

F O R W A R D P L A N

FOR THE PERIOD : 1 DECEMBER 2007 TO 31 MARCH 2008

What is the Forward Plan?

The Forward Plan is a list of the key decisions the Authority intends to take during a four month period. The Plan is updated monthly and is available to the public 14 days before the beginning of each month.

What is a Key Decision?

Key decisions are defined as any executive decision which is likely

- to result in expenditure or savings which are significant in the context of the budget for the service or function in question; or
- to be significant in terms of its effects on the communities living or working in two or more wards in the area.

What does the Forward Plan tell me?

The Plan gives information about:

- what key decisions are coming forward in the next four months;
- when those key decisions are likely to be made;
- who will make those decisions;
- what consultation will be given;
- who you can make representations to, and how;
- what documents will be considered; and
- who you can contact for further information.

Who takes Key Decisions?

Under the Authority's Constitution, Key Decisions are taken by the Council, the Executive Board (and its Sub-Committees/Sub-Boards) or individual officers acting under delegated powers.

Most Key Decisions are taken at public meetings of either the Council or the Executive Board. Council meets at 6.30 pm at the Town Hall, Runcorn and the Executive Board meets at 2.00 pm in the Municipal Building, Widnes.

How to make representations and by when

Names of contact officers are included in the Plan and can be reached via (0151) 907 8300. If you are unsure, please ring Committee Services via the same number and staff there will be able to assist you.

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Recommendation to Council that Core Strategy (Preferred Option Stage) Document is approved for public consultation.	Executive Board	Not before 1st December, 2007	Part of on-going consultation, previous Issues and Options consultation stage with general public and key internal and external stakeholders. A wide variety of consultation and community involvement methods will be used.	PPS12: Local Development Frameworks; Regional Spatial Strategy for the North West; Halton Core Strategy Issues and Options Papers (and accompanying documentation); Halton Local Development Scheme 2006/07; Halton Unitary Development Plan - all from Nathan Renison, Rutland House	Phil Watts
Agree the integration of	Executive Board	Not before 1st	PCT Staff; Alliance	Children and	Gerald Meehan

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the PCT Children and Young People staff within the Local Authority Children and Young People Department structure		December, 2007	Board; Chief Officers' Management Team; C&YP SMT; and PCT Management Team are all to be consulted via agenda items and staff conferences/events.	Young People's Plan - available from Tony Crane at Grosvenor House	
The establishment of a Company (of which the Council will be a member) to Manage the Mersey Multimodal Gateway (3MG).	3MG Executive Sub Board	Not before 1st December, 2007	The Stobart Group and Legal Services. Company documentation has been distributed to the Partners for comment. Their comments have been considered and taken on Board where appropriate, whilst protecting the Council's interest.	3MG Management Company Report to be considered at 3MG Executive Sub-Board in January to April 2008 - Major Projects Department, Sally McDonald.	Sally McDonald

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			Further time is being allowed for the newly formed Stobart Group to consider the documentation and provide additional comments; this will occur autumn 2007.		
Approval of publication of Draft Design of New Residential Development Supplementary Planning Document for public consultation	Executive Board Sub Committee	Not before 1st December, 2007	Previous 'Partnership Consultation' with selected Council officers. Following the decision, there will be public consultation during May and June 2007. Documents will be on display at various locations around the Borough and on the	Halton UDP (from Neil Macfarlane); Draft Design of New Residential Development SPD; Draft Design of New Residential Development SPD Partnership Consultation Stage; Sustainability Appraisal Pre	Phil Watts

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			Council's web site for a six week period.	Production Scoping Report - from Perran Baragwanath at Rutland House	
Environmental Protection Act 1990 Part IIA - Contaminated Land - to consider the first four year review of the strategy for inspection of contaminated land published in 2001.	Strategic Director - Environment	Not before 1st December, 2007	Management Team, Safer Halton PPB, Urban Renewal PPB, Contaminated Land Working Panel. Via reports.	Report on findings so far, DETR Circular 02/2000 Contaminated Land, Contaminated Land: Strategy for Inspection (July 2001), Part IIA Environmental Protection Act 1990.	Dick Tregear
Adoption of Draft Town Centre Strategy Supplementary Planning Documents for Halton Lea	Executive Board	Not before 1st December, 2007	Public consultation has taken place between 1 February and 15 March 2007.	Halton UDP; Runcorn Old Town and Halton Lea Draft Town	Phil Watts

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and Runcorn Old Town			Documents were on display at various locations around the Borough and on the Council's website for a six week period. Selected Council Officers and stakeholders in each town centre have also been consulted.	Centre Strategies (Feb 2007); Runcorn Old Town and Halton Lea Town Centre Strategies Partnership Consultation Stage (Nov 2005); Sustainability Appraisal Pre Production Scoping Reports (June 2005) - all from Neil Macfarlane at Rutland House, Halton Lea	
Decision on the provision of new grave space in Halton for 2015 onwards.	Executive Board	Not before 1st December, 2007	Clergy, funeral directors, memorial masons, cemetery users, residents, Members and	None.	Dwayne Johnson

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			bereavement service officers will be consulted via meetings and/or surveys.		
To endorse the Parenting Strategy	Executive Board	Not before 1st December, 2007	The Alliance Board is to be consulted via the agenda item.	Parenting Strategy - available from Tilly Heigh, Alliance Board Manager, Belgrave 4, Grosvenor House	Gerald Meehan
Building Schools for the Future - Secondary and Secondary Special School Re-organisation	Executive Board	Not before 1st December, 2007	Staff; parents; governors; pupils of all primary, secondary and special schools; LSC; Riverside College; Trade Unions; PCT;	Consultation Proposals; Summary of response to consultation; alternative school re-organisation proposals - all	Gerald Meehan

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			<p>Alliance Board members; other local authorities; other Directorate services; other community and building users; Department of Children, Schools and Families; Partnership for Schools; 4ps; and the Office of the School Commissioner will all be consulted via public briefings and meetings, completion of feedback forms, submission of letters and e-mail responses.</p>	available from Ms Ann McIntyre, 3rd Floor, Grosvenor House, Runcorn	

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To endorse the proposals for Integrated Youth Support in Halton	Executive Board	Not before 1st December, 2007	The alliance board will be consulted by an agenda item.	Integrated Youth Support Change Plan - Available from Tony Crane - Grosvenor House	Gerald Meehan
To adopt an Anti-bullying policy	Executive Board	Not before 1st December, 2007	An extensive consultation has been undertaken with schools and governors, parents/carers, young people and all settings that young people attend.	Halton Anti-bullying Strategy Executive; and Halton Anti-bullying Strategy - available from Christine Johnson in Grosvenor House x3606	Gerald Meehan
Future of Carer Centres and partnership with the Voluntary Sector	Executive Board	Not before 1st December, 2007	Independent consultation will take place through planned interviews with Halton Voluntary Action,	Carers Strategy 2006-2008 - available from Audrey Williamson at Grosvenor House	Dwayne Johnson

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			Age Concern, Halton Carer's Forum Chair, Carers Centre Staff, Primary Care Trust and Senior Managers at Halton Borough Council.		
Approval of the Council's updated Municipal Waste Management Strategy	Executive Board	Not before 1st December, 2007	Management Team, elected Members and Halton Residents (eg Halton 2000 Panel and Area Forums) are to be consulted via formal reports, Area Forum presentations, questionnaires and the Council's website.	Draft updated Waste Management Strategy - available from Jimmy Unsworth at Lowerhouse Lane	Dick Tregear

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NOTE

The following Members comprise the Executive Board:

Leader – Councillor McDermott

Deputy Leader and Planning, Transportation, Regeneration and Renewal Portfolio Holder – Councillor Polhill

Children and Young People Portfolio Holder – Councillor McInerney

Health and Social Care Portfolio Holder – Councillor Gerrard

Environment, Leisure and Sport Portfolio Holder – Councillor Harris

Community Portfolio Holder – Councillor Wright

European Affairs Portfolio Holder – Councillor D Cargill

Corporate Services Portfolio Holder – Councillor Wharton

Quality and Performance Portfolio Holder – Councillor Swain

Neighbourhood Management and Development Portfolio Holder – Councillor Nelson