

F O R W A R D P L A N

FOR THE PERIOD : 1 DECEMBER 2012 TO 31 MARCH 2013

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.

**FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS FOR THE PERIOD
1 DECEMBER 2012 TO 31 MARCH 2013**

	MATTER TO BE DECIDED	DECISION MAKER AND DATE	
1	To give permission to The Bankfield School to apply for Presumption and the development of a Post 16 Centre	Executive Board	Not before 1st January, 2013
2	Capital Programme 2013-14	Executive Board	24 January 2013
3	Re-Designation of Ashley School	Executive Board	24 January 2013
4	Priority School Building Programme Update	Executive Board	13 December 2012
5	Adoption of the Halton Core Strategy Local Plan including consequential deletion of specific saved Unitary Development Plan policies and assessment of consistency of the Unitary Development Plan with National Planning Policy Framework	Council	12 December 2012
6	Localisation of Council Tax Support	Council	12 December 2012

Key Decision	Decision-Maker and Date	Brief Summary of Decision to be Taken	Consultees and Consultation method	Relevant Background Reports	Lead Officer Contact Details
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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 Not before 1st January, 2013		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 www.dcsf.gov.uk; Expanding a maintained mainstream school by enlarging or adding a sixth form - a guide for local authorities and governing bodies; www.dscf.gov.uk	Ann McIntyre ann.mcintyre@halton.gov.uk
Capital Programme 2013-14	Executive Board 24 January 2013	Approval of the allocation of Capital Programme for 2013-14.	Schools have been consulted. Any person wishing to make representations, should do so in writing to Gerald Meehan, Strategic Director, Children	Executive Board report; List of School Projects	Katrina Hall katrina.hall@halton.gov.uk

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			and Enterprise, Municipal Building, Kingsway, Widnes WA8 7QF by 22 January 2013.		
Re-Designation of Ashley School	Executive Board 24 January 2013	To consider the outcome of the consultation on the re-designation and age range of Ashley School. Any person wishing to make representations should do so in writing to Gerald Meehan, Strategic Director, Children and Enterprise, Municipal Building, Kingsway, Widnes WA8 7QF by 30 December 2012.	Schools, parents, health bodies, pupils, neighbouring authorities and other stakeholders, by letter, reports and public meetings.	NAS Review and Halton Borough Council Development Plan 2012; Executive Board report of 18 October 2012	Steven Nyakatawa steve.nyakatawa@halton.gov.uk
Priority School Building Programme Update	Executive Board 13 December 2012	Confirmation on whether to proceed with the Priority School Building Project Bid for Halebank Primary School.	Any person wishing to make representations should do so in writing to Ann McIntyre, Operational Director, Children	Priority School Building Project Information - DfE Website; Executive Board minutes 28/9/11 - Response to James Review	Ann McIntyre ann.mcintyre@halton.gov.uk

Key Decision	Decision-Maker and Date	Brief Summary of Decision to be Taken	Consultees and Consultation method	Relevant Background Reports	Lead Officer Contact Details
			and Enterprise Directorate, Rutland House, Halton Lea, Runcorn by 7 December 2012.	and Priority School Building Project	

Physical Environment Portfolio

Adoption of the Halton Core Strategy Local Plan including consequential deletion of specific saved Unitary Development Plan policies and assessment of consistency of the Unitary Development Plan with National Planning Policy Framework	Council 12 December 2012	Adoption of the Halton Core Strategy Local Plan as the key document in the Borough's statutory development plan. Adoption will mean the deletion of a number of saved Unitary Development Plan (UDP) policies. In addition, Council is being asked to consider the degree of compliance of the remaining saved UDP policies with the new National Planning Policy Framework.	No additional consultation is required. During its production, the Core Strategy Local Plan has been subject to several periods of formal consultation, the last of which (8 weeks) was concluded on 14 September 2012. During each round of consultation, statutory and non-statutory consultees have been written to, public notices have been placed and consultation material made available on-line and in deposit	Halton UDP April 2005; Halton Core Strategy Local Plan - Post Submission Changes July 2012; National Planning Policy Framework and Technical Guidance March 2012; The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012; Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. All documents available from Planning, Economic and	Alasdair Cross alisdair.cross@halton.gov.uk
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			locations.	Transport Policy on Tel 0151 551 7662	

Resources Portfolio

Localisation of Council Tax Support	Council 12 December 2012	To approve an appropriate percentage reduction in non-pensioner Council Tax Support awards, in order to cover the shortfall in Government grant allocation for Halton, as recommended by Corporate Policy and Performance Board.	Public consultation has been carried out for 6 weeks ending on 21 September 2012, via the Council's web site and local press.	Localising Support for Council Tax in England - DCLG Consultation Document, available from Revenues and Benefits Customer Services Division, Kingsway House, Widnes	Peter McCann Peter.mccann@halton.gov.uk
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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 Philbin

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 R. Hignett

Transportation Portfolio Holder – Councillor J. Stockton