

HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



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WA8 7QF*

14 May 2015

**TO: MEMBERS OF THE HALTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

You are hereby summoned to attend the Annual Meeting of the Halton Borough Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall on Friday, 22 May 2015 commencing at 6.30 p.m. for the purpose of considering and passing such resolution(s) as may be deemed necessary or desirable in respect of the matters mentioned in the Agenda.

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Chief Executive

-AGENDA-

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1.	ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR To be moved by Councillor Cole and seconded by Councillor Peter Lloyd Jones “That Councillor Ellen Cargill be elected Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2015/16”. To be moved by Councillor Jones and seconded by Councillor Tom McInerney “That Councillor Ged Philbin be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2015/16”	
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7.	EXECUTIVE BOARD (SELECTION COMMITTEE) 19 MAY 2015 To formally approve the following recommendations of the Executive Board (Selection Committee). (N.B. The Executive Board will be meeting on 19 May 2015 to consider these recommendations. Any amendments will be reported to Council). a) Deputy Leader of the Council 2015/16 To be moved by the Mayor and seconded by the Deputy Mayor:- “That Councillor Mike Wharton be appointed as Deputy Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2015/16”	

- b) Boards, Committees, Appeals Panel and Working Party

To be moved by the Mayor and seconded by the Deputy Mayor:-

That the following Boards, Committees, Appeals Panel and Working Party be constituted with the membership as shown for the Municipal Year 2015/16”

(N.B. Information regarding membership will be circulated as soon as possible.)

Children, Young People and Families Policy and Performance Board (11)

Corporate Policy and Performance Board (11)

Employment, Learning, Skills and Community Policy and Performance Board (11)

Health Policy and Performance Board (11)

Safer Policy and Performance Board (11)

Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board (11)

Business Efficiency Board (11)

Regulatory Committee (11)

Development Control Committee (13)

Appeals Panel (20)

Appointments Committee (6)

Mayoral Committee (5)

Standards Committee (9)

Local Development Framework Working Party (15)

- c) Appointment of Scrutiny Co-ordinator

To appoint a Scrutiny Co-ordinator for the Municipal Year 2015/16.

- d) Appointment of Co-optee to the Health Policy and Performance Board

To confirm the appointment of Mr Tom Baker as the Healthwatch Halton representative to the Health Policy and Performance Board for the Municipal Year 2015/16.

- e) Appointment of Parish Council Co-optees to the Standards Committee

To confirm the appointment of Reverend David Felix and Mr Stephen Cluff as non-voting Parish Council Co-optees on the Standards Committee for the Municipal Year 2015/16.

- f) Appointments to Outside Bodies

To consider the attached report.

RECOMMENDED: That Council appoint representatives to the Outside Bodies.

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8. EXECUTIVE BOARD PORTFOLIOS

The Leader will report on the Portfolio holders for Executive Board for the Municipal Year 2015/16.

9. CIVIC SUNDAY

To note the arrangements for Civic Sunday as being Sunday 28 June 2015 at Our Lady's Catholic Church, Lapwing Grove, Palacefields, Runcorn, WA7 2TP, starting at 11 a.m.

COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council on Wednesday, 15 April 2015 in the Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall

Present: Councillors Osborne, S. Baker, M. Bradshaw, J. Bradshaw, D. Cargill, E. Cargill, Cassidy, Cole, Dennett, Edge, Fry, Gilligan, Harris, P. Hignett, R. Hignett, S. Hill, Horabin, Howard, Jones, M. Lloyd Jones, P. Lloyd Jones, C. Loftus, K. Loftus, A. Lowe, J. Lowe, MacManus, McDermott, A. McInerney, T. McInerney, Nelson, Osborne, Parker, Philbin, Polhill, C. Plumpton Walsh, N. Plumpton Walsh, Ratcliffe, Joe Roberts, June Roberts, Rowe, Sinnott, G. Stockton, J. Stockton, Thompson, Wainwright, A. Wall, Wallace, Wharton, Woolfall, Wright and Zygadlo

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Gerrard, V. Hill, Lea, Logan, Morley and Nolan

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: M. Reaney, A. Scott, D. Johnson, I. Leivesley, G. Meehan and D. Parr

Also in attendance: None

Action

COU71 COUNCIL MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings of Council held on 4 February 2015, 4 March 2015 and 18 March 2015 having been circulated, were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

COU72 THE MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor made the following announcements:-

- His Royal Highness, The Duke of Kent had recently visited the Borough to celebrate 1100 years of the Magna Carta in Runcorn. The Runcorn Historical Society had presented the Duke and the Mayor with signed copies of the book published to coincide with the celebrations;
- The Mayor thanked everyone who had supported him and the Mayoress at the many charity functions throughout the year. Many young people in the Borough had benefited from those volunteers that had given so generously of their time; and

- The Mayor thanked Councillor Marie Wright for all her support and work associated with organising Mayoral Charity events.

COU73 LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader had circulated his briefing to Members and had no further announcements.

COU74 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Council considered the minutes of the Executive Board meetings of 12 February 2015, 26 February 2015, 12 March 2015 and 26 March 2015.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be received.

COU75 MINUTES OF THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

The Council considered the minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting 11 March 2015.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be received.

COU76 QUESTIONS ASKED UNDER STANDING ORDER 8

It was noted that no questions had been submitted under Standing Order No.8.

(N.B. The following Councillors declared a Disclosable Other Interest in the following item of business for the reasons stated: Councillor Alan Lowe as Governor of Hallwood Park Primary and Nursery School; Councillor Martha Lloyd Jones as Governor of Beechwood Primary School)

COU77 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2015-16 - KEY DECISION (MINUTE EXB 150 REFERS)

Executive board had considered a report of the Strategic Director, Children and Enterprise, which provided a summary of the Capital Programme for 2015/16 for the Children and Enterprise Directorate.

RESOLVED: That the Capital Programme for 2015/16 be approved.

Strategic Director
- Children and the
Economy

COU78 INVEST TO SAVE PROPOSAL - STREET LIGHTING (MINUTE EXB 158 REFERS)

Executive Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Policy and Resources, which sought approval for an Invest to Save proposal and funding to cover the costs of an LED Conversion Programme.

RESOLVED: That the inclusion of £4.7m scheme within the Capital Programme, to be funded as set out in the report, be approved.

Strategic Director
- Policy &
Resources

COU79 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2015/16 (MINUTE EXB162 REFERS)

Executive Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Policy and Resources, which set out a Calendar of Meetings for the 2015/16 Municipal Year.

Councillor Polhill moved an amendment, seconded by Councillor Wharton and it was:-

RESOLVED: That the Calendar of Meetings for the 2015/16 Municipal Year be approved, subject to the deletion of the April 2016 meeting of Council.

Strategic Director
- Policy &
Resources

COU80 ANNUAL REVIEW OF CONSTITUTION 2015 (MINUTE EXB 163 REFERS)

Executive Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Policy and Resources, which sought approval of a number of changes to the Council's Constitution.

RESOLVED: That the revised Constitution, including the amendments set out in Appendix 1, attached to the report, be approved.

Strategic Director
- Policy &
Resources

(N.B. Councillor Martha Lloyd Jones declared a Disclosable Other Interest in Minute BEB 36 of the Business Efficiency Board, as her Grandson was on placement as a teacher at Spinney Avenue CE Voluntary Controlled Primary School)

COU81 MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND PERFORMANCE BOARDS AND THE BUSINESS EFFICIENCY BOARD

The Council considered the reports of the following Boards in the period since the meeting of Council on 4 February 2015:-

- Children, Young People and Families;

- Employment, Learning, Skills and Community;
- Health;
- Safer;
- Environment and Urban Renewal;
- Corporate; and
- Business Efficiency.

In considering the minutes, the following observations were made:-

- Councillor Gilligan reminded all PPB Chairs that the cross-PPB Topic Group on Fees and Charges would be meeting again in June;
- Councillor Roberts reported on the complimentary comments he had received from the Council's external Auditors, Grant Thornton and thanked Officers for their work on providing training to Members of the Business Efficiency Board throughout the year; and
- Councillor Thompson highlighted the forthcoming Topic Group of the Safer PPB, looking at the emergence of new psychoactive substances (legal highs).

COU82 COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Council considered the reports of the following Committees in the period since the meeting of Council on 4 February 2015:-

- Development Control;
- Regulatory;
- Appeals Panel;
- Standards;
- Mayoral; and
- Appointments.

In considering the minutes, the following observations were made:-

- In moving the minutes of the Appeals Panel, Councillor Wainwright wished to place on record his thanks to Councillor Angela McInerney for her work as Vice Chair of the Panel, and to Kath Lunt, Housing Benefit Officer, for her work in presenting the increased number of appeals for Discretionary Housing Payment;
- In moving the Minutes of the Mayoral Committee,

The Mayor, Councillor Shaun Osborne, wished to place on record his congratulations to Councillor Ellen Cargill on her appointment as Mayor-elect and Councillor Ged Philbin on his appointment as Deputy Mayor-elect and wished them a successful year ahead; and

- In moving the minutes of the Standards Committee, Councillor Peter Lloyd Jones wished to place on record his thanks to all Elected Members, Co-optees and Independent Persons on the Standards Committee for their support.

COU83 SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

Council considered:

- (1) whether Members of the press and public should be excluded from the meeting of Council during consideration of the following items of business in accordance with Sub-Section 4 of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 because it was likely that, in view of the nature of the business to be considered, exempt information would be disclosed, being information defined in Section 100 (1) and paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972; and
- (2) whether the disclosure of information was in the public interest, whether any relevant exemptions were applicable and whether, when applying the public interest test and exemptions, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed that in disclosing the information.

RESOLVED: That as, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business in accordance with Sub-Section 4 of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 because it was likely that, in view of the nature of the business, exempt information would be disclosed, being information defined in Section 100 (1) and

paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

(N.B. Councillor Carol Plumpton Walsh declared a Disclosable Other Interest in the following item of business as she was related to the Officer referred to in the report)

COU84 3MG INFRASTRUCTURE (MINUTE EXB 137 REFERS)

Executive Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Children and Enterprise, which sought approval to amend the Capital Programme allocation.

RESOLVED: That a revision to the Capital Programme for £2.3m for the construction of the rail infrastructure to 3MG HBC Fields be approved.

Strategic Director
- Children and the
Economy

(N.B. The following Members declared a Disclosable Other Interest in the following item of business and left the room during consideration of the item: Councillor Wainwright – Chair of Halton Transport and Councillor John Stockton, Councillor MacManus, Councillor Wharton and Councillor Woolfall - as Board Members of Halton Transport)

COU85 HALTON BOROUGH TRANSPORT LIMITED

Council considered a report of the Operational Director, Finance, on Halton Borough Transport Ltd.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) replace the Council as having the first legal call on the Moor Lane Depot (the Depot) of Halton Borough Transport Limited (the Company);
- 2) An agreement be drawn up between the Council and RBS to provide the Council with the first option to purchase the Depot, based upon an independent valuation, in the event of RBS taking freehold ownership; and
- 3) Halton Borough Transport Limited be asked to provide a monitoring report to Operational Director – Finance every three months, commencing October 2015, to include the information as set out in paragraph 6.4 of the report.

Operational
Director - Finance

Meeting ended at 6.53 p.m.

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ELECTION RESULTS – THURSDAY 7th MAY 2015**BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

WARD	CANDIDATES	PARTY	NO. OF VOTES CAST	TURNOUT
Appleton	Ged Philbin Vic Turton	Labour Independent	2223 511	55.7%
Beechwood	Adam Burnett Philip Busow Dave Heath Chris Loftus Linda Redhead	Conservative UKIP Green Labour Liberal Democrats	551 326 113 962 300	74.3%
Birchfield	Sandra Baker Philip Harper Jonathan Mackie	Labour Conservative UKIP	1943 1247 492	68.7%
Broadheath	Robert Gilligan	Labour	Uncontested	
Daresbury	John Abbott John Bradshaw Miriam Hodge	Labour Conservative Liberal Democrats	919 1473 195	74.5%
Ditton	Shaun Osborne Ruth Rowan	Labour Conservative	2678 748	61.8%
Farnworth	Colleen Harper Angela McInerney Roy Radley	Conservative Labour UKIP	1418 2386 516	65.7%

Grange	Peter Hallwood Joan Lowe Tracey Spencer	UKIP Labour Liberal Democrats	707 1912 273	58.7%
Halton Brook	Annalea Clare Carol Plumpton Walsh Granville Spencer	UKIP Labour Liberal Democrats	587 2114 286	60.9%
Halton Castle	Rochelle Carney Arthur Cole Maureen Preston Darrin Whyte	UKIP Labour Liberal Democrats Trade Unionists and Socialists Against Cuts	487 1985 220 142	60.5%
Halton Lea	Luke Hanson Kath Loftus Colin Rowan	UKIP Labour Conservative	389 2281 256	62.6%
Halton View	Jayne Busow Duncan Harper Stan Parker	UKIP Conservative Labour	518 441 2384	63.7%
Heath	Joan Byrne Anthony Dalton Charlotte Gerrard Mike Powell Margaret Ratcliffe	UKIP Conservative Labour Trade Unionists and Socialists Against Cuts Liberal Democrats	467 582 1225 92 996	71%
Hough Green	Paul Griffiths Kevan Wainwright	Conservative Labour	682 2465	60.1%
Kingsway	Brad Bradshaw Joanne McLean Andrea Wall	UKIP Conservative Labour	424 303 2126	57.3%

Mersey	Danny Clarke Norman Plumpton Walsh Ernest Ratcliffe Glyn Redican	Conservative Labour Liberal Democrats UKIP	356 1786 271 593	56.3%
Norton North	Mary Hanson Diane Inch Matthew Lambert Geoff Zygadlo	UKIP Liberal Democrats Conservative Labour	428 546 630 1803	67%
Norton South	Laura Borne Dave Cargill David Masheder Chris Ryan	Liberal Democrats Labour Conservative UKIP	81 2375 241 355	64.9%
Riverside	Thomas Glynn Paul McCann Paul Meara Pamela Wallace	UKIP Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition Liberal Democrats Labour	416 125 86 1371	53.8%
		Overall Turnout		63%

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REPORT: Council

DATE: 22 May 2015

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director – Policy and Resources

SUBJECT: Appointments to Outside Bodies

WARDS: Boroughwide

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To review the Council's representation on outside bodies.

2.0 RECOMMENDED: That the Council appoint representatives to the outside bodies as detailed in the attached list.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Each year the Council undertakes a review of its membership on outside bodies. In accordance with this practice, a review has been undertaken and recommendations to serve on the various bodies have been put forward.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None.

5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

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

None.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

None.

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

None under the meaning of the Act.