

COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council on Wednesday, 14 July 2021 in the Bridge Suite - Halton Stadium, Widnes

Present: Councillors Abbott, Ball, Baker, Begg, Bevan, J. Bradshaw, M. Bradshaw, Bramwell, D. Cargill, E. Cargill, Carlin, Dennett, Dourley, Fry, Gilligan, Goodall, Harris, S. Hill, V. Hill, Howard, Hutchinson, Jones, Leck, M. Lloyd Jones, P. Lloyd Jones, Loftus, Logan, A. Lowe, J. Lowe, McDermott, A. McInerney, T. McInerney, Nelson, Nolan, Polhill, Rowe, G. Stockton, J. Stockton, Stretch, Teeling, Teeling, Thompson, Wall, Wallace, Wharton, Whitley, Woolfall and Wright

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Dyer, Philbin, C. Plumpton Walsh, N. Plumpton Walsh, Ratcliffe and Wainwright

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: D. Parr, I. Leivesley, M. Reaney and G. Ferguson

Also in attendance: One member of the press

		<i>Action</i>
COU1	COUNCIL MINUTES	
	The minutes of the meeting of Council held on 21 May 2021 were taken as read and signed as a correct record.	
COU2	THE MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS	
	The Mayor made the following announcements:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• He advised on the recent engagement he had attended at Runcorn Linnets; and• He presented ILM certificates to the following Councillors and congratulated them on their achievement:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Councillors Leck, Tealing and Whitley.	
COU3	LEADER'S REPORT	
	The Leader made the following announcements:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• this was his first full council since becoming leader and he thanked staff for the work they have done	

over the last eighteen months since the pandemic struck;

- he remembered those who have lost loved ones during the pandemic and advised Members on the memorial gardens put in place in both Widnes and Runcorn;
- a leaders briefing would be issued to all members on a monthly basis;
- the Council faced significant challenges ahead not least emerging from Covid and with the Governments lifting of restrictions. The Council also faced a difficult budget setting for 2022-23 with the finance team forecasting a budget gap of c£20m over the next three years and changes in the way health services were commissioned and managed; and
- on a brighter note, Council had received a presentation from the Chief Executive about some of the exciting developments that were happening and planned in the Borough that showed that businesses were still confident that Halton has a bright future.

COU4 URGENT DECISIONS

The Council considered a report of the Chief Executive, on the urgent decisions taken since the last meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED: That Council note the report.

COU5 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Council considered the minutes of the Executive Board meetings on 30 July 2020, 17 September 2020 and 15 October 2020.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be received.

COU6 MINUTES OF THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

The Council considered the minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting on 24 March 2021.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be received.

COU7 QUESTIONS ASKED UNDER STANDING ORDER 8

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

COU8 PUBLIC SECTOR DECARBONISATION FUND

The Council considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, on the Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund.

RESOLVED: That Council approve

- 1) the award of £1,295,846m from the Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund be noted; and
- 2) the inclusion of the Decarbonisation Scheme at a gross cost of £1,677,673 within the 2021/22 capital programme, to be funded as set out within paragraph 3.4.

COU9 MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

The Council considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, on the Members Code of Conduct.

RESOLVED: That Council approve

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- 2) Council be asked to include the Decarbonisation Scheme at a gross cost of £1,677,673 within the 2021/22 capital programme, to be funded as set out within paragraph 3.4.

COU10 REVISIONS TO COMMITTEE STRUCTURES

The Council considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, on the Revisions to Committee Structures.

RESOLVED: That Council approve

- 1) the Audit and Governance Board assume responsibility for the work of the former Standards Committee and that its terms of reference be amended as set out in Appendix 1;
- 2) the composition of the Appeals Panel be amended as set out in paragraph 3.4 of this report;
- 3) a Taxi Sub-Committee be set up with terms of reference as contained in Appendix 2; and

- 4) appropriate amendments to the Constitution are made in due course.

COU11 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 3 March 2021:-

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

COU12 COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Council considered the reports of the following Committees in the period since the meeting of Council on 3 March 2021:-

- Development Control;
- Regulatory; and
- Development Management Committee

Meeting ended at 7.00 p.m.