budgets and council tax precepts and these had been included in the report to full Council.

The report included detail on the following:-

- Medium Term Financial Strategy;
- Budget Consultation;
- Review of the 2016/17 Budget;
- 2017/18 Budget;
- the Local Government Finance Settlement;
- Budget Outlook;

- Halton's Council Tax;
- Parish Precepts;
- Average Council Tax;
- Police Precept;
- Fire Precept;
- Total Council Tax;
- Capital Programme;
- Prudential Code; and
- School Budgets.

The Executive Board had recommended that Council adopt the resolution set out in Appendix A of the report, which included setting the budget at £103.249m, the Council Tax requirement of £44.378m (before Parish, Police and Fire precepts) and the Band D Council Tax for Halton of £1,312.27.

Councillor Wharton, Resources Portfolio Holder, thanked all the Officers involved for their support in producing this budget and wished to record his thanks to the Members of the Executive Board, the Budget Working Group and the Chairs of the Policy and Performance Boards for their contribution. In addition he thanked the Leader for his help and support in delivering this budget.

In accordance with Standing Order 16 (3), a recorded vote was taken.

The following Members voted FOR the motion:

Councillors Philbin, Abbott, S. Baker, M. Bradshaw, J. Bradshaw, D. Cargill, E. Cargill, Cassidy, Cole, Dennett, Edge, Fry, C. Gerrard, J. Gerrard, Gilligan, P. Hignett, R. Hignett, S. Hill, V. Hill, Horabin, Howard, Jones, M. Lloyd Jones, P. Lloyd Jones, C. Loftus, K. Loftus, Logan, A. Lowe, J. Lowe, MacManus, McDermott, A. McInerney, T. McInerney, Morley, Nelson, Osborne, Parker, Polhill, C. Plumpton Walsh, N. Plumpton Walsh, Joe Roberts, June Roberts, Rowe, Sinnott, J. Stockton, Thompson, Wainwright, Wall, Wallace, Wharton, Woolfall, Wright and Zygadlo

There were no votes against the motion.

There were no abstentions.

RESOLVED: That Council adopt the following resolution –

- 1) The policies outlined in this paper be adopted, including the budget and council tax for 2017/18, the savings set out in Appendix B and the Capital Programme set out in Appendix F;

- 2) That it be noted that at the meeting on 07 December 2016 the Council agreed the following:
- (a) The Council Tax Base 2017/18 for the whole Council area is 33,818 (item T in the formula in Section 31B(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the Act) and
 - (b) For dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates, be set out as follows:

Parish	Tax Base
Hale	662
Daresbury	174
Moore	328
Preston Brook	332
Halebank	522
Sandymoor	1,020

being the amounts calculated by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Regulations, as the amounts of its Council Tax Base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which special items relate.

- 3) Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2017/18 (excluding Parish precepts) is £44,378,347;
- 4) In accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (Sections 31 to 36), the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2016/17 and agreed as follows:
- (a) £353,577,866 – being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the said Act, taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.
 - (b) £309,111,609– being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
 - (c) £44,466,257 – being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year (item R in the formula in Section 31A(4) of the Act).
 - (d) £1,314.87– being the amount at 3(c) above (item R), all divided by item T (2 above), calculated by the Council, in

accordance with Section 31B(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).

- (e) £87,910– being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act, each individual Parish precept being:

	£
Hale	26,250
Daresbury	4,596
Moore	4,526
Preston Brook	11,000
Halebank	15,610
Sandymoor	25,928

- (f) £1,312.27 being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by item T (2(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates.

- (g) Part of the Council's Area

	£
Hale	1,351.92
Daresbury	1,338.68
Moore	1,326.07
Preston Brook	1,345.40
Halebank	1,342.17
Sandymoor	1,337.69

being the amounts given by adding to the amounts at 3(e) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at 2(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings of its area to which one or more special items relate.

(h) Part of the Council's Area

Band	Hale	Daresbury	Moore	Preston Brook	Hale bank	Sandy moor	All other Parts of the Council's Area
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
A	901.27	892.45	884.04	896.93	894.77	891.79	874.84
B	1,051.50	1,041.20	1,031.39	1,046.43	1,043.92	1,040.43	1,020.66
C	1,201.70	1,189.94	1,178.73	1,195.91	1,193.04	1,189.06	1,166.46
D	1,351.92	1,338.68	1,326.07	1,345.40	1,342.17	1,337.69	1,312.27
E	1,652.34	1,636.16	1,620.75	1,644.37	1,640.42	1,634.95	1,603.88
F	1,952.76	1,933.64	1,915.42	1,943.34	1,938.68	1,932.21	1,895.50
G	2,253.19	2,231.13	2,210.11	2,242.33	2,236.94	2,229.48	2,187.11
H	2,703.84	2,677.36	2,652.14	2,690.80	2,684.34	2,675.38	2,624.54

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 3(f) and 3(g) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in Valuation Band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

- 5) It is further noted that for the year 2017/18 the Cheshire Police and Crime Commissioner has stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

	£
A	109.63
B	127.90
C	146.17
D	164.44
E	200.98
F	237.52
G	274.07
H	328.88

- 6) It is further noted that for the year 2017/18 the Fire Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the

Council, in accordance with the Local Government Act 2003 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

	£
A	48.86
B	57.00
C	65.15
D	73.29
E	89.58
F	105.86
G	122.15
H	146.58

- 7) That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 4h, 5 and 6 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2016/17 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Band	Hale	Dares bury	Moore	Preston Brook	Hale bank	Sandy moor	All other Parts of the Council's Area
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
A	1,059.76	1,050.94	1,042.53	1,055.42	1,053.26	1,050.28	1,033.33
B	1,236.40	1,226.10	1,216.29	1,231.33	1,228.82	1,225.33	1,205.56
C	1,413.02	1,401.26	1,390.05	1,407.23	1,404.36	1,400.38	1,377.78
D	1,589.65	1,576.41	1,563.80	1,583.13	1,579.90	1,575.42	1,550.00
E	1,942.90	1,926.72	1,911.31	1,934.93	1,930.98	1,925.51	1,894.44
F	2,296.14	2,277.02	2,258.80	2,286.72	2,282.06	2,275.59	2,238.88
G	2,649.41	2,627.35	2,606.33	2,638.55	2,633.16	2,625.70	2,583.33
H	3,179.30	3,152.82	3,127.60	3,166.26	3,159.80	3,150.84	3,100.00

being satisfied that:

- (a) The total amount yielded by its Council Taxes for the said financial year will be sufficient, so far as is practicable, to provide for items mentioned at 4(a) to (c) above; and, to the extent that they are not, to be provided for by any other means.
- (b) Those amounts which relate to a part only of its area will secure, so far as is practicable, that the precept or portion of a precept relating to such part will be provided for only by the amount yielded by such of its Council Taxes as relate to that part.

- 8) The Operational Director Finance be authorised at any time during the financial year 2017/18 to borrow on behalf of the Council by way of gross bank overdraft such sums as he shall deem necessary for the purposes of this paragraph, but not such that in any event the said overdraft at any time exceeds £10m (£0.5m net) as the Council may temporarily require.

(N.B. Councillor Martha Lloyd Jones made a Disclosable Other Interest in the following item of business as she was a Governor of St Edward's Catholic Primary School)

COU65 2016/17 REVISED CAPITAL PROGRAMME (MINUTE EXB 94 REFERS)

Executive Board had considered a report of the Operational Director, Finance, on revisions to the 2016/17 Capital Programme.

RESOLVED: That the revisions to the Council's 2016/17 Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 3.2 of the report, be approved.

Operational Director - Finance

COU66 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2017/18 AND BASIC NEED - KEY DECISION (MINUTE EXB 78 REFERS)

Executive Board had considered a report of the Strategic Director, People, on Capital Programmes for 2017/18 for the People Directorate.

RESOLVED: That the Capital Programme for 2017/18 be approved.

Strategic Director - People

COU67 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT 2017/18 (MINUTE EXB 95 REFERS)

Executive Board considered a report of the Operational Director, Finance, on the Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2017/18.

RESOLVED: That Council adopt the policies, strategies, statements, prudential and treasury indicators outlined in the report.

Operational Director - Finance

COU68 SUPPORT TO SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (MINUTE EXB 99 REFERS)

Executive Board considered a report of the Operational Director, Finance, on the adoption of a scheme to provide financial support to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs).

RESOLVED: That

- 1) Council approve the introduction of a Scheme of Support for SMEs, in accordance with the circumstances and criteria outlined in the report;
- 2) The award of business loans up to £1m for successful applicants, be delegated to the Operational Director, Finance, in liaison with the Executive Board Portfolio holder for Resources and the Operational Director, Economy, Enterprise and Property;
- 3) The award of business loans of between £1m and £5m for successful applicants, be delegated to the Chief Executive in liaison with the Leader of the Council, the Executive Board Portfolio holder for Resources, the Operational Director, Finance, and the Operational Director, Economy, Enterprise and Property; and
- 4) The award of business loans over £5m for successful applicants, be a matter for decision by Executive Board.

Operational
Director -
Finance

COU69 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR 2017/18 (MINUTE EXB 97 REFERS)

Executive Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, on a proposed calendar of meetings for the 2017/18 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED: That the calendar of meetings for the 2017/18 Municipal Year, attached at Appendix 1, be approved.

Strategic
Director -
Enterprise,
Community
and
Resources

COU70 APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL RETURNING OFFICER FOR THE COMBINED AUTHORITY ELECTION

Council considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, on the appointment of a Local Returning Officer for the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Mayoral Election to be held on 4 May 2017.

RESOLVED: That the Chief Executive be appointed as the Local Returning Officer for the Combined Authority Mayoral Election on 4 May 2017.

Strategic
Director -
Enterprise,
Community
and
Resources

COU71 PAY POLICY STATEMENT

Council considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, on the Pay Policy Statement for 2017/18.

The Localism Act 2011 required every local authority to prepare

a pay policy statement each year, which detailed the Council's approach to a range of issues relating to the pay of its employees.

The report detailed the following information:

- Background to the Pay Structure;
- Senior Management Remuneration;
- Recruitment of Chief Officers;
- Additions to Salaries of Chief Officers;
- Pension Contributions;
- Payments on Termination;
- Publication;
- Lowest Paid Employees; and
- Accountability and Decision Making.

RESOLVED: That the Pay Policy Statement for 2017/18 be adopted.

Strategic
Director -
Enterprise,
Community
and
Resources

COU72 PEOPLE'S DIRECTORATE

Council considered a report of the Chief Executive, on revised arrangements within the People Directorate, as required by the legislative framework for Children's, Adults and Public Health Services.

The report set out the administrative and managerial arrangements for the Operational Director for Adults (DASS), the Director of Children's Services (DCS) and the Director of Public Health (DPH).

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the content of the report be noted; and
- 2) the Strategic Director, People, be formally designated as the Council's Statutory Director of Children's Services.

Chief
Executive

COU73 RECOMMENDATION FROM MAYORAL COMMITTEE (MINUTE MYR 2 REFERS)

The Mayoral Committee had considered a Part II item which made recommendations for the appointment of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the 2017/18 Municipal Year. Formal confirmation would be sought at the Annual Meeting of Council.

RESOLVED: That Council note that

- 1) Councillor Alan Lowe be appointed Mayor; and
- 2) Councillor John Bradshaw be appointed Deputy Mayor.

(N.B. The following Councillors made a Disclosable Other Interest in Minute HEA 35 of the Health Policy and Performance Board for the reasons stated: Councillor Alan Lowe and Councillor Joan Lowe as their sons' partner worked for a provider of domiciliary care in Halton; Councillor Osborne, as his wife was an employee of Halton Borough Council)

COU74 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 7 December 2016:-

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

COU75 COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Council considered the reports of the following Committees in the period since the meeting of Council on 7 December 2016:-

- Development Control;
- Regulatory;
- Appeals Panel;
- Standards; and
- Appointments.

Meeting ended at 7.05 p.m.

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COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council on Wednesday, 8 March 2017 in the Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall

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

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Harris, Nolan and G. Stockton

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: D. Parr, I. Leivesley, M. Vasic, M. Reaney, A. Scott and E. Dawson

Also in attendance: None

Action

COUNCILLOR DAVE CARGILL

COU76 APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY FREEMAN OF THE BOROUGH

Moved by Councillor R Hignett and seconded by Councillor M Lloyd Jones and unanimously

RESOLVED: That Councillor Dave Cargill be admitted as an Honorary Freeman of the Borough of Halton.

COUNCILLOR TONY MCDERMOTT

COU77 APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY FREEMAN OF THE BOROUGH

Moved by Councillor Gilligan and seconded by Councillor Morley and unanimously

RESOLVED: That Councillor Tony McDermott be admitted as an Honorary Freeman of the Borough of Halton.

Meeting ended at 7.20 p.m.

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LIVERPOOL CITY REGION MAYORAL ELECTION RESULTS 4 MAY 2017

CANDIDATE	PARTY	NOS OF VOTES CAST
Roger Bannister	Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition	7,881
Paul Breen	Get The Coppers Off The Jury	729
Tony Caldeira	The Conservative Party Candidate	58,805
Carl Cashman	Liberal Democrats	19,751
Tom Crone	Green Party first choice candidate	14,094
Tabitha Morton	Women's Equality Party	4,287
Steve Rotheram	Labour Party	171,167
Paula Walters	UK Independence Party	11,946
	TURNOUT	26.1%

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REPORT: Council

DATE: 19 May 2017

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community 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 list circulated at the meeting.

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.

REPORT TO: Executive Board

DATE: 16 March 2017

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community and Resources

PORTFOLIO: Resources

SUBJECT: Annual Review of Constitution 2017

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of the report is to seek the approval of the Council to a number of changes to the Constitution.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That Council be recommended to approve the changes to the Constitution including the matters set out in Appendix 1.

3.0 BACKGROUND

3.1 The revised version picks up the changes to the Council's working arrangements that have taken place during the year, as well as other changes which are intended to assist the Council to operate more effectively.

3.2 The proposals for change have been considered by the Chief Executive and the Executive Board Member for Resources in accordance with Article 16.02. Apart from the purely technical changes, the proposed amendments that are considered to be of particular significance are listed in Appendix 1 to this report.

4.0 POLICY, FINANCIAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS

4.1 All legislative changes have been considered. However, no further amendments, over and above those already outlined, are required at the present time. Any other required changes during the period 2017/18 will be the subject of further reports when dates and details are available.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

5.1 **Children and Young People in Halton.**

5.2 **Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton.**

5.3 **A Healthy Halton.**

5.4 A Safer Halton.

5.5 Halton's Urban Renewal.

The changes proposed are designed to support the continued delivery of the Council's priorities.

6.0 RISK ANALYSIS

6.1 The Council needs to ensure that its Constitution is regularly updated so that it continues to support efficient, transparent and accountable decision-making by the authority.

7.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

7.1 None.

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

None under the meaning of the Act.

Proposed Significant Changes to the Constitution

Procurement Standing Orders

Minor updates following a comprehensive update last year, which corrects minor errors found in the operational year.

Finance Standing Orders

Section 6.2 has been updated in line with findings by Internal Audit. This demonstrates the Council's arrangements in regard to internal audit and that they comply with the requirements of the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards.

Other minor updates to reflect changes in operational management delegations.

Standing Orders Relating to Duties of Proper Officers and Delegation to Officers

Some minor updates to reflect changes in legislation; areas affected include Food Safety and Licensing.

Local Code of Corporate Governance

This has been updated to reflect that the work of Housing Benefit Fraud investigation has been taken over by the Department for Work and Pensions.

Whistleblowing Policy

These minor changes are in line with the requirements of Internal Audit.

Director of Children's Services

Following formal confirmation at full Council on 8 March 2017, the Strategic Director, People, will formally be designated as the Director of Children's Services.

IN ADDITION

The following additional amendment be made to Delegated Power 98 (b) (Matters relating to Planning & Transportation) to read as follows:-

“(b) relates to matters directly impacting on a Member’s Ward and the Member makes a written request (for planning purposes) and with the agreement of the Chair that the application should be presented to the Committee”