

# **F O R W A R D   P L A N**

## **FOR THE PERIOD : 1 JULY 2011 TO 31 OCTOBER 2011**

### ***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 0303 333 4300. 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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### Leader's Portfolio

Mersey Gateway Additional Funding Approval granted by Ministers	Mersey Gateway Executive Board	Not before 1st July, 2011	The Coalition Government has announced that the funding for Mersey Gateway will be reviewed as part of the Comprehensive Spending Review to determine the budget for Government Departments over the next three years. The Council will need to consider the outcome of this review with the aim of securing Conditional Funding Approval from the new Government.	Mersey Gateway Executive Sub Committee report 17 June 2010 and minutes	Steven Nicholson

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### Physical Environment Portfolio

For the Council to enter into an Easement Agreement with Network Rail for the delivery of the 3MG Rail connection.	3MG Executive Sub Board	Not before 30th June, 2011	The Council is seeking professional advice from experts in the field of Easement Agreements from Property Agents, Lawyers and Rail Professionals. The Council will protect its interests at all times whilst achieving one of the key objectives of the 3MG.	3MG Master Plan, available from Sally McDonald, Municipal Building, Widnes.	Sally McDonald
For the Council to enter into a Development Agreement with the preferred developer for the development of HBC Field	3MG Executive Sub Board	30 June 2011	The Council is seeking professional advice from experts in the area of Development	3MG Master Plan, available from Sally McDonald, Municipal Building, Widnes	Sally McDonald

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			Agreements from Property Agents, Lawyers and Rail Professionals. The Council will protect its interests at all times whilst achieving one of the key objectives of 3MG.		
Approval of publication of Draft Design of New Residential Development Supplementary Planning Document for public consultation	Executive Board Sub Committee	Not before 1st September, 2011	Previous 'Partnership Consultation' with selected Council officers. Documents will be on display at various locations around the Borough and on the Council's web site for a six week period.	Saved Policies of the Halton UDP ; Draft Design of New Residential Development SPD; Draft Design of New Residential Development SPD Partnership Consultation Stage; Sustainability	Tim Gibbs

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				Appraisal Pre Production Scoping Report - from Glen Henry 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.	Executive Board	Not before 1st December, 2011	Management Team, Safer PPB, Environment and Urban Renewal PPB,	Report on findings so far, DETR Circular 02/2000 Contaminated Land, Contaminated Land: Strategy for Inspection (July 2001), Part IIA Environmental Protection Act 1990.	Tim Gibbs
Adoption of Draft Town Centre Strategy Supplementary Planning Documents for Halton Lea	Executive Board	Not before 1st July, 2011	Public consultation has taken place between 1 February and 15 March 2007.	Halton UDP; Runcorn Old Town and Halton Lea Draft Town	Tim Gibbs

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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)	
Approval of publication of Draft Southern Widnes Regeneration Action Area Supplementary Planning Document for public consultation	Executive Board	Not before 1st September, 2011	Previous "Partnership Consultation" with selected Council officers, Members and external stakeholders has taken place.	Saved Policies of the Halton UDP - Draft of Southern Widnes Regeneration Action Area SPD; Draft Southern Widnes Regeneration	Tim Gibbs

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				Action Area SPD Partnership Consultation Stage; Sustainability Appraisal Pre Production Scoping Report (combined with Mersey Gateway Regeneration Strategy) - available from Rachel Winstanley at Rutland House, Halton Lea	
Core Strategy	Executive Board  Council	30 June 2011  20 July 2011	None before decision is taken. The Core Strategy has been subject to several rounds of public and	Halton Core Strategy Submission Draft; Halton Core Strategy Sustainability	Tim Gibbs

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			<p>stakeholder consultation, the latest of which was the 'publication' of the Proposed Submission Draft which was subject to an 8 week consultation period between 29 November 2010 and 24 January 2011.</p> <p>Any person wishing to make representations should do so in writing to Tim Gibbs.</p>	<p>Assessment (SA); Halton Core Strategy Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA); Halton Core Strategy Equalities Impact Assessment; Halton Core Strategy Health Impact Assessment; Halton Core Strategy Consultation Statement. Documents available from Tim Gibbs</p>	
Waste DPD	Executive Board	Not before 1st June, 2011		The Core Strategy and supporting	

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	Council	Not before 1st August, 2011		documents available from Tim Gibbs	

**Children Young People and Families Portfolio**

To give permission to The Bankfield School to apply for Presumption and the development of a Post 16 Centre	Executive Board	22 September 2011	Schools and Riverside College; Young people; Unions; Businesses; Communities; 14-19 partnership; Dioceses; Primary Care Trust; Representations should be made to the Strategic Director Children and Enterprise.	Raising the Participation Age: supporting local areas to deliver DCSF 2009 <a href="http://www.dcsf.gov.uk">www.dcsf.gov.uk</a> ; Expanding a maintained mainstream school by enlarging or adding a sixth form - a guide for local authorities and governing bodies; <a href="http://www.dscf.gov.uk">www.dscf.gov.uk</a>	Strategic Director - Children and Enterprise

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Children and Young People's Plan 2011-14	Executive Board  Council	30 June 2011  20 July 2011	Wide ranging public and stakeholder consultation from October 2010 will be undertaken at various stages in the Children and Young People's Plan development process.  Any person wishing to make representations should do so in writing to Tim Gibbs.	A draft Children and Young People's Plan document available from Tim Gibbs early 2011	Tim Gibbs
Halton Child and Family Poverty Strategy	Executive Board	Not before 1st July, 2011	Children Young People and Families and Corporate Policy and Performance Boards; Halton	2010 Child Poverty Needs Assessment, available from Neil McSweeney at Municipal	Tim Gibbs

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			<p>Strategic Partnership; Children's Trust; staff and partner agencies.</p> <p>Attendance at relevant meetings to present and discuss individual meetings with users of the services.</p> <p>Any person wishing to make representations should do so in writing to Tim Gibbs.</p>	Building, Kingsway, Widnes	
The Grange Neighbourhood Nursery Day Care	Executive Board	30 June 2011	Staff, Parents, The Grange School, Local Ward	Executive Board report	

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			Members.  Any person wishing to make representations should do so in writing to Gerald Meehan, Strategic Director Children and Enterprise by 31 May 2011.		
Schools Capital Programme	Executive Board	14 July 2011	Community Schools, Diocesan Authorities and Academies in Halton.  Any person wishing to make representations should do so in writing to Gerald Meehan, Strategic	Schools Capital Allocations 2011/12 - Department for Education December 2011; Report to Executive Board 17 March 2011 - Capital Repairs Programme 2011/12	Strategic Director - Children and Enterprise

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			Director, Children and Enterprise by 30 June 2011.		
Traded Services - Joint Venture Company for School Improvement Services	Executive Board	30 June 2011	Chairs of Governors of schools and head teachers in Halton and Warrington; School Improvement Staff.  Any person wishing to make representations should do so in writing to Gerald Meehan, Strategic Director Children and Enterprise by 17 June 2011.	Executive Board Report December 2010; Communication Updates to Schools and Governors; Letters to Headteachers and Schools	Strategic Director - Children and Enterprise

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**Community Safety Portfolio**

Hate Crime Strategy	Executive Board	30 June 2011	<p>Safer Halton Policy and Performance Board, Crime and Disorder Partnership Board, staff and partner agencies, All Party Elected Member Equality and Diversity Group.</p> <p>Attendance at relevant meetings to present and discuss individual meetings with users of the services.</p> <p>Any person wishing to make representations should do so in writing to Dwayne Johnson, Strategic</p>	None.	Dwayne Johnson
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			Director, Communities.		

**NOTE**

***The following Members comprise the Executive Board:***

Leader – Councillor Polhill

Deputy Leader and Resources Portfolio Holder – Councillor Wharton

Children, Young People and Families Portfolio Holder – Councillor Swain

Health and Adults Portfolio Holder – Councillor Wright

Neighbourhood, Leisure and Sport Portfolio Holder – Councillor Harris

Community Safety Portfolio Holder – Councillor D. Cargill

Environmental Sustainability Portfolio Holder – Councillor Nelson

Economic Development Portfolio Holder – Councillor Jones

Physical Environment Portfolio Holder – Councillor McInerney

Transportation Portfolio Holder – Councillor Stockton