

REPORT TO: Council
DATE: 13 July 2022
REPORTING OFFICER: Chief Executive
PORTFOLIO: Leader
SUBJECT: Urgent Decisions
WARDS: Borough Wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To bring to the attention of Council urgent decisions taken since the last meeting of Council.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION:

2.1 That the report is noted.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 The Council's Constitution gives authority to the Chief Executive to take urgent decisions which are required before the next formal meeting of Executive Board/Council.

These must be made in consultation with the Leader of the Council where practicable, and with the Operational Director – Finance and/or Operational Director – Legal and Democratic Services where necessary. They must also be reported for information to the next practically available meeting of the Board.

3.2 The absence of meetings of full Council during the COVID-19 crisis has meant that a number of urgent decisions have been necessary. More information on each can be found on the Council's website here:

<http://councillors.halton.gov.uk/mgDelegatedDecisions.aspx?bcr=1>

3.3 The urgent decisions taken since the last meeting of Council:

Date Decision taken	Decision details
4 May 2022	Household Support Fund Spending Plan – Council has been allocated £1.3m for period 1 April to 30 September 2022. There is a need to put arrangements in place as soon as possible now, to ensure the funding is fully utilised and delivered promptly. In particular, the procurement of free school meals vouchers in time for the Summer half term holidays.

25 May 2022	A56 Daresbury reconstruction (waiver of procurement standing orders). Collaboration with a developer who will be reconfiguring the Delph Lane/A56 junction and enable the simultaneous replacement of a section of defective sub-base on the A56.
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4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are none other than the constitutional requirement to report urgent decisions for information.

5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

None.

6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

None.

6.3 A Healthy Halton

None.

6.4 A Safer Halton

None.

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 The report is for information, and there are no risk issues arising from it.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 None.

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

9.1 No background papers were used in the preparation of this report. Further information on the decisions taken is available from the link in Paragraph 3.2.