

HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



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Kingsway,
Widnes.
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15 October 2024

**TO: MEMBERS OF THE HALTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

You are hereby summoned to attend an Ordinary Meeting of the Halton Borough Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall on Wednesday, 23 October 2024 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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10.	MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION OF THE COUNCIL	
	a) 2024/25 to 2026/27 Capital Programme - EXB17	3 - 8
	RECOMMENDED: That Council be recommended to approve the updated capital programme for 2024-27, including forecast spend and funding, as set out in Table 1 and Table 2.	
	b) Kingsway Quarter, Widnes Town Centre - Key Decision - EXB18	9 - 16
	RECOMMENDED: That the Board	
	1) recommend Council adjust the Capital Programme for the sum of £750,000.00 to enable demolition of Kingsway Leisure Centre and associated preparation works to aid formal land disposal;	
	2) endorse the vision for Kingsway Quarter site for residential led development, as set out in para 3.6 of the report and in accordance with the wider Widnes Town Centre Strategy;	

- 3) approves delegated authority to Director of Economy, Enterprise and Property, in consultation with Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Climate Change, for site marketing and disposal; and
 - 4) authorises the Director for Economy, Enterprise and Property to arrange for all required documentation for the transactions to be completed to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services.
- c) Replacement Cremator Widnes Crematorium - Key Decision – EXB22

RECOMMENDED: That

- 1) delegated authority be granted to Executive Director – Environment and Regeneration, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Urban Renewal, to procure a replacement cremator and associated installation, service and maintenance contract; and
- 2) Council be recommended to include £308,000, in the 2024/25 Capital Programme for the scheme, as outlined in section 5.0 of the report.

- d) 2024/25 Spending as at 31 July 2024 and Medium Term Financial Forecast - EXB25

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RECOMMENDED: That

- 1) all spending continues to be limited to only absolutely essential items;
- 2) Executive Directors continue the urgent action to identify areas where spending could be reduced or suspended for the remainder of the current financial year, or additional funding secured;
- 3) Council be requested to approve the Capital Programme as set out in paragraph 3.21; and
- 4) the updated Medium Term Financial Forecast included at Appendix 5 is noted.

- e) Youth Justice Plan - EXB27

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RECOMMENDED: That

- 1) the 2024-27 Youth Justice Plan be recommended for approval by the next full Council; and
- 2) authority be delegated to the Executive Director – Children’s Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People and Families, to approve and submit an annual refresh of the Youth Justice Plan in 2025 prior to formal approval by Council next year.

- f) Joint Health Scrutiny Arrangements - Cheshire & Merseyside - HEA15 **141 - 154**

RECOMMENDED: That the Board

- 1) notes the report and Appendix; and
- 2) endorses the revised Joint Health Scrutiny Arrangements and recommends it to Council for approval.

11. MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND PERFORMANCE BOARDS AND THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE BOARD **SEE MINUTE BOOK**

- a) Children, Young People and Families
- b) Employment, Learning, Skills and Community
- c) Health
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