

F O R W A R D P L A N

FOR THE PERIOD: 1 SEPTEMBER 2023 TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

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 SEPTEMBER 2023 TO 31 DECEMBER 2023**

| | MATTER TO BE DECIDED | DECISION MAKER AND DATE | |
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| 1 | Determination of the Council Tax Base 2024/25 | Council | 6 December 2023 |
| 2 | Medium Term Financial Strategy | Executive Board | 16 November 2023 |
| 3 | Halton Borough Council and NHS Cheshire & Merseyside (Halton Place) : Joint Working Agreement | Executive Board | 14 September 2023 |

| 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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Corporate Services Portfolio

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| Determination of the Council Tax Base 2024/25 | Council 6 December 2023 | To seek approval for the 2024/25 council tax base for the Borough. | N/A | | Operational Director – Finance Ed.Dawson@halton.gov.uk 01515117965 |
| Medium Term Financial Strategy | Executive Board 16 November 2023 | To seek approval for the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2024/25 to 2026/27. | N/A | | Operational Director – Finance Ed.Dawson@halton.gov.uk 01515117965 |

Adult Social Care Portfolio

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| Halton Borough Council and NHS Cheshire & Merseyside (Halton Place): Joint Working Agreement (JWA) | Executive Board 14 September 2023 | On 16 th March 2023, Executive Board agreed a 12 month extension to the JWA between Halton Borough Council (HBC) and NHS Cheshire & Merseyside (C&M) which was due to | Prior to coming to Executive Board, the updated JWA has been considered by the Adults Senior Management Team, the Senior Leadership Team NHS C&M (Halton | Previous JWA between HBC and NHS Cheshire & Merseyside 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. | Damian Nolan damian.nolan@halton.gov.uk 01515118520 |
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| | | <p>expire on 31st March 2023, to allow for a review of the agreement to take place, as a result of changes in governance arrangements that came into force during 2022/23. This review has been concluded and the JWA updated to reflect the changes in governance. It has also changed from a 12 month to a 2 year agreement, due to expire on 31st March 2025, which is in line with/reflects the 2 year Better Care Fund Plan 2023-25.</p> | <p>Place) and the Better Care Commissioning Advisory Group (joint meeting with representatives from both HBC and ICB) whose role it is to ensure that an integrated system is developed and appropriately managed thus ensuring that the resources available to both Health and Social Care, including the Better Care Fund, are effectively used in the commissioning of delivery of personalised, responsive and holistic care to those who are most in need within our community. Any representation would need to be made, in writing, to Damian Nolan by</p> | | |

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| | | | no later than 25.8.23. | | |

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