

F O R W A R D P L A N

FOR THE PERIOD : 1 OCTOBER 2021 TO 31 JANUARY 2022

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 OCTOBER 2021 TO 31 JANUARY 2022**

	MATTER TO BE DECIDED	DECISION MAKER AND DATE	
1	Approval of the Main Modifications and minor amendments to the Delivery and Allocations Local Plan, including Policies Map for a formal period of public consultation pursuant to the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012	Council	13 October 2021
2	Halton Micro Grid	Executive Board	14 October 2021
3	Medium Term Financial Strategy	Executive Board	18 November 2021
4	Determination of Council Tax	Council	8 December 2021
5	Initial Budget Proposals 2022/23	Council	8 December 2021

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Environment and Urban Renewal

Approval of the Main Modifications and minor amendments to the Delivery and Allocations Local Plan, including Policies Map for a formal period of public consultation pursuant to the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.	Council 13 October 2021	The Delivery and Allocations Local Plan was submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination in March 2020. The Examination process has identified a number of issues that need to be resolved by 'Main Modifications' to the Plan. These are changes that are required for the Plan to be found 'sound' which would allow the Council to move to adopt the plan. These modifications need to be subject to formal public consultation for a	N/A Permission is being sought for formal consultation on the draft Plan.	Halton Unitary Development Plan (April 2005) Halton Core Strategy Local Plan – (April 2013) 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 Inspectors' letter of Initial Findings	Alasdair Cross alasdair.cross@halton.gov.uk 0151 511 7657
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		period not less than 6 weeks in compliance with the adopted Statement of Community Involvement.		<i>All documents available from Planning & Transport Strategy 0151-551-7662 Forward.Planning@halton.gov.uk</i>	

Climate Change

Halton Micro Grid	Executive Board 14 October 2021	<p>To seek approval for the development of a smart micro grid that that would seek to decarbonise the Council's building electricity, heating and transport via the culmination of several technologies.</p> <p>The project will increase the total installed capacity to 5.1MW and connect the additional solar PV generators and building loads via</p>	N/A	N/A	<p>Jim Yates</p> <p>Jim.Yates@halton.gov.uk</p> <p>0151 511 6989</p>
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		<p>the installation of a High Voltage ring between the following Council sites in central Widnes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halton Stadium, Lower House Lane, Widnes WA8 7DZ • The Municipal Offices, Kingsway, Widnes WA8 7QF • The New HBC Leisure Centre, Ellis Street, Widnes, WA8 7AP • The Lower House Lane Depot, WA8 7AW 			

Corporate Services

Medium Term Financial Strategy	Executive Board 18 November 2021	Approve the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2022/23 to 2024/25.	N/A	N/A	Ed Dawson ed.dawson@halton.gov.uk 0151 511 7965
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Determination of Council Tax	Council 8 December 2021	Approve the 2022/23 council tax base for the Borough.	N/A	N/A	Ed Dawson ed.dawson@halton.gov.uk 0151 511 7965
Initial Budget Proposals 2022/23	Council 8 December 2021	Approve the initial set of revenue budget proposals for 2022/23.	N/A	N/A	Ed Dawson ed.dawson@halton.gov.uk 0151 511 7965

NOTE

The following Members comprise the Executive Board:

Leader – Councillor Wharton

Deputy Leader – Councillor Thompson

Corporate Services Portfolio Holder – Councillor Dennett

Children and Young People Portfolio Holder – Councillor T McInerney

Adult Social Care Portfolio Holder – Councillor J. Lowe

Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder – Councillor Wright

Community Safety Portfolio Holder – Councillor M. Lloyd Jones

Environmental and Urban Renewal Portfolio Holder – Councillor Nelson

Employment, Learning and Skills, and Community Portfolio Holder – Councillor Nolan

Climate Change Portfolio Holder – Councillor Harris