

HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



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10th May 2007

**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, 18 May 2007 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-

1. ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

To be moved by Councillor M. Ratcliffe
and seconded by Councillor Sly

“That **Councillor Mike Hodgkinson** be elected Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2007/08”.

To be moved by Councillor Gerrard
and seconded by Councillor Stockton

“That **Councillor Loftus** be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2007/08”.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 25th April 2007 (enclosed).

4. THE MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS - 3RD MAY 2007

To submit for information the election returns (see attached).

6. EXECUTIVE BOARD (SELECTION COMMITTEE) - 16TH MAY 2007

To formally approve the following recommendations of the Executive Board (Selection Committee).

(NB The Executive Board will be meeting on 16th May 2007 to consider these recommendations. Any amendments will be reported to Council.)

a) Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council

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

“That

(1) Councillor McDermott be appointed Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2007/2008; and

(2) Councillor Polhill be appointed Deputy Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2007/2008.”

b) Boards, Committees, Appeal 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 2007/2008.”

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

Corporate Services Policy and Performance Board (11)

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

Safer Halton Policy and Performance Board (11)

Healthy Halton Policy and Performance Board (11)

Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board (11)

Children and Young People Policy and Performance Board (11)

Regulatory Committee (11)

Development Control Committee (11)

Business Efficiency Board (11)

Standards Committee (5)

Appeals Panel (20)

Local Development Framework Working Party (15)

c) Annual Review of Constitution

The Executive Board considered the attached report (also see enclosed disc).

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

“That the Council’s Constitution be amended as proposed.”

7. EXECUTIVE BOARD PORTFOLIOS

The Leader will report on the portfolio holders on the Executive Board for the forthcoming year.

8. APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATOR

To appoint a Scrutiny Co-ordinator for the forthcoming Municipal year.

9. MEMBERS ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2007/08

10. PERFORMANCE PLAN FOR 2007/08

To consider the attached report.

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

“That

- (1) the draft 2007/08 Performance Plan be approved by Full Council; and
- (2) the Full Council authorise the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council to make any amendments to finalise the Performance Plan for publication.”

11. CIVIC SUNDAY

The Mayor to announce the arrangements for Civic Sunday.

COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council on Wednesday, 25 April 2007 in the Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall

Present: Councillors Swain (Chairman), Bradshaw, Blackmore, D. Cargill, E. Cargill, Cole, Cross, Dennett, Edge, Findon, Gerrard, Gilligan, Harris, Hignett, Hodgkinson, Horabin, Howard, C Inch, D Inch, Jones, Leadbetter, Lewis, Lloyd Jones, Loftus, A. Lowe, Marlow, Massey, McDermott, McInerney, Morley, Nolan, Norddahl, Osborne, Parker, Pearsall, Philbin, Polhill, M Ratcliffe, Redhead, Rowan, Rowe, Sly, Stockton, Thompson, Wallace, Wharton, Whittaker, Worrall and Wright

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Drakeley, Fraser, Higginson, E Ratcliffe, Swift and Wainwright

Absence declared on Council business: Councillor Steff Nelson

Officers present: I. Leivesley, P. McWade, D. Parr, D Tregaea, M. Winstanley, C. Foley and L. Cairns

Also in attendance: 3 public

Action

(NB Prior to the start of the meeting the Council stood in silence for one minute in memory of Mrs Gilbody, a previous Council Member, who had recently died.)

COU76 COUNCIL MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 21 February and 7 March 2007, having been printed and circulated, were taken as read.

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

COU77 THE MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor made the following announcements:

- A pennant and literature from the home town of a group of student and teacher visitors from Latvia, visiting Ss Peter and Paul High School, had been presented to the Council on 7th March 2007.
- A medal from the Under 16s Touring Rugby League

Team from Carcassonne in France, paying a return visit following the West Bank Bears ARL visit to Carcassonne in October 2005, had been presented to the Council on 5th April 2007.

- A framed picture of a scene showing the Manchester Ship Canal had been presented to the Council on 12th April 2007 during a visit to Runcorn Town Hall.
- A medal, rugby ball and team shirt from team members of the Students European Nations Cup Finals, hosted in Halton on 8th April, had been presented to the Council on 25th April 2007. Councillor Jones was commended for the huge role he had played in organising this event.

In addition, the Mayor thanked Council for Members' exemplary conduct during the year and commended Councillors Pearsall and Whittaker, who would be standing down from office from 3rd May, for their distinguished service with the Council.

COU78 LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader of the Council reported on the positive articles in the Manchester Evening News in respect of Daresbury and the Runcorn Industrial Market.

COU79 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Council considered the minutes of the Executive Board held on 8th February, 22nd February, 15th March and 29th March 2007. In receiving the minutes it was noted that minute number EXB91 of the meeting held on 15th March should refer to "children with a disability".

RESOLVED: That the minutes be received.

(NB Councillor Wharton declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following item of business in respect of minute number ES83 of the meeting held on 22nd February as his son played for Hale Juniors FC.)

COU80 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE

The Council considered the Minutes of the Executive Board Sub-Committee held on 8th February, 22nd February, 15th March and 29th March 2007.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be received.

COU81 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE (TRANSMODAL IMPLEMENTATION) SUB-BOARD

The Council considered the minutes of the Executive (Transmodal Implementation) Sub-Board held on 1st March 2007.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be received.

COU82 QUESTIONS ASKED UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 8

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

(NB Councillors Hodgkinson and Cole declared personal and prejudicial interests in the following item of business due to being nominees and left the room for the duration of its consideration.)

COU83 EXECUTIVE BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE - 22ND FEBRUARY (ES88 REFERS) - APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR 2007/08

The Executive Board Sub-Committee had considered a report regarding the appointment of a Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the 2007/08 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) Councillor Hodgkinson be appointed Mayor for the 2007/08 Municipal Year; and
- (2) Councillor Cole be appointed Deputy Mayor for the 2007/08 Municipal Year.

COU84 EXECUTIVE BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE - 15TH MARCH (ES98 REFERS) - TREASURY MANAGEMENT AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2007/8

The Executive Board Sub-Committee had considered a report regarding the Treasury Management and Investment Strategy for 2007/08.

RESOLVED: That the Treasury Management and Investment Strategy be approved.

COU85 EXECUTIVE BOARD - 15TH MARCH (EXB93 REFERS) - HOUSING CAPITAL PROGRAMME

The Executive Board had considered a report regarding the forecast outturn for the 2006/08 housing

capital programme, and seeking approval for the 2007/08 programme.

RESOLVED: That the proposed programme for 2007/08, as set out in Appendix A to the report, be approved.

COU86 EXECUTIVE BOARD - 29TH MARCH (EXB98 REFERS) - GAMBLING ACT 2005 - DELEGATION

The Executive Board had considered a report regarding a recommendation from the Regulatory Committee in respect of setting fees under section 212 of the Gambling Act 2005.

RESOLVED: That authority be delegated to the Regulatory Committee to set fees under Section 212 Gambling Act 2005 in accordance with Section 154 Gambling Act 2005.

(NB Councillor Massey declared a personal interest in the following item of business in respect of minute no. HEA47 of the Healthy Halton Policy and Performance Board held on 13th March 2007.)

COU87 MINUTES OF POLICY AND PERFORMANCE BOARDS AND THE BUSINESS EFFICIENCY BOARD

The Council considered the reports on the work of the following Boards in the period since the last meeting of the Council:

Children and Young People
Employment, Learning and Skills
Healthy Halton
Safer Halton
Urban Renewal
Corporate Services
Business Efficiency Board

In receiving the minutes, the Chairs, Deputy Chairs and all Councillors on the Boards were thanked for their work and assistance throughout the year. In addition;

- in respect of minute number CYP50, bullet point 4, of the meeting of the Children and Young People Policy and Performance Board (PPB) held on 26th February, an objection was raised in respect of the wording and the Chairman agreed to look at this the following meeting; and

- the Chairman of the Safer Halton PPB congratulated all officers and members who had been involved in reviewing the provision of alleygates, which were considered to be of great benefit, providing security and reducing the fear of crime.

COU88 COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Council considered reports on the following Committees in the period since the last meeting of the Council:

Development Control
Regulatory
Appointments

(NB At the close of the meeting the Leader thanked all Members for their service during the year and paid credit to the Mayor for the way he had chaired meetings and carried out his ambassadorial role, together with the Mayoress, throughout the year.)

Meeting ended at 7.00 p.m.

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Halton Election Results – 3rd May 2007

WARD	PARTY	VOTES CAST
Appleton - Ward electorate: 4785 Turnout=1134 (23.70%)		
HARPER Duncan James Robert	Conservatives	214
PHILBIN Ged	Labour	695 (Elected)
TANG Jimmy	Liberal Democrats	114
TAYLOR Andrew Anthony	British National Party	111
Beechwood - Ward electorate: 3190 Turnout=1081 (33.89%)		
LEA Darran Edward	Labour	183
NORDDAHL Ulfar	Liberal Democrats	766 (Elected)
PRICE Barbara May	Conservative	132
Birchfield - Ward electorate: 4722 Turnout=1406 (29.78%)		
FINDON David John	Conservative	869 (Elected)
GLEAVE Jo	Labour	537
Broadheath - Ward electorate: 4858 Turnout=1202 (24.70%)		
BROWN Geoff	Liberal Democrats	197
GILLIGAN Robert	Labour	776 (Elected)
HARPER Philip	Conservative	229
Castlefields - Ward electorate: 4641 Turnout=1226 (26.42%)		
BALMER Philip	Conservative	99
BLACKMORE Peter	Liberal Democrats	565 (Elected)
COLE Arthur Roy	Labour	562
Ditton - Ward electorate: 5336 Turnout=1587 (29.72%)		
BROWNE Peter William	Conservative	485
CURZON Damian James	Liberal Democrats	318
OSBORNE Shaun Michael	Labour	784 (Elected)

Daresbury - Ward electorate: 3207 Turnout=1201 (37.45%)		
BRADSHAW John Christopher	Conservative	580 (Elected)
STOCKTON Amanda Jon	Labour	197
WORRALL Jayne Elizabeth	Liberal Democrats	424

Farnworth - Ward electorate: 5318 Turnout=1712 (32.19%)		
BECK Robert	Labour	450
HARE Ian	Liberal Democrats	242
MILLER Maureen	Green Party	111
MURRAY Richard Peter	Conservative	909 (Elected)

Grange - Ward electorate: 5128 Turnout=1211 (23.62%)		
DOWDLE William Hill	Conservative	214
LOWE Joan Margaret	Labour	538 (Elected)
PICKERING Philip Joseph	Liberal Democrats	458

Halton Brook - Ward electorate: 4840 Turnout=1298 (26.82%)		
BRYANT Bob	Liberal Democrats	714 (Elected)
MASSEY John Allan	Labour	503
PARKINSON Patricia	Conservative	81

Halton Lea - Ward electorate: 4738 Turnout=1051 (22.18%)		
ADAMS Ian John	Conservative	170
CLEIN Janet	Liberal Democrats	231
GELLING Michael	Citizens Party Of Halton	96
LOFTUS Kathleen Bernadette	Labour	554 (Elected)

Halton View - Ward electorate: 5315 Turnout=1698 (31.95%)		
CURZON Anna Kristina Eleonora	Liberal Democrats	372
MELLOR Derek William	Green Party	400
PARKER Stan	Labour	719 (Elected)
THOMAS Denis Charles	Conservative	207

Heath - Ward electorate: 4697 Turnout=1792 (38.15%)		
BRADSHAW Marjorie	Conservative	295
LOFTUS Christopher Anthony	Labour	228
RATCLIFFE Margaret Anna	Liberal Democrats	982 (Elected)
STOCKTON Gareth Charle	Independent	287

Hough Green - Ward electorate: 5393 Turnout=1263 (23.42%)		
AUSTIN David	Liberal Democrats	151
HODGSON Miriam Cecilia	Green Party	126
ROWAN Ruth Elizabeth	Conservative	311
WAINWRIGHT Kevan	Labour	675 (Elected)

Kingsway - Ward electorate: 4864 Turnout=1035 (21.28%)		
GERRARD Ann	Labour	663 (Elected)
LLOYD Frank Somerville	Conservative	201
MELLOR Linda Margaret	Green Party	171

Mersey - Ward electorate: 4924 Turnout=1281 (26.02%)		
FORSYTH Maureen	Conservative	159
PLUMPTON Norman Lee	Labour	429
RATCLIFFE Ernest	Liberal Democrats	693 (Elected)

Norton North - Ward electorate: 4913 Turnout=1432 (29.15%)		
INCH Diane Marie	Liberal Democrats	830 (Elected)
LLOYD JONES Peter	Labour	429
WALSH Mark Edward	Conservative	173

Norton South - Ward electorate: 4844 Turnout=988 (20.40%)		
CARGILL David Edward	Labour	625 (Elected)
MCDERMOTT Terence	Conservative	98
ROTHWELL Rick	Liberal Democrats	265

Riverside - Ward electorate: 3585 Turnout=745 (20.78%)		
HILL Margaret	Conservative	83
MEARA Paul Nicholas	Liberal Democrats	184
WALLACE Pamela	Labour	478 (Elected)

REPORT TO: Executive Board

DATE: 16th May 2007

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director - Corporate and Policy

SUBJECT: Annual Review of Constitution

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:

2.1 That the Council be recommended to approve the changes to the Constitution as set out in the amended version of the Constitution enclosed herewith.

3.0 BACKGROUND

3.1 A revised version of the Constitution is enclosed (see disc) for members' consideration. 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 will hopefully assist the Council to operate more effectively. The proposals for change have been considered by the Chief Executive and the Executive Board Member for Corporate Services in accordance with Article 16.02. Apart from the purely technical changes, the proposed amendments that are considered to be of significance are listed in Appendix 1 to this report.

4.0 POLICY, FINANCIAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None.

5.0 RISK ANALYSIS

5.1 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.

6.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

6.1 None.

Appendix 1 – Proposed Significant Changes to the Constitution

Chapter 2

- The list of designated posts in Article 13 has been extended to include the Director of Children's Services and Director of Adult Services functions.

Chapter 4

- A number of technical changes have been made to Standing Orders relating to Finance (without changing the Council's financial control systems). Amendments have also been made to reflect the move of the Payroll Division to within the Operational Director – Human Resource's remit.
- Changes have been made to Procurement Standing Orders to simplify the EU procurement rules in line with the simplified regulatory framework introduced by the EU in 2006.
- Standing Orders relating to Accommodation have been amended to reflect the need for consultation with the Strategic Director – Corporate and Policy and the Corporate Services Portfolio Holder in line with the agreed Accommodation Strategy.

Chapter 5

- The Members' Code of Conduct has been amended to bring the Halton Code into line with the new Code issued on 3 May 2007. (See Appendix 2 for a further explanatory note as to the changes to be brought about. Further guidance will be issued to Members and incorporated in future training events.) The Chairman of the Standards Committee has been contacted and understands the need for the Code of Conduct to be put to the Council without it first being considered by the Standards Committee.

Chapter 7

- The Management Structure has been updated to reflect in-year changes.

Appendix 4

- The name of the Executive (Transmodal Implementation) Sub-Board has been amended to the 3MG Executive Sub-Board to reflect the role of the Board more clearly.
- The Terms of Reference of the Mersey Gateway Executive Board have been included.
- The Healthy Halton Policy and Performance Board remit has been updated to reflect its current role and responsibilities.

- The effects of the Gambling Act 2005 have been incorporated into the Regulatory Committee's remit in line with previous resolutions by the Committee and by Full Council.
- Provision has been made for the time when the Council Solicitor and Operational Director – Human Resources posts are combined into the Operational Director and Monitoring Officer (Legal, Organisational Development and Human Resources) post, which will be effective mid-year.
- The Duties of Proper Officers has been amended to reflect the current directorate structures. The ability for the Chief Executive to appoint any other officer to act in his absence has also been included. The other changes in this section have largely been made to respond to amended policy or legislation.

Appendix 2 - 2007 Code of Conduct

Following extensive consultation, the government has issued a new model code of conduct. This takes effect on 3 May 2007. The code is mandatory and will take effect by default on 2 October 2007 if not adopted beforehand by the Council.

The Standards Board is urging authorities to adopt the code as soon as possible. While additions can be made to the code, the Standards Board is not recommending that this should be done.

The changes made in the new code are likely to be broadly welcomed by Members as they address some of the perceived excesses in the old code. The main changes are:-

- The deletion of the obligation on a Member to report breaches of the code by other Members.
- The introduction of an explicit provision against bullying.
- The obligation not to disclose confidential material is amended so that this may now be disclosed where it is reasonable to do so and in the public interest.
- The restriction on improperly conferring an advantage on someone is amended so that this now includes an attempt to do so.
- The redefinition of a personal interest so that:
 - There is no interest if the interest is one shared with the majority of people in the Member's Ward [previously this was judged against the interests of a majority of people in the Borough];
 - The previous provision about interests of relatives and friends is replaced with one relating to family and to persons with whom a Member has a "close association".
- Changes to the operation of the prejudicial interest machinery. The test remains the same but these interests are now restricted to financial interests [and not well being ones]. Further, the requirement to leave a meeting is reduced so that a Member can remain in the meeting to make representations or answer questions on a matter provided that other members of the public can similarly do so [the Member withdraws after making the representations].

The Register of Interests will need to be completed afresh by each Member within 28 days of the adoption of the new Code

MEMBERS ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2007/08

The Report of the Independent Members' Remuneration Panel is attached. Having regard to it, Council is asked to determine its Members Allowances Scheme for 2007/08 onwards.

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HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
INDEPENDENT MEMBERS' REMUNERATION PANEL

**Report following review of Halton Borough Council's
Members' Allowance Scheme**

April 2007

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Under the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003, the Scheme for Members' Allowances, which was approved in December 2003, was due for review.

1.2 The Council, at its meeting on 13th December 2006, authorised the Chief Executive to establish an Independent Panel to review the Council's Scheme of Members' Allowances and to make recommendations to the Council as it saw fit. The Chief Executive appointed the following three people to the Panel:

Steve O'Connor – Director, O'Connor Group of Companies

John Lewis – Marketing Director, SOG Ltd.

Alan Hill – Consultant

1.3 The Panel met to review the current scheme, and this report represents their findings and recommendations.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 The Panel were appraised of the Council's current scheme of allowances. For completeness, the scheme is appended to this report as Appendix 1.

2.2 In considering the appropriateness of the existing scheme, the Panel looked at the schemes of a number of neighbouring or nearby Authorities. Attached as Appendix 2 to this report is a summary table of the Authorities the Panel looked at.

2.3 The Panel recognised that any scheme should offer both value for money to the council tax payer and be at such a level to ensure that Elected Members come from all sections of Halton life. The Panel felt that there should not be financial barriers to becoming an elected representative.

3.0 FINDINGS

3.1 The Panel recognised that using comparisons with other Authorities is not an exact science, as roles and responsibilities in any two Authorities are rarely identical, even where the particular roles carry the same titles. However, the comparisons provided tended to show that allowances in Halton are broadly comparable with those payable in Authorities of a similar nature, scope and functions. The Panel felt that on that basis the current scheme was still valid and should not be subject to change.

3.2 In answering the 'value for money' question, the Panel recognised that Halton:

- was a four star, improving Council;
- had positive reports from its external auditor;
- showed increased levels of public satisfaction from a recent national survey; and
- was shortlisted for the Council of the Year award.

3.3 In comparison to similar roles in the private sector, the Panel felt that the scheme offered good value for money for the council tax payer.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

The Panel recommends to the Council that no changes be made to the existing Members' Allowances Scheme

APPENDIX 1

HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL**SCHEME OF MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES**

This scheme of members' allowances has been set by the Council having regard to a report of an Independent Panel made up of non Councillors. This scheme will come into effect on the 18th December 2003 and continue in force for the remainder of the financial year 2003/04 and for the subsequent three financial years (or until amended by the Council if sooner).

1. Basic Allowance

The following basic allowance shall be paid to each member of the authority to cover Councillors' incidental expenses such as heating, lighting, telephone, stationery and postage:

£7,527 per annum (as at May 2006)

Where a Councillor's term of office begins or ends part way through the year to which the allowance relates the amount of the basic allowance shall be reduced pro rata.

2. Special Responsibility Allowances

These allowances are paid to reflect the additional work involved in undertaking certain roles and taking on additional responsibilities under the Council's Constitution. The Special Responsibility Allowances are as follows:

Position	SRA 2003	Limitations	SRA 2006
Leader	£17,823		£19,410
Deputy Leader	£12,120	To a maximum of 68% of the Leader's SRA	£13,200
Executive Board Members	£9,981	To a maximum of 56% of the Leader's SRA	£10,872
Chairs – Boards & Committees	£6,000	To a maximum of 33% of the Leader's SRA	£6,465
Vice Chairs – Boards & Committees	£3,000	50% of the Chair's SRA	£3,234
Leader of Principal Opposition	£6,000	Equal to that of the Chair's SRA	£6,465
Scrutiny Co-Ordinator	£6,000	Equal to that of the Chair's SRA	£6,465

Special Responsibility Allowances are paid in addition to Basic Allowance. No Member is paid more than one Special Responsibility Allowance at any one time and, in the event that a Member undertakes more than one Special Responsibility at a time, then the higher/highest Allowance will be paid.

Where a Councillor does not hold the role giving rise to the entitlement to the Special Responsibility Allowance for the full year to which the allowance relates, the amount of the Special Responsibility Allowance shall be reduced pro rata.

3. Child Care and Dependent Carer's Allowance

A Child Care and Dependent Carer's Allowance shall be payable based upon reimbursement of actual receipted costs subject to prior agreement with the Strategic Director - Corporate and Policy. The allowance is payable to any Member who incurs expenditure in respect of child or dependant relative care whilst undertaking the approved duties specified in paragraph 14 of this scheme.

4. Travel and Subsistence Allowances

Travel and subsistence allowances are payable for the approved duties set out in paragraph 14 of this scheme. Members are entitled to reimbursement of the full costs incurred (on production of the relevant receipts) subject to the following limits:

Car Mileage

Engine size	Up to 999cc	1000cc to 1199cc	1200cc and over
Pence per mile	34.6	39.5	48.5

Motorcycle Mileage

Engine size	Up to 149cc	150cc to 499cc	500cc and over
Pence per mile	8.5	12.3	16.5

Subsistence Allowances

Breakfast	Lunch	Tea	Evening Meal
£4.92	£6.77	£2.67	£8.38

Overnight Accommodation

Outside London	£79.82 per night
Inside London	£91.04 per night

Cycle Allowance

Members to be entitled to a mileage allowance equivalent to that payable to officers for use of a cycle in carrying out approved duties.

Public Transport

Reimbursement of full cost on payment of receipts (subject to air and rail travel being booked through the authority).

The Strategic Director – Corporate and Policy may authorise re-imbusement at a higher rate for overnight accommodation and subsistence where it is not reasonably practicable for the member to keep costs incurred to the allowances set.

In respect of overseas travel, members may claim reimbursement for all expenditure reasonably incurred in respect of duties outside the country provided that the travel has been approved in advance by the Strategic Director - Corporate and Policy.

The Strategic Director - Corporate and Policy may make an advance to a member in respect of the likely costs of travel and subsistence where he considers it appropriate, subject to any advance being deducted prior to payment of any subsequent claims. (Except as varied above, the additional rules approved by the Standards Committee for Members' Travel and Subsistence Payments remain in effect.)

5. Co-Optees

Any co-optees, as permitted by the Council's constitution, shall be entitled to claim Travel and Subsistence and Child Care and Dependent Carer's Allowances on the same basis as any Member of the Council

6. Pensions

All members of the Council who qualify for admission to the local government pension scheme shall be eligible to join the scheme and both Basic Allowance and Special Responsibility Allowance shall be treated as amounts in respect of which pensions are payable.

7. Annual Increase

The allowances in this scheme shall be increased each year by the same percentage increase (or increases) as the NJC pay award for Local government employees. Where different increases are awarded to different sections of the NJC workforce the percentage increase applicable at spinal column 29 shall apply. Any increase in Basic and Special Responsibility Allowances shall apply from the same date as the pay award is to take effect, and increases shall be backdated if necessary. As regards any increase in

Travelling and Subsistence Allowance, these shall take effect as from the date on which the pay award is formally agreed.

8. Withholding of Allowances

Where a Member is suspended, or partially suspended, from their responsibilities or duties as a Member of the Council in accordance with Part III of the Local Government Act 2000, or regulations made thereunder, that part of any

- Basic Allowance
- Special Responsibility Allowance
- Travel and Substance Allowance

payable under this scheme in respect of the duties or responsibilities from which the member is suspended may be withheld by the Council.

9. Payment of Allowances

Basic Allowance and Special Responsibility Allowance will be paid in 12 monthly instalments on the 20th of each month direct to a bank account. Other allowances will similarly be paid on the 20th of each month direct to a bank account subject to the relevant claims being submitted and approved in accordance with such procedures as may be set down by the Strategic Director – Corporate and Policy.

10. Repayment of Allowances

Where payment of any allowance has already been made in respect of any period during which the member concerned is

- (a) suspended or partially suspended from their responsibilities or duties as a member of the authority in accordance with Part III of the Local Government Act 2000 or regulations made under that Part;
- (b) ceases to be a member of the authority; or
- (c) is in any other way not entitled to receive the allowance in respect of that period,

the Council may require that such part of the allowance as relates to any such period be repaid to the Council.

11. Renunciation

Members may elect to forego any part of their entitlement to an allowance under this Scheme by giving notice in writing to the Strategic Director - Corporate and Policy.

12. Multiple Authorities

Where a member of the Council is also a member of another authority, that member may not receive allowances from more than one authority in respect of the same duties.

13. Time limit for Claims

Claims for the following allowances:

- (a) Child Care and Dependant Carer's Allowance;
- (b) Travelling and Subsistence Allowance

must be made by the person to whom they are payable within one month of the end of the month in which the entitlement to the allowance arose. In the event that a claim is not made within this time limit the Strategic Director - Corporate and Policy shall have absolute discretion as to whether to pay the claim.

14. Approved Duties

The following duties are specified as approved duties for the purpose of Travel and Subsistence Allowances and Child Care and Dependent Carer's Allowance:

1. Any meeting of the Council, Executive Board or other Board, Committee or Sub-Committee meeting.
2. Any meeting of a Working Group, or Panel appointed by a Board or Committee.
3. Any formal meeting with other local authorities.
4. Meetings with Council officers on official business.
5. Training courses and seminars organised by the Council.
6. All meetings where Members are appointed as representatives of the Council on Outside Bodies excluding School Governing Bodies.
7. All meetings, seminars and events attended by the member where the member's attendance is organised, requested or arranged by the Council.
8. Meetings of Area Forums.
9. The carrying out of any other duty approved by the Chief Executive of the Authority, or any duty of a class so approved, for the purpose of, or in connection with, the discharge of the functions of the authority or of any of its Boards or Committees.

Appendix 2

Members Allowances 2006/07 - Comparison

	Halton	St Helens	Knowsley	Wirral	Warrington	Sefton	Liverpool
Basic	7527	6894	8299	9000	7350	7017	9526
Leader	19410	29871	24897	22500	19144	21051	19900
Deputy Leader	13200	16659	-	11250**	13560	-	-
Opposition Leader	6465	13785	6224	13500	6778	17541***	11566
Exec Members	10872	13785	12449	9000	8198	14034	13,267
Chair of PPB	6465	*	6224	4500	8198	3510	8844
Chair of Committee	6465	4365 to 6894	4150 to 6224	900 to 4500	1488 to 7453	7017	6123 to 8844
Vice Chair of PPB	3234	-	3112	-	-	-	-
Vice Chair of Committee	3234	-	2075 to 3112	-	-	-	-
Scrutiny Co-Ordinator	6465	-	-	-	-	-	-

*Role combined with role of Opposition Leader

**If deputy leader of the largest group is not deputy leader of the Council, the SRA is reduced to £9,000

***Where Party Leaders have a Cabinet Position

N.B. Some of the other authorities have other allowances for other roles within their organisation. The table above only includes allowances where there is a comparable allowance payable under the Halton Scheme.

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REPORT TO: Full Council

DATE: 18th May 2007

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director (Corporate & Policy)

SUBJECT: Best Value Performance Plan

WARDS: All

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 The Council is required to publish its Performance Plan by the end of June each year to comply with the Local Government Act 1999. Therefore the purpose of this report is for Council to consider the draft mandatory plan as it currently stands and authorise the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council to finalise the draft for publication.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That

- (1) the draft 2007/08 Performance Plan be approved by Full Council; and**
- (2) the Full Council authorise the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council to make any amendments to finalise the Performance Plan for publication.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 The mandatory elements of the Performance Plan are:
- The out-turn performance over the previous year on all BVPIs
 - Targets for the current year and subsequent 2 years for all BVPIs
 - A brief statement to certify that contracts awarded that involved the transfer of staff in the past year, complied with the Code of Practice on Workforce Matters in Local Authority Service Contracts.
- 3.2 The plan will contain the mandatory elements that the Council must provide under the provisions of the 'Act' and assess the Council's performance in respect of the best value performance indicators.
- 3.3 With regards to the data contained within the Table of Best Value Performance Indicators it should be noted that

- All outturn information is not yet available as it is still in the process of calculation. In such cases, and wherever possible, estimated performance has been calculated.
- Future performance targets, where appropriate, will be reviewed in light of 2005/06 performance outturns at the time this information becomes available.
- The letter U denotes that information is presently unavailable. In such cases information will be inserted prior to the statutory publication date of 30 June 2006.
- Where information is no longer applicable columns have been marked as N/a.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no policy implications associated with this report

5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no other implications associated with this report

6.0 RISK ANALYSIS

6.1 The key risk associated with this report is a failure to comply with our statutory duty to publish a Best Value performance Plan. The delegated powers recommended in this report will enable a completed report to be published by the 30th June 2007.

7.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

7.1 In recognising the authority's desire to make services and information accessible to all sections of the community versions of this plan will be made available, where requested, in other formats and languages.

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

Document	Place of Inspection	Contact Officer
Local Government Act 1999: Best Value and Performance Management: 1) ODPM Circular 03/2003 2) Addendum 02/2004 3) ODPM Circular 05/2006	Municipal Buildings, Kingsway, Widnes	Mike Foy ext 1177



THE PERFORMANCE PLAN

(2007 / 08)

It's all happening in HALTON

'.... The Council is judged to be a improving well and has maintained its excellent (four star) rating under the CPA framework. It makes a significant contribution to wider community outcomes.

There has been an improvement in the percentage of people who are satisfied with the Council overall and in how well residents are kept informed. Both of these measures are now amongst the best when compared with other similar council's.'

*Annual Audit and Inspection Letter
Audit Commission
March 2007.*

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This is Halton's Best Value Performance Plan. The introduction of the new star rating and harder test for upper tier and unitary authorities in Comprehensive Performance Assessment 2005 provided the Government with the opportunity to review the requirements that local authorities must meet in publishing their Best Value Performance Plans. In line with its commitment to delivering greater flexibilities for better performing authorities the Government streamlined the requirements for these authorities. Therefore this plan concentrates upon the mandatory information that is required namely: -

- The outturn performance over the previous year on all the Best Value Performance Indicators.
- Targets for the period from 2008 to 2010 inclusive for all Best Value Performance Indicators
- A brief statement to certify that contracts awarded which involved the transfer of staff in the past year complied with the Code of Practice on Workforce Matters in Local Authority Service Contracts.

The Best Value Performance Plan is an important element of the Council's approach to improvement planning and delivering best value and is an integral part of the organisations corporate planning arrangements. As such this plan provides an assessment of the Council's overall performance in relation to those statutory indicators that form the national Best Value Performance Indicator data set.

2.0 CODE OF PRACTICE ON WORKFORCE MATTERS

The Local Government Act 1999: Part 1 Best Value and Performance Improvement requires all Councils to state and certify that all individual contracts awarded during the past year which involved the transfer of staff, complied where applicable, with the requirements in the Code of Practice on Workforce Matters in Local Authority Service Contracts.

Statement of Compliance with the Code of Practice on Workforce Matters in Local Authority Contracts

(Annex D to ODPM Circulars 03/2003 and 02/2004)

During the year 2006 -07 Halton Borough Council did not enter into any contracts to which the provisions of the above Code of Practice applied. The Council has put in place appropriate arrangements to ensure that it meets its obligations under the Code including: -

- Ensuring that all major contracts are approved by the Council Solicitor
- Applying a Procurement Strategy, which ensures proper regard for the Code in the Council's procedures.
- As part of the Procurement Strategy the Council provides for the review of procurement practices to make sure that the necessary resources and arrangements are in place to meet the Council's obligations under the Code and that all contracts and contractual processes remain compliant.
- Contract Standing Orders are included in the Annual Review of the Council's Constitution, and amended if necessary, to ensure that they reflect and implement both the Procurement Strategy and the Code of Practice and that
- All relevant service contracts and contractual processes shall give effect to the obligations of the Code of Practice and
- All relevant service contracts shall incorporate Clauses required by the Code.

3.0 PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW

This section of the report will analyse the full set of Best Value Performance Indicators for 2006 - 07 as soon as they become available.

The comparative analysis will take the form adopted by that of the Audit Commission and will consider

ACHIEVEMENT

This will show the proportion of BVPI Targets that were achieved or exceeded during 2006 – 07

AMBITION

This will show the proportion of BVPI targets for 2007 – 08 that are planning to improve or consolidate performance levels achieved in 2006 – 07

DIRECTION OF TRAVEL

This will show what proportion of BVPIs for 2006 – 07 have shown improvement upon levels of performance achieved during 2005 – 06.

NB It should be noted that this analysis would by necessity be based upon pre-audited performance information. Final audited figures would not become available until autumn 2007, following the annual external audit process.

4.0 BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Explanatory note




The tables enclosed within the Plan will enable a comparison to be made between

- The level of performance achieved in 2006 – 07 as compare to that achieved during 2005 – 06 and
- Actual and targeted levels of performance for 2006 - 07

It should be noted however that in making these comparisons that differences in local circumstances can be influential in how well local authorities perform and compare with each other and these differences can include:-

- Population densities
- Levels of social deprivation
- Geographical and regional variations
- Historical circumstances
- Local priorities

The following key has been used within the tables to assist the reader in understanding the performance statistics and how well the Council is performing.

KEY	MEANING
	(Green) Performance has met or exceeded target.
	(Amber) Performance has stabilised or improved upon the previous year although the annual target has not been met.
	(Red) Targeted performance for the year has not been met.
NYA	Indicates information is not yet available.
Est	Indicates performance at this stage is being estimated.
N/A	Indicates the figure is no longer applicable or required.

BVPI DATA SET 2006/7

Directorate	Reference	Performance Indicator	Halton 2005/06 Actual*	Halton 2006/07 Actual	Local Target 2006/07	2006/07 Target achieved not achieved	Local Target 2007/08	Local Target 2008/09	Local Target 2009/10
CORPORATE & POLICY	BV2	a. The equality standard for local government in England	2	NYA	3	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA
		b. Duty to promote race equality	58	NYA	63	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA
CORPORATE & POLICY	BV8	Percentage of invoices paid on time	95	97	95		NYA	NYA	NYA
CORPORATE & POLICY	BV9	Percentage of Council Tax collected	96.67	NYA	96.75	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA
CORPORATE & POLICY	BV10	Percentage of non-domestic rates collected	99.82	NYA	99.00	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA
CORPORATE & POLICY	BV11	a. Percentage of top 5% earners that are women	39.64	NYA	42.00	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA
		b. Percentage of top 5% earners from black and minority ethnic communities	2.86	NYA	3.00	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA
		c. Top 5% of earners that have a disability	3.16	NYA	3.20	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA
CORPORATE & POLICY	BV12	Number of working days lost due to sickness absence	11.38	NYA	10.80	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA
CORPORATE & POLICY	BV14	Percentage of early retirements	0.33	NYA	0.30	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA
CORPORATE & POLICY	BV15	Percentage of ill health retirements	0.20	NYA	0.20	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA
CORPORATE & POLICY	BV16	a. Percentage of disabled employees	0.72	NYA	1.20	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA

Directorate	Reference	Performance Indicator	Halton 2005/06 Actual*	Halton 2006/07 Actual	Local Target 2006/07	2006/07 Target achieved not achieved	Local Target 2007/08	Local Target 2008/09	Local Target 2009/10
		b. Percentage of economically active disabled community population	19.70	NYA	N/a	N/a	NYA	NYA	NYA
CORPORATE & POLICY	BV17	a. Percentage of black and ethnic minority employees	1.9	NYA	2.0	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA
		b. Percentage of economically active minority ethnic community population	1.1	NYA	N/a	N/a	NYA	NYA	NYA
CORPORATE & POLICY	BV156	Percentage of buildings accessible for disabled people	50.00	NYA	58.00	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA
CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE	BV38	Percentage of pupils achieving 5 or more A*-C GCSEs	49.2	52.3	52.0		NYA	NYA	NYA
CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE	BV39	Percentage of pupils achieving 5 or more A*-G GCSE's including English & Maths	86.3	86.0	91.0		NYA	NYA	NYA
CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE	BV40	Percentage of pupils achieving Level 4 or above in KS2 Math tests	73.0	75.1	76.0		NYA	NYA	NYA
CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE	BV41	Percentage of pupil achieving Level 4 or above in KS2 English tests	78.0	76.2	78.0		NYA	NYA	NYA
CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE	BV43	a. Statements of special educational needs (SEN): excluding exceptions (%)	100.0	100.0	98.0		NYA	NYA	NYA
		b. Statements of special educational needs (SEN): including exceptions (%)	91.2	100.0	85.0		NYA	NYA	NYA
CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE	BV45	Percentage absence in secondary schools	9.56	9.37	9.50		NYA	NYA	NYA
CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE	BV46	Percentage absence in primary schools	5.65	5.77	5.50		NYA	NYA	NYA

Directorate	Reference	Performance Indicator	Halton 2005/06 Actual*	Halton 2006/07 Actual	Local Target 2006/07	2006/07 Target achieved not achieved	Local Target 2007/08	Local Target 2008/09	Local Target 2009/10
CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE	BV181	a. Percentage of pupil achieving Level 5 or above in KS3 results - English	72.00	66.70	75.00		NYA	NYA	NYA
	BV181	b. Percentage of pupil achieving Level 5 or above in KS3 results - Maths	71.00	74.20	70.00		NYA	NYA	NYA
		c. Percentage of pupil achieving Level 5 or above in KS3 results - Science	66.00	67.90	71.00		NYA	NYA	NYA
		d. Percentage of pupil achieving Level 5 or above in KS3 results - ICT Assessment	81.70	82.40	83.00		NYA	NYA	NYA
CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE	BV194	a. Proportion of children level 5 or above, KS2 in English	22	27.4	27		NYA	NYA	NYA
		b. Proportion of children level 5 or above, KS2 in Maths	25	30.5	27		NYA	NYA	NYA
CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE	BV221	a. % of young people gaining a recorded outcome compared to % of young people in the LA.	40	67	60		NYA	NYA	NYA
		b. % of young people gaining an accredited outcome compared to % of young people in the LA.	30	37	30		NYA	NYA	NYA
CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE	BV222	a. Quality of early years & childcare leadership - Leaders	14	51	38		NYA	NYA	NYA
		b. Quality of early years & childcare leadership - Postgraduate input	100	100	100		NYA	NYA	NYA
CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE	BV49	Stability of Placements for Looked After Children	13.00	10.00	11.00		NYA	NYA	NYA
CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE	BV50	Educational qualifications of Looked After Children	50	60	75		NYA	NYA	NYA











Directorate	Reference	Performance Indicator	Halton 2005/06 Actual*	Halton 2006/07 Actual	Local Target 2006/07	2006/07 Target achieved not achieved	Local Target 2007/08	Local Target 2008/09	Local Target 2009/10
CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE	BV197	Percentage change in the number of conceptions amongst 15 - 17 year olds	-7.0	18.0	-15.0		NYA	NYA	NYA
HEALTH & COMMUNITY	BV53	Intensive home care per 1000 population aged 65 or over	9.79	11.00	12.00	N/a	NYA	NYA	NYA
HEALTH & COMMUNITY	BV54	Over 65s helped to live at home per 1000 population	111.84	124.93	116.00		NYA	NYA	NYA
HEALTH & COMMUNITY	BV56	Percentage of items of equipment delivered within 7 working days	76	89.32	90		NYA	NYA	NYA
CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE	BV161	Employment, education and training for care leavers (ratio)	0.75	0.25	0.78		NYA	NYA	NYA
CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE	BV162	Reviews of child protection cases, the % reviewed regularly that should have been	100	100	100		NYA	NYA	NYA
CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE	BV163	Adoptions of children looked after (%)	4.9	9.1	9.7		NYA	NYA	NYA
HEALTH & COMMUNITY	BV195	Acceptable waiting time for assessment	83.5	82.7	82.0		NYA	NYA	NYA
HEALTH & COMMUNITY	BV196	Acceptable waiting time for care packages	91.0	87.4	85.0		NYA	NYA	NYA
HEALTH & COMMUNITY	BV201	Number of adults and older people receiving direct payments	165	190	184		NYA	NYA	NYA
HEALTH & COMMUNITY	BV64	Number of private sector dwellings returned into occupation	0	2	2		NYA	NYA	NYA
HEALTH & COMMUNITY	BV183	a. Average length of Stay in bed and breakfast accommodation (weeks)	2	5	2		NYA	NYA	NYA

Directorate	Reference	Performance Indicator	Halton 2005/06 Actual*	Halton 2006/07 Actual	Local Target 2006/07	2006/07 Target achieved not achieved	Local Target 2007/08	Local Target 2008/09	Local Target 2009/10
HEALTH & COMMUNITY	BV183	b. Average length of stay in hostel accommodation (weeks)	0	0	0		NYA	NYA	NYA
HEALTH & COMMUNITY	BV202	Number of people sleeping rough on a single night	0	0	0		NYA	NYA	NYA
HEALTH & COMMUNITY	BV203	The % change in average number of families in temporary accommodation	10.85	16.66	10.00		NYA	NYA	NYA
HEALTH & COMMUNITY	BV213	Number of households considering themselves homeless for whom advice casework intervention resolved their situation	0	0	1		NYA	NYA	NYA
HEALTH & COMMUNITY	BV214	Proportion of statutory homeless households accepted as statutory homeless by LA within last 2 years	4.10	1.26	4.50		NYA	NYA	NYA
CORPORATE & POLICY	BV76	a. Housing Benefit Security - Number of claimants visited per 1000 caseload	417.77	NYA	380.00	N/a	NYA	NYA	NYA
		b. Housing Benefit Security - Number of investigators per 1000 caseload	0.35	NYA	0.35	N/a	NYA	NYA	NYA
		c. Housing Benefit Security - Number of investigations per 1000 caseload	43	NYA	45	N/a	NYA	NYA	NYA
		d. Housing Benefit Security - Number of prosecutions and sanctions per 1000 caseload	7	NYA	5	N/a	NYA	NYA	NYA
CORPORATE & POLICY	BV78	a. Speed of processing new claims to HB/CTB (days)	17.52	20	27.00		NYA	NYA	NYA
		b. Speed of processing changes of circumstances to HB/CTB (days)	4.60	5	9.00		NYA	NYA	NYA
CORPORATE & POLICY	BV79	a. Accuracy of HB/CTB claims (%)	100.00	100	99.50		NYA	NYA	NYA

Directorate	Reference	Performance Indicator	Halton 2005/06 Actual*	Halton 2006/07 Actual	Local Target 2006/07	2006/07 Target achieved not achieved	Local Target 2007/08	Local Target 2008/09	Local Target 2009/10
CORPORATE & POLICY	BV79	bi. Housing benefit overpayments recovered as a % deemed recoverable	93.27	73	50.00		NYA	NYA	NYA
	BV79	bii. Housing benefit overpayments recovered as a % overpayment debt at the start and during the period	72.43	NYA	40.00	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA
		biii. Housing benefit overpayments written off as a % overpayment debt at the start and during the period	1.93	NYA	4.00	N/a	NYA	NYA	NYA
ENVIRONMENT	BV82	ai. % Of household waste recycled	13.58	14.58	14.58		NYA	NYA	NYA
		aii. Tonnage of waste sent for recycling	8873.13	9686.37	9621.00		NYA	NYA	NYA
		bi. % Of household waste composted	9.64	10.43	10.64		NYA	NYA	NYA
		bii. Tonnage of household waste composted	6299.11	6930.91	7595.00		NYA	NYA	NYA
		ci. % Of household waste used to recover heat and power	0.00	0.00	0.00		NYA	NYA	NYA
		cii. Tonnage of household waste used to recover heat and power	0.00	0.00	0.00		NYA	NYA	NYA
		di. % Of household waste landfilled	76.78	74.99	74.78		NYA	NYA	NYA
		dii. Tonnage of household waste landfilled	50164.80	49837.36	49346.00		NYA	NYA	NYA
ENVIRONMENT	BV84	a. Number of kilograms household waste collected per head	549.50	NYA	555.00	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA
		b. % change in the number of kilograms household waste collected per head	-0.04	8.06	1.00		NYA	NYA	NYA

Directorate	Reference	Performance Indicator	Halton 2005/06 Actual*	Halton 2006/07 Actual	Local Target 2006/07	2006/07 Target achieved not achieved	Local Target 2007/08	Local Target 2008/09	Local Target 2009/10
ENVIRONMENT	BV86	Cost of household waste collection per household	26.95	NYA	29.00	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA
ENVIRONMENT	BV87	Cost of waste disposal per tonne of municipal waste	46.28	NYA	51.00	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA
ENVIRONMENT	BV91	a. Percentage of residents served by kerbside recycling	100.00	100.00	100.00		NYA	NYA	NYA
		b. Percentage of residents served by kerbside recycling of at least 2 recyclables	47.25	57.57	56.00		NYA	NYA	NYA
ENVIRONMENT	BV199	a. The proportion (%) of land and highways with unacceptable levels of litter & detritus	8	22	18		NYA	NYA	NYA
		b. The proportion (%) of land and highways with unacceptable levels of graffiti	0	2	2		NYA	NYA	NYA
		c. The proportion (%) of land and highways with unacceptable levels of fly posting	1	1	1		NYA	NYA	NYA
		d. Reduction in number of incidents and increase in number of enforcement actions taken to deal with fly tipping	1	1	1		NYA	NYA	NYA
ENVIRONMENT	BV215	a. Average days to repair street light faults: non DNO	4.62	9	5.00		NYA	NYA	NYA
		b. Average days to repair street light faults: DNO	45.98	33	50.00		NYA	NYA	NYA
ENVIRONMENT	BV216	a. Identifying contaminated land	283	258	258	N/a	NYA	NYA	NYA
		b. Information on contaminated land (%)	9	9	8		NYA	NYA	NYA

Directorate	Reference	Performance Indicator	Halton 2005/06 Actual*	Halton 2006/07 Actual	Local Target 2006/07	2006/07 Target achieved not achieved	Local Target 2007/08	Local Target 2008/09	Local Target 2009/10
ENVIRONMENT	BV217	% of pollution control improvements to existing installations completed on time	89	90	90		NYA	NYA	NYA
ENVIRONMENT	BV218	a. % of new reports of abandoned vehicles investigated within 24 hours	70.76	75	85.00		NYA	NYA	NYA
	BV218	b. % of abandoned vehicles removed within 24 hours	77.31	100.00	85.00		NYA	NYA	NYA
ENVIRONMENT	BV99	ai. Road accident casualties - Number of casualties - all killed/seriously injured	74	49	72		NYA	NYA	NYA
		aii. Road accident casualties - % change in number of casualties from previous year - all killed/seriously injured	0.0	NYA	-2.5	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA
		aiii. Road accident casualties - % change in number of casualties between most current year and average of 1994-1998 - all killed/seriously injured	-52.9	NYA	-54.2	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA
		bi. Road accident casualties - Number of casualties - children killed/seriously injured	14	4	13		NYA	NYA	NYA
		bii. Road accident casualties - % Change in number of casualties from previous year – children killed/seriously injured	-17.6	NYA	-7.0	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA
		biii. Road accident casualties - % change in number of casualties between most current year and average of 1994-1998 - children killed/seriously injured	-57.6	NYA	-63.6	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA
		ci. Road accident casualties - Number of casualties - all slight injuries	555	479	548		NYA	NYA	NYA
		cii. Road accident casualties - % change in number of casualties from previous year - all slight injuries	3.1	NYA	-0.7	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA

Directorate	Reference	Performance Indicator	Halton 2005/06 Actual*	Halton 2006/07 Actual	Local Target 2006/07	2006/07 Target achieved not achieved	Local Target 2007/08	Local Target 2008/09	Local Target 2009/10
ENVIRONMENT	BV99	ciii. Road accident casualties - % change in number of casualties between most current year and average of 1994-1998 - all slight injuries	-11.5	NYA	-12.6	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA
ENVIRONMENT	BV100	Number of temporary traffic control days caused by road works per km	1.10	0.31	0.70		NYA	NYA	NYA
ENVIRONMENT	BV102	Passenger journeys on buses per year	5512947	NYA	6140000	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA
ENVIRONMENT	BV165	Percentage of pedestrian crossings for disabled people	80.9	87.8	100.0		NYA	NYA	NYA
ENVIRONMENT	BV178	Percentage of footpaths and rights of way easy to use by public	96	94	96		NYA	NYA	NYA
ENVIRONMENT	BV187	Condition of surface footway (%)	22.2	23.2	22.0		NYA	NYA	NYA
ENVIRONMENT	BV223	Condition of principal roads (%)	1.44	1.7	1.44		NYA	NYA	NYA
ENVIRONMENT	BV224	a. Condition of non-principal roads (%)	2.20	6.4	2.20		NYA	NYA	NYA
		b. Condition of unclassified roads (%)	12.90	4.0	12.00		NYA	NYA	NYA
ENVIRONMENT	BV166	a. Environmental health checklist of best practice (%)	100.0	80.0	100.0		NYA	NYA	NYA
HEALTH & COMMUNITY	BV166	b. Trading standards checklist of best practice (%)	100.0	100.0	100.0		NYA	NYA	NYA
ENVIRONMENT	BV106	Percentage of new homes on previously developed land	45.97	NYA	45.00	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA
ENVIRONMENT	BV109	a. Percentage of major planning applications determined within 13 weeks	72.22	72.3	75.00		NYA	NYA	NYA

Directorate	Reference	Performance Indicator	Halton 2005/06 Actual*	Halton 2006/07 Actual	Local Target 2006/07	2006/07 Target achieved not achieved	Local Target 2007/08	Local Target 2008/09	Local Target 2009/10
ENVIRONMENT	BV109	b. Percentage of minor planning applications determined within 8 weeks	87.23	82.5	90.00		NYA	NYA	NYA
		c. Percentage of other planning applications determined within 8 weeks	95.60	94.6	96.00		NYA	NYA	NYA
ENVIRONMENT	BV200	a. Plan Making - Do you have a development Plan?	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/a	NYA	NYA	NYA
		b. Plan Making - Are there any proposals?	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/a	NYA	NYA	NYA
		c. Plan making - monitoring report	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/a	NYA	NYA	NYA
ENVIRONMENT	BV204	The % of appeals allowed against the authorities decision to refuse planning applications	28.6	44.4	30.0		NYA	NYA	NYA
ENVIRONMENT	BV205	Quality of service checklist (%)	94.4	94.4	100.0		NYA	NYA	NYA
HEALTH & COMMUNITY	BV170	a. Number of visits to/usage of museums per 1000 population	2202	NYA	2220	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA
		b. Number of those visits that were in person per 1000 population	246	NYA	273	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA
		c. Number of pupils in organised school trips visiting museums & galleries	21187	NYA	21200	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA
HEALTH & COMMUNITY	BV198	Participation in Drug Treatment Programmes (per 1,000 population aged 15 to 44)	13.6	15.9	14.6		NYA	NYA	NYA
ENVIRONMENT	BV219	a. Number of conservation areas in the council	10	10	10	N/a	NYA	NYA	NYA
		b. % of conservation areas in the LA with an up to date character appraisal	0.00	0.00	10.00		NYA	NYA	NYA

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ENVIRONMENT	BV219	c. % of conservation areas with published management proposals	0.00	0.00	10.00		NYA	NYA	NYA
HEALTH & COMMUNITY	BV220	Compliance against the Public Library Service Standards (PLSS)	3	3	3		NYA	NYA	NYA
HEALTH & COMMUNITY	BV126	Domestic burglaries per 1000 household	14.43	13.7	13.30		NYA	NYA	NYA
HEALTH & COMMUNITY	BV127	a. Violent crime per 1000 population	26.15	25.14	25.50		NYA	NYA	NYA
		b. Robberies per 1,000 population	0.83	1.16	0.81		NYA	NYA	NYA
HEALTH & COMMUNITY	BV128	Vehicle crimes per 1000 population	15.95	12.14	15.80		NYA	NYA	NYA
HEALTH & COMMUNITY	BV174	Racial incidents per 100000 population	21.03	24	21.00		NYA	NYA	NYA
HEALTH & COMMUNITY	BV175	Racial incidents with further action (%)	100.00	100.00	100.00		NYA	NYA	NYA
HEALTH & COMMUNITY	BV225	Actions against domestic violence (%)	90.9	NYA	100.0	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA
HEALTH & COMMUNITY	BV226	a. Advice & guidance services - total amount spent	403115	NYA	403000	N/a	NYA	NYA	NYA
		b. Advice & guidance services - % spent with organisations holding CLS Quality Mark	81.40	NYA	81.40	NYA	NYA	NYA	NYA
		c. Advice & guidance services - total amount spent on direct provision by LA	5789954	NYA	5884000	N/a	NYA	NYA	NYA

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TRIENNIAL BEST VALUE SURVEY (*NB For 2005/6 Actual read 2003/4 Actual)	BV3	Overall satisfaction with the council	55	58	60		NYA	NYA	NYA	
TRIENNIAL BEST VALUE SURVEY (*NB For 2005/6 Actual read 2003/4 Actual)	BV4	Satisfaction with complaints handling	33	31	40		NYA	NYA	NYA	
	BV89	Satisfaction with cleanliness	58	67	63.69		NYA	NYA	NYA	
	BV90	a.	Satisfaction with waste collection	90	87	90		NYA	NYA	NYA
		b.	Satisfaction with waste recycling (local facilities)	70	73	70		NYA	NYA	NYA
		c.	Satisfaction with waste disposal (local tips)	87	86	90		NYA	NYA	NYA
	BV103		Satisfaction with transport information	55	55	56.8		NYA	NYA	NYA
		f.	Satisfaction with transport information (users)	N/a	75	N/a	N/a	NYA	NYA	NYA
	BV104		Satisfaction with bus services	60	63	63		NYA	NYA	NYA
		f.	Satisfaction with bus services (Users)	N/a	71	N/a	N/a	NYA	NYA	NYA
	BV111		Satisfaction with the Planning service	91	83	83		NYA	NYA	NYA
BV118	a.	% Of library users who found the book they wanted	60	88.1	65		NYA	NYA	NYA	

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		b. % Of library users who found the information they wanted	67	79.6	70		NYA	NYA	NYA
TRIENNIAL BEST VALUE SURVEY (*NB For 2005/6 Actual read 2003/4 Actual)	BV118	c. Overall satisfaction of Library Users	94	97	94		NYA	NYA	NYA
	BV119	a. Satisfaction with cultural and recreational activities - Sports/leisure facilities	52	57	54		NYA	NYA	NYA
		b. Satisfaction with cultural and recreational activities - Libraries	69	80	70		NYA	NYA	NYA
		c. Satisfaction with cultural and recreational activities - Museums/galleries	27	32	31		NYA	NYA	NYA
		d. Satisfaction with cultural and recreational activities - Theatres/concert halls	28	42	36		NYA	NYA	NYA
		e. Satisfaction with cultural and recreational activities - Parks and open spaces	71	77	73		NYA	NYA	NYA