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COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council on Wednesday, 18 October 2017 in the Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall

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

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Morley, Nolan, Osborne, Philbin, Wainwright and Wallace

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: D. Parr, I. Leivesley, M. Vasic, M. Reaney and A. Scott

Also in attendance: Nine members of the public

Action

COU29 COUNCIL MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of Council held on 12 July 2017, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting be confirmed and adopted.

COU30 THE MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor made the following announcements:-

- The Mayor and Mayoress hosted a visit of two delegates from the City of Ústí Nad Labem in the Czech Republic, one of Halton's Twin Towns, on Friday 25 August 2017. The visitors met the Mayor and Mayoress in the Catalyst Science Discovery Centre, where they viewed the Mersey Gateway Bridge and exchanged gifts.

COU31 LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader made the following announcements:-

- He had attended the opening of the new Mersey Gateway Bridge on 14 October 2017 and wished to record his thanks to all those that had been involved in the project which was delivered on time and within budget;
- A Community Day would be held on Saturday 21 October 2017 for residents and visitors which would feature free bus tours across the bridge and new road infrastructure with celebrations at Halton Stadium and The Brindley; and
- Halton Borough Council had supported National Hate Crime Awareness Week (14-21 October 2017).

(N.B. Councillor John Bradshaw and Councillor Marjorie Bradshaw declared a Disclosable Other Interest in Minute EXB 37 as their property was affected by the decision taken)

COU32 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Council considered the minutes of the meetings of Executive Board on 20 July 2017 and 21 September 2017.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be received.

COU33 MINUTES OF THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

The Council considered the minutes of the meetings of the Health and Wellbeing Board on 5 July 2017.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be received.

COU34 QUESTIONS ASKED UNDER STANDING ORDER 8

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

COU35 2017/18 REVISED CAPITAL PROGRAMME (MINUTE EXB40 REFERS)

The Council considered a report of the Operational Director, Finance, on the 2017/18 Revised Capital Programme.

The Capital Programme had been revised to reflect a number of changes in spending profiles and funding, as schemes had developed and which were listed in the report.

RESOLVED: That the revisions to the Council's 2017/18 Capital Programme set out in paragraph 3.2 of the

Operational
Director - Finance

report, be approved.

COU36 MURDISHAW REGENERATION (MINUTE EXB 44 REFERS)

The Council considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, on an amendment to the Capital Programme to allow for funding for the improvement of the Murdishaw area of Runcorn.

RESOLVED: That the amendment to the Capital Programme to include £46,000 for the Murdishaw Estate Regeneration programme to provide the Council's contribution to the actions and activities outlined in the report, to be funded from the Capital Receipt received for the Jolly Brewer Pub, be approved.

Strategic Director
- Enterprise,
Community and
Resources

COU37 MERSEY GATEWAY/SILVER JUBILEE BRIDGE RUCSO

The Council considered a report of the Operational Director, Legal and Democratic Services, on the Mersey Gateway Bridge and the Silver Jubilee Bridge Road User Charging Scheme Order (RUCSO).

RESOLVED: That Council note the Operational Director, Legal and Democratic Services delegated decision to:-

Operational
Director, Legal
and Democratic
Services

- 1) Lift the suspension of RUCSO except in relation to the Silver Jubilee Bridge;
- 2) Thereby bring the RUCSO back into effect in relation to the Mersey Gateway Bridge;
- 3) Impose the charging scheme from the Permission to Use Date; and
- 4) In doing so, confirm the charges to be levied for use of the Mersey Gateway Bridge by different use classes of vehicles.

COU38 TRANSPORT FOR THE NORTH – CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT REGULATIONS

The Council considered a report of the Chief Executive on the draft regulations to establish Transport for the North (TfN) as a Sub-National Transport Body under the Local Transport Act 2008.

RESOLVED: That the Council formally consents under Section 102J of the Local Transport Act 2008, to the making by the Secretary of State of regulations to establish Transport for the North as a Sub-National Transport Body

Chief Executive

and giving TfN concurrent highway powers as set out in the draft regulations supplied to the Council entitled 'Sub-national Transport Body (Transport for the North) Regulations 2017'.

(N.B. Councillor Joe Roberts declared a Disclosable Other Interest in Minute BEB 18 of the Business Efficiency Board, as he was a Governor of Ditton Primary School)

COU39 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 12 July 2017:-

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

COU40 COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Council considered the reports of the following Committees in the period since the meeting of Council on 12 July 2017:-

- Development Control;
- Regulatory; and
- Appeals Panel.

(N.B. The following Councillors declared a Disclosable Other Interest in the following item of business for the reasons stated: Councillor Charlotte Gerrard as she was a public sector worker in a neighbouring local authority; Councillor Cassidy as she was a householder who worked in the public sector; Councillor Horabin as she had relatives employed by the Council)

COU41 NOTICE OF MOTION - PUBLIC SECTOR PAY

PUBLIC SECTOR PAY

Council considered a Notice of Motion submitted in accordance with Standing Order number 6.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Thompson and seconded by Councillor Chris Loftus:-

“This Council believes that all public sector workers, including Halton Council staff, should be paid a fair wage that reflects the valuable role they play in serving our communities in Halton.

Since 2010, the Government’s pay cap has seen either no annual increase or a limited pay rise for public sector workers, meaning NHS staff, emergency services and local government workers in Halton have faced diminishing incomes when considered alongside the cost of living.

Council believes the pay cap is grossly unfair and affects the morale of public sector workers who serve the public, often in difficult and challenging circumstances.

Council agrees to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, calling upon Government:

- To recognise that our public sector workers have suffered prolonged reductions in their incomes including staff in our local NHS Trusts, Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service and Halton Council.
- To remove the pay cap for public sector workers, imposed by Central Government, ensuring pay increases are negotiated in line with any joint union pay claims.
- To fund any agreed increases direct from added Government expenditure so as to ensure that public sector providers do not suffer adverse reductions in budget owing to expenditure”.

RESOLVED: That the Motion be agreed.

Chief Executive

COU42 NOTICE OF MOTION - UNIVERSAL CREDIT

UNIVERSAL CREDIT

Council considered a Notice of Motion submitted in accordance with Standing Order number 6.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor Wall and seconded by Councillor Sinnott:-

“This Council expresses its grave concern at the manner in which Universal Credit has been implemented by Government and its consequences for families in Halton.

Council resolves that:

- Many people have already turned to Citizens Advice Halton for help with Universal Credit and the Charity states that the numbers struggling will continue to grow as more people move onto the benefit. Since Universal Credit was introduced in Halton, the Charity has stated that it has already helped 710 people with 1,160 problems with benefit.
- By 2022 Universal Credit will affect more than 15,000 households across Halton. Across the Country, 1 in 4 (28%) working age households will be claiming Universal Credit, more than half of which (54%) will be in employment. The benefit will also be claimed by more than half (52%) of all families with children in the UK and 6 in 10 (58%) households where an adult is disabled or has a long term health condition.
- In a major new report – Delivering on Universal Credit – national Citizens Advice has revealed that the requirement to wait for six weeks to receive any payment means people face serious financial insecurity, with many people being forced into debt.

This Council believes the financial security of many households in Halton is put at risk as applicants are required to wait many weeks for the first payment of Universal Credit. As it stands, many people face uncertainty about how much they will receive and when it will arrive. This insecurity makes it harder to focus on finding work and increases worry about how to manage with the care of their families and fund household essentials.

Council resolves to write to the secretary of State for Work and Pensions, calling upon Government to pause the roll out of Universal Credit whilst it addresses continuing difficulties in the time taken to process applications”.

RESOLVED: That the Motion be agreed.

Chief Executive

COU43 NOTICE OF MOTION - MODERN DAY SLAVERY

MODERN DAY SLAVERY EXISTS IN THE UK AND IT DESTROYS LIVES

Council considered a Notice of Motion submitted in accordance with Standing Order number 6.

The following motion was proposed by Councillor

Dave Cargill and seconded by Councillor Norman Plumpton Walsh:-

“Halton supports the implementation of the Modern Day Slavery Act 2015.

Modern slavery is an abhorrent abuse of human rights. It exists in the UK and destroys lives. It affects people living and working in Halton as well as across the pan-Cheshire area. It manifests in an appallingly wide range of forms. Adults and children – UK nationals and those from abroad – are exploited in the sex industry, through forced labour, domestic servitude in the home, and forced criminal activity. Nationally, there have been numerous cases of exploitation in factories, fields, construction sites, brothels and houses.

The Modern Slavery Act 2015 sets out how modern slavery and human trafficking is dealt with in the UK. Section 54, entitled Transparency in Supply Chains, requires businesses to publish an annual statement on their approach to securing their operations against exploitation.

The Cheshire Anti-Slavery Network is a multi-agency group established in January 2015 to bring together statutory and other sectors. Its commitment is to work together to make Cheshire resilient and hostile to modern slavery and to identify and rescue victims.

Halton is a prominent member of the Cheshire Anti-Slavery Network and the Harmful Practices group into which it reports, and recently wrote a three-year Modern Slavery Strategy and Action Plan on behalf of Cheshire Police and the four local authority areas it covers.

A number of victims had already been identified and supported across the Borough and perpetrators held to account through targeted operations. These operations have been police-led and executed through a strong partnership approach, with support from the community as well as a wide variety of professionals, including experts from Halton Housing, Social Care, Safeguarding, as well as NHS partners and the Fire Service.

This Council is committed to preventing modern slavery and recognises a robust and strategic approach is required. Working across the region with partners including Police, Local Authorities, Health and Faith Sectors amongst others, we intend to continue the good work happening locally and develop our concerted and coordinated approach to prevent, identify, disrupt, stop and eradicate modern day slavery in all

its forms.

In the last year, Officers from Halton have attended training on modern day slavery and this will continue to be offered.

This Council recognises the active role the Faith sector plays in encouraging greater transparency about anti-slavery including the Service to be held in Chester Cathedral on 17 September 2017 highlighting this issue and involving business and civic leaders. The Council also recognises the role played by the Faith sector in encouraging businesses with a lower turnover together with all public, private sector or third sector organisations receiving public funding are encouraged to register their statements on the tiscreport.org.

This Council resolves to:-

- 1) Work towards the eradication of human trafficking and slavery in Halton;
- 2) Raise awareness and continue to provide training on Modern Slavery amongst all Employees, Councillors and Partners; and develop clear systems so that any concerns can be raised and addressed;
- 3) Implement the Transparency in Supply Chain provisions of the Modern Slavery Act to prevent Modern Slavery from occurring in our own supply chain and all corporate activities; pledge to become a Transparent Borough; and pledge to publish an annual Modern Slavery Transparency statement;
- 4) Continue to play a lead role in the Cheshire Anti-Slavery partnership developing a collaborative and collective approach to the issue”.

RESOLVED: That the Motion be agreed.

Chief Executive

COU44 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 the Board during consideration of the following item 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 outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information, members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item 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.

COU45 ACQUISITION OF BROSELEY HOUSE, WIDNES (MINUTE EXB 46 REFERS)

The Council considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, on the acquisition of the freehold and leasehold interests in the property known as Broseley House, Widnes.

RESOLVED: That Council approve the variation to the Capital Programme of £1.19 million to cover the costs outlined in sections 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 of the report.

Strategic Director
- Enterprise,
Community and
Resources

Meeting ended at 7.57 p.m.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD

At a meeting of the Executive Board on Thursday, 19 October 2017 in The Boardroom, Municipal Building

Present: Councillors Polhill (Chair), D. Cargill, Harris, R. Hignett, S. Hill, Jones, T. McInerney, Nelson, Wharton and Wright

Apologies for Absence: None

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: A. Scott, G. Cook, D. Parr, I. Leivesley, M. Vasic, M. Reaney, E. Dawson, L. Taylor and M. Lynch

Also in attendance: None

**ITEMS DEALT WITH
UNDER POWERS AND DUTIES
EXERCISABLE BY THE BOARD**

Action

EXB50 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2017 were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING PORTFOLIO

EXB51 BLUE BADGE POLICY, PROCEDURE & PRACTICE

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, People, on a revised version of the Blue Badge Policy, Procedure and Practice.

The Board was advised that the Blue Badge Scheme was introduced in 1970 and amended in 2013. The Department for Transport (DfT) was responsible for the legislation that set out the framework for the scheme. DfT guidance stated that local authorities were responsible for determining and implementing procedures including enforcement.

It was reported that the current version of the Blue Badge Policy, Procedure and Practice (PPP), was produced in 2012 and reviewed in 2014. The report contained a summary of the changes proposed under the current review and consultation. It was noted that a considerable amount of

work had taken place regarding enforcement issues and organisational badges, and the new policy contained clear processes applicable to the local area.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the report be noted; and
- 2) the revised Blue Badge Policy be approved.

Strategic Director
- People

EXB52 A SMOKEFREE FUTURE: A TOBACCO CONTROL PLAN FOR HALTON - KEY DECISION

The Board considered a report of the Director of Public Health, on the final version of the Halton Tobacco Control Plan (the Plan).

The Board was advised that the Plan recognised the scale of the challenge to move towards a smoke-free Halton. It built upon the effective work undertaken by local partners and had been written in collaboration with all partners, to agree the vision, outcomes and actions. It was noted that the Plan would be monitored by Halton Tobacco Alliance and the outcomes reported to the Healthy Lifestyles Board, the Health and Wellbeing Board and other relevant bodies.

Reason(s) for Decision

The Halton Tobacco Control Plan offered systematic plans to tackle smoking related harm in Halton in response to both national and local requirements. The new Halton Tobacco Control Plan replaced the previous expired version.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

The alternative option of not refreshing the Halton Tobacco Control Plan was rejected as this would mean that there were no systematic or coordinated plans to reduce smoking related harm in Halton.

Implementation Date

1 November 2017.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the contents of the report be noted; and
- 2) the Board supports the Strategy outcomes, objectives and actions.

Director of Public
Health

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

EXB53 VARIATION OF THE NON-STATUTORY FEES OF HALTON REGISTRATION SERVICE FOR 2019/2020

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, which sought approval to vary the non-statutory fees offered by Halton Registration Service for 2019/2020.

The Marriage Act 1995 and the Civil Partnership Act 2005 allowed local authorities to set fees for ceremonies in approved premises. In January 2011, the Executive Board Sub-Committee agreed to set the non-statutory fees outside of the usual timeframe for setting fees, due to ceremonies being planned up to two years in advance.

The proposed fee structure was set out in Appendix 1 for Members' consideration.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the variations to the non-statutory fees of Halton Registration Service, as set out in Appendix 1 attached to the report, be approved; and
- 2) the introduction of a non-statutory administration fee for the making of a pre-arranged Marriage and/or Civil Partnership Notice appointment be approved.

Strategic Director
- Enterprise,
Community &
Resources

EXB54 EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING (ERDF) RENEWABLE ENERGY SCHEME

The Board considered a report of the Chief Executive, on plans to develop a Solar Farm on the former St Michael's Golf Course, and to accept funding towards the capital cost of the scheme.

The Board was advised that the Council had explored the potential to develop a Solar Farm on part of the former St Michaels' Golf Course in Widnes. A feasibility study had indicated that the site would be technically suitable with the opportunity to bring a brownfield site back into use. In addition, it was noted that Halton Stadium would be connected to the Solar Farm and estimated that they could use approximately 50% of the energy generated, thereby significantly reducing the Stadium's running costs over the next 25-30 years.

Members were advised that, as part of the development of the scheme, the Council had successfully submitted an application to the European Regional Development Funding Renewable (ERDF) Energy Scheme, to meet 50% of the cost of the scheme. It was noted that the Council would need to provide 50% match funding which it was proposed would be taken from the Capital Programme/ Environmental Fund. The report set out details of the offset costs and the potential income generation for Members to consider.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) The proposal to develop a Solar Farm on the former St Michael's Golf Course be approved;
- 2) Subject to final confirmation from the Department for Communities and Local Government, the ERDF funding be accepted; and
- 3) Council be recommended to amend the Capital Programme accordingly, to provide 50% match fund for the project, as required by ERDF.

Chief Executive

RESOURCES PORTFOLIO

EXB55 PERFORMANCE MONITORING

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, on progress against key milestones/objectives and performance targets for the first quarter 2017/18.

The Board was advised that the Directorate Performance Overview Report provided a strategic summary of key issues arising from performance in the relevant quarter for each Directorate, being aligned to Council priorities or functional areas. The Board noted that such information was key to the Council's management arrangements, with the Board having a key role in monitoring performance and strengthening accountability. Performance management would continue to be important in the demonstration of value for money and outward accountability.

RESOLVED: That the report and progress and performance information be noted.

EXB56 DISCRETIONARY NON-DOMESTIC RATE RELIEF

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, on an application for discretionary non-domestic rate relief.

The Board was advised that, under Section 47 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988, the Council was able to grant discretionary rate relief to any business rate payer. Since 1 April 2017, the Council had been responsible for meeting the full cost of all mandatory and discretionary rate relief granted, as part of the Liverpool City Region 100% Business Rates Retention Pilot Scheme.

The report set out the details of three applications which had been received from organisations that were registered as charities.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the request for 15% discretionary rate relief from Stick 'n' Step for the period 22 April 2017 to 31 March 2019 be approved;
- 2) the request for 15% discretionary rate relief from Halton District Citizens Advice Bureau Service for the period 12 June 2017 to 31 March 2019 be approved; and
- 3) the request for 15% discretionary rate relief from Community Integrated Care Ltd for the period 1 November 2016 to 31 March 2019, be rejected on the basis that the organisation operates nationally.

Strategic Director
- Enterprise,
Community &
Resources

EXB57 DISCRETIONARY SUPPORT SCHEME – WAIVER OF PROCUREMENT STANDING ORDER

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, which sought approval to extend the contract for the provision of community support items under the Discretionary Support Scheme (DSS).

The Board was advised that the DSS was in its fifth year of operation and provided two areas of support for members of the public - Emergency Support (food parcels and fuel support) and Community Support (household items).

It was reported that the current contractor for Community Support items was Argos, whose contract would expire on 31 March 2018. Given the current welfare reform changes, Members were advised that it was considered prudent to extend the existing contract whilst the impact of those changes upon DSS applications was assessed. It was also considered essential that the contractor was able to provide a wide range of items at relatively short notice and Argos had been able to demonstrate it was able to meet this requirement.

RESOLVED: That approval be given to the use of Procurement Standing Orders 1.14.3 (c) and 1.14.3 (d), in order to waive Procurement Standing Order 3.1 in respect of the contract with Argos for the provision of community support goods for the Discretionary Support Scheme.

Strategic Director
- Enterprise,
Community &
Resources

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO

EXB58 DELIVERY AND ALLOCATIONS LOCAL PLAN (INCORPORATING REVISED CORE STRATEGY POLICIES) CONSULTATION DRAFT (DALP) - APPROVAL FOR A PERIOD OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION

This item was deferred for further consideration.

EXB59 RUNCORN REGENERATION UPDATE

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, on the development of a proposed Masterplan for the Runcorn Station Quarter.

At its meeting on 21 September 2017, the Board had approved a 10-15 year vision document for Runcorn Town Centre. It was reported that a Masterplan Design Brief for the Runcorn Station Quarter area would deliver an economic impact in a short timeframe. The report set out details of a number of options for Members to consider.

It was noted that, as it was felt that the Council had the necessary skills knowledge, experience and understanding of the Masterplan area, Option 2 was therefore recommended for the Council to complete this stage of the development.

RESOLVED: That Option 2, set out in the report, be agreed, so that the Council fulfils the project co-ordination role for the development of the Masterplan for the Runcorn Station Quarter.

Strategic Director
- Enterprise,
Community &
Resources

MINUTES ISSUED: 24 October 2017

CALL-IN: 31 October 2017

Any matter decided by the Executive Board may be called in no later than 5.00pm on 31 October 2017

Meeting ended at 2.13 p.m.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD

At a meeting of the Executive Board on Thursday, 16 November 2017 in The Boardroom, Municipal Building

Present: Councillors Polhill (Chair), D. Cargill, Harris, R. Hignett, S. Hill, Jones, T. McInerney, Nelson, Wharton and Wright

Apologies for Absence: None

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: D. Parr, I. Leivesley, M. Vasic, M. Reaney, E. Dawson, E. O'Meara, T. Gibbs, S. Wallace-Bonner, G. Cook and A. Scott

Also in attendance: Two members of the public and Richard Strachan, Independent Chair of the Halton Local Safeguarding Children Board

**ITEMS DEALT WITH
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EXB60 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985 URGENT BUSINESS

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The Board was advised that a matter had arisen which required immediate attention by the Board (Minute EXB 73 refers), therefore, pursuant to Section 100 B (4) and 100 E and in view of the provider's decision to close Millbrow Care Home earlier than planned (i.e. in December 2017), and a proposed strategy to prevent this was presented to the Board, ruled that this item would be considered at this meeting.

EXB61 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 19 October 2017 were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

In respect of Minute EXB 58, which was deferred for further consideration, the Board had had the opportunity to consider a revised Delivery and Allocations Local Plan (DALP) proposal, which was made available to the public. Following consideration of the revised report and an amendment to the cartographic error on the Kingsway site

which would be corrected on the consultation version, it was:-

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the draft DALP be approved for the purposes of a minimum of a six week period of public consultation;
- 2) the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, in consultation with the Portfolio holder for Physical Environment, be delegated powers to approve editorial and technical amendments that do not materially affect the overarching development strategy as currently set out in the document; and
- 3) the results of the public consultation exercise be reported back to the Executive Board.

Strategic Director
- Enterprise,
Community and
Resources

**CHILDREN YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES
PORTFOLIO**

EXB62 HALTON SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD ANNUAL
REPORT 2016-17

The Board considered a report of the Independent Chair, Halton Safeguarding Children Board, on the Halton Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) Annual Report 2016/17.

Richard Strachan, Chair of the LSCB, attended the meeting and described how organisations and individuals across all sectors were working together to safeguard children and young people. The Annual Report provided a rigorous and transparent assessment of the performance and effectiveness of local services to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people. The report included details on lessons from learning and improvement activity within the reporting period, including Serious Case Reviews, Practice Learning Reviews and Child Death Reviews and audits. In addition, it listed contributions made to the LSCB by partners as well as details of its expenditure.

It was noted that since November 2013, the LSCB had become subject to review of their effectiveness. In 2014, the LSCB was reviewed by Ofsted, alongside the inspection of services for children in need of help and protection, looked after children and care leavers.

A summary of the report's content was set out for Members' information. It was reported that the Children and Social Work Act 2017 would abolish LSCBs from 2019. There was an expectation that key safeguarding partners such as the Local Authority, the Police and the Clinical Commissioning Group, would establish multi-agency safeguarding arrangements to ensure the effectiveness of safeguarding children processes and practice.

Mr Strachan dealt with Members' questions and was thanked for attending the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the contents of the report and associated Annual Report, attached at Appendix 1, be noted.

EXB63 SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA 2018/19 - KEY DECISION

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, People, on the introduction of a National Funding Formula (NFF) for schools and high needs.

The Board was advised that in July 2017, the Secretary of State confirmed the introduction of the national funding formula and announced an increase in per pupil funding and a minimum per pupil funding level for primary and secondary school pupils in 2018/19. It was reported that local authorities were advised that the minimum funding rates would be used by the Department for Education to determine the total allocation of funding to each authority.

On 11 October 2017, Schools Forum received a report which highlighted the key changes to the funding of schools. Following the release of indicative budgets a consultation paper was sent to all schools in the Borough setting out three options for their consideration. The consultation also addressed the issue of Halton's previous financial commitments for High Needs against the key budget headings as well as its current commitments. Details of other key changes to funding the Schools Block were detailed in the report and a copy of the consultation responses were attached at Appendix B.

It was proposed that during the two year transitional phase, Halton move to an interim formula so as to retain the primary lump sum, and to follow the principles of the transitional national funding formula in all other factors. It was further noted that to address the budget shortfall in High Needs a transfer of 0.5% of the Schools Block budget would

be required.

Reason(s) for Decision

To ensure that there was a fair distribution of resources across schools in the Borough.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

Consideration was given to either retaining the existing funding formula with uplift for the increase; however, this was not an option supported by the schools. Implementation of the transitional NFF was considered but this would have an impact on the smaller schools.

Implementation Date

1 April 2018.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) an interim funding formula for 2018/19 and 2019/20 be approved, to allow the retention of the primary lump sum at 2017/18 levels to support small schools within the Authority; and
- 2) the decision to transfer 0.5% from the Schools Block to High Needs Block be noted.

Strategic Director
- People

HEALTH AND WELLBEING PORTFOLIO

EXB64 ALTERNATIVE DELIVERY MODEL FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE PROVIDER SERVICES

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, People, which sought approval to develop an alternative delivery model for some Adult Social Care Provider Services.

The Board was advised that Sefton Council had approached Halton and Knowsley Councils to explore the opportunity of expanding Sefton's range of care services. Currently, Sefton was a sole shareholder in Sefton New Directions (SND) which provided a range of care services including day services re-ablement, intermediate care, respite services and supported living. With investment from Halton and Knowsley Councils to expand the current organisation, this would in effect be a shareholder agreement with SND.

The report set out a list of advantages for Halton of such a partnership, for Members to consider. It was proposed that Halton would look to incorporate In-house Learning Disability Services and recently purchased Care Homes. To ensure full consideration of the impact of the proposal on Halton services, it was proposed that a local Halton Operation Steering Group and a Member Steering Board be established.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the Strategic Director, People, enters into further discussions with Sefton and Knowsley Councils to explore the opportunities for Halton to develop an alternative delivery model for some Adult Social Care Provider Services; and
- 2) a further report be brought back to Executive Board.

Strategic Director
- People

EXB65 0 - 19 HEALTHY CHILD SERVICE TENDER

The Board considered a report of the Director of Public Health which sought approval of the award of a contract to deliver the 0-19 Healthy Child Service.

The Board was advised that, following the advertisement of a tender opportunity for the commissioning of a 0-19 Healthy Child Service (the Service), an evaluation exercise was carried out on 14 November 2017. It was noted that the Service would support the Council in meeting its statutory duties with regards to public health services for children and young people.

Executive Board were advised verbally of the outcome of the process.

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Standing Order 2.10.2, the Director of Public Health be authorised to enter into a contract with the preferred supplier for a 0-19 Healthy Child Service, and award a contract for a period of five years with the option of two additional one year contracts.

Director of Public
Health

RESOURCES PORTFOLIO

EXB66 2017/18 QUARTER 2 SPENDING

The Board considered a report of the Operational Director, Finance, which reported on the 2017/18 Quarter 2 spending as at 30 September 2017.

A summary of spending against the revenue budget up to 30 September 2017 was attached to the report at Appendix 1. This provided individual statements for each department. The Board was advised that, in overall terms, revenue expenditure was £1.939m above the budget profile at this stage. It was reported that over the last quarter, the position had worsened and increased by £1.131m. If current spending patterns continued, projections showed that the Council would be overspent by approximately £4m by year-end if no corrective action was taken.

It was further noted that the main budget pressure facing the Council continued to be within the Children and Families Department, with Out of Borough Residential Places and Out of Borough Fostering dominating the overspend position. In addition, the Complex Care Pool Budget with Halton Clinical Commissioning Group was over budget at 30 September 2017, with financial pressures within the Service for health and social care services covering Residential and Domiciliary Care, Direct Payments and Day Care.

The Capital Programme had been revised to reflect a number of changes in spending profiles and funding as schemes had developed and these were detailed in Appendix 3.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) all spending continues to be limited to the absolutely essential;
- 2) Strategic Directors continue to take appropriate action to contain overall spending within their total operational budget by year-end; and
- 3) Council be recommended to approve the revised Capital Programme as set out in Appendix 3.

Operational
Director - Finance

EXB67 TREASURY MANAGEMENT HALF YEAR REPORT 2017-18

The Board considered a report of the Operational Director, Finance, which updated Members on the activities undertaken on the money market, as required by the Treasury Management Policy.

The report provided supporting information on the economic background, interest rate forecast, short term

borrowing rates, longer term borrowing rates, borrowing/investments, budget monitoring, new long term borrowing, policy guidelines and treasury management indicators. It was noted that no debt rescheduling had been undertaken during the quarter.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

EXB68 MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY - KEY DECISION

The Board considered a report of the Operational Director, Finance, on the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) for the period 2018/19 to 2020/21.

The Board was advised that the MTFS set out a three year projection of resources and spending based on information currently available.

The projections in the forecast showed there was a need to make a significant level of savings over the next three years. This was the effect of projections of public spending through to 2020 which resulted from the 2015 Comprehensive Spending Review. The MTFS took account of:

- The Comprehensive Spending Review 2015;
- The Local Government Finance Settlement 2017/18 dated 21 February 2017;
- The Budget 2017 announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 8 March 2017; and
- The announcement of the Government's final position on the schools national funding formula and high needs formula dated 14 September 2017.

The MTFS provided initial guidance to the Council on its financial position into the medium term. Revenue savings of approximately £5.6m, £13.2m and £3.3m would be required over the next three years. It was noted that as a result, a total of £22.1m would need to be removed from the Council's budget which represented 21.4% of the net budget.

The Board was advised that the MTFS had a number of objectives, as listed in the report. The Council would need to consider these objectives when balancing its

budget over the next three years. The report also set out the Council's budget strategy, with budget savings proposals and areas identified for further savings. The report contained details of the Council's Capital Strategy for the management of assets such as land and buildings in Council ownership.

Reason(s) for the Decision

To seek approval for the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2018/19 to 2020/21.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

The alternative option of not maintaining a MTFS had been considered. However, this would not follow good financial management practice, as the MTFS was a key element in informing the Council's financial planning and budget setting processes.

Implementation Date

The Medium Term Financial Strategy 2018/21 would be implemented from 1 April 2018.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the Medium Term Financial Strategy be approved;
- 2) the 2018/19 base budget be prepared on the basis of the underlying assumptions set out in the Strategy;
- 3) the Budget Strategy and Capital Strategy be approved;
- 4) the Reserves and Balances Strategy be approved;
- 5) the award of Council Tax Support for 2018/19 remains at the 2017/18 level of 21.55%; and
- 6) the Council's 2018/19 Council Tax Support grant is not shared with the Parish Councils.

Operational
Director - Finance

EXB69 DETERMINATION OF COUNCIL TAX BASE 2018/19 - KEY DECISION

The Board considered a report of the Operational Director, Finance, on the requirement for the Council to determine the Tax Base for its area and the Tax Base for

each of the Parishes.

The Council was required to notify the Tax Base figure to the Cheshire Fire Authority, the Cheshire Police and Crime Commissioner and the Environment Agency by 31 January 2018. In addition, the Council was required to calculate and advise the Parish Councils of their relevant Tax Bases.

The Board was advised that the Tax Base was the measure used for calculating Council Tax and was used by both the billing authority (the Council) and the major precepting authorities (Cheshire Fire Authority and the Cheshire Police and Crime Commissioner), in the calculation of their Council Tax requirements. It was arrived at in accordance with a prescribed formula which represented the estimated full year number of chargeable dwellings in the Borough expressed in terms of the equivalent Band "D" dwellings. Taking account of all the relevant information and applying a 97% collection rate, the calculation for 2018/19 gave a base figure of 34,435 for the Borough as a whole.

It was noted that since 2013/14 the tax base calculation had included an element for the Council Tax Reduction Scheme (the replacement for Council Tax Benefit).

Reason(s) for Decision

To seek approval for the 2018/19 Council Tax Base for the Borough.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

There is no alternative option, as unless the Council Tax Base is approved it would not be possible to set the level of Council Tax to be charged for 2018/19.

Implementation Date

The 2018/19 Council Tax Base will be implemented from 1st April 2018.

RESOLVED: That Council be recommended to approve

- 1) the Council Tax Base for 2018/19 be set at 34,435 for the Borough, and that the Cheshire Fire Authority, the Cheshire Police and Crime

Operational
Director - Finance

Commissioner and the Environment Agency be so notified; and

- 2) the Council Tax Base for each of the Parishes be as follows:

Parish	Tax Base
Hale	665
Halebank	529
Daresbury	172
Moore	328
Preston Brook	338
Sandymoor	1,112

(N.B. Councillor Ron Hignett declared a Disclosable Other Interest in the following item of business as he was a member of the Daresbury Public Sector Joint Venture Board)

EXB70 INITIAL BUDGET PROPOSALS

The Board considered a report of the Operational Director, Finance, which presented the revenue budget proposals for 2018/19.

The Board was advised that the Medium Term Financial Strategy forecast potential revenue budget funding gaps of £22m over the next three years. This figure assumed that the Council would apply a general council tax increase of 1.9% in each year with a levy of 3% social care precept in 2018/19. It was reported that the gap for 2018/19 was £5.6m.

Appendix 1 presented the first set of proposals totalling £2.2m and it was proposed to implement these immediately in order to achieve a part-year saving in 2017/18. This would assist in keeping the Council's overall spending in line with budget. In addition, a number of proposals would take time to implement and therefore commencing this process as soon as possible would assist with ensuring they were fully implemented from 1 April 2018.

It was reported that a second set of budget saving proposals currently under consideration by the Budget Working Group, would be recommended to Council on 7 March 2018, in order to deliver a balanced budget for 2018/19.

Reason(s) for Decision

To seek approval for the initial set of revenue budget proposals for 2018/19.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

There is no alternative option, as failure to set a balanced budget would put the Council in breach of statutory requirements.

Implementation Date

The 2018/19 revenue budget will be implemented from 1st April 2018.

RESOLVED: That Council be recommended to approve the budget proposals for 2018/19 as set out in Appendix 1, attached to the report.

Operational
Director - Finance

EXB71 SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

The Board considered:

- 1) Whether Members of the press and public should be excluded from the meeting of the Board during consideration of the following items of business in accordance with Section 100A (4) 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 paragraphs 3 and 5 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 outweighed that 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 Section 100A (4) 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 paragraphs 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

**PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO,
TRANSPORTATION PORTFOLIO AND RESOURCES
PORTFOLIO**

EXB72 FORMER CASTAWAY SITE - LAND DISPOSAL

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, on the disposal of the former Castaway Site, Widnes.

The Board was advised that, following negotiations, heads of terms had been agreed in principle for the Council to sell the land as indicated on the plan appended to the report. Details of the proposed use of the land were set out in the report.

RESOLVED: That disposal of part of the former Castaway Site, as shown edged blue on the plan attached to the report, for the sum stated in the report, be approved.

Strategic Director
- Enterprise,
Community and
Resources

HEALTH AND WELLBEING PORTFOLIO

EXB73 CLOSURE OF MILLBROW CARE HOME

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, People, which provided an update in respect of the closure of Millbrow Care Home and a proposed strategy to prevent this.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the contents of the report be noted and the proposal to acquire the freehold interest in Millbrow, Widnes, in line with the associated risks, be approved and the Chief Executive be asked to use his emergency powers in consultation to make any necessary amendment to the Capital Programme and report the outcome to the next meeting of Council; and
- 2) the Operational Director, Legal and Democratic Services, be authorised to carry out the legal formalities and to take all necessary steps incidental or ancillary to these actions; and

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- People

- 3) Council be asked to approve the inclusion of this scheme in the 2017/18 Capital Programme, the costs and funding of which are set out in section 5 of the report.

MINUTES ISSUED: 21 November 2017

CALL-IN: 28 November 2017

With the exception of Minute EXB 73, which is exempt due to the urgent nature of the decision, any matter decided by the Executive Board may be called in no later than 5.00 pm on 28 November 2017.

Meeting ended at 2.54 p.m.

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HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

At a meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board on Wednesday, 4 October 2017 at The Halton Suite - Select Security Stadium, Widnes

Present: Councillors Polhill (Chair), T. McInerney, Woolfall and Wright and N. Atkin, M. Barker, P. Cook, A. Crookall, G. Ferguson, T. Hill, S. Johnson-Griffiths, M. Larking, C. McBride, D. Nolan, E. O'Meara, D. Parr, H. Patel, R. Strachan, S Wallace-Bonner and S Yeoman.

Apologies for Absence: S. Ellis, T. Hemming, A. Magee and C Samosa.

Absence declared on Council business: None

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EXERCISABLE BY THE BOARD**

	<i>Action</i>
<p>HWB10 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING</p> <p>The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th July 2017 having been circulated were signed as a correct record.</p>	
<p>HWB11 CQC LOCAL SYSTEM REVIEW OF HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE IN HALTON</p> <p>The Board received a presentation from Sue Wallace Bonner, Director of Adult Social Services, on Care Quality Commission's (CQC) recent Local System Review (LSR) of Health and Social Care in Halton. During the summer, CQC were commissioned by the Secretaries of State for Health and Communities and Local Government to undertake a programme of targeted system reviews in 12 Local Authority areas; Halton was selected as the first area of one of these LSR's.</p> <p>It was noted that the LSR's were aimed at looking at how people moved between health and social care, including delayed transfers of care, with a particular focus on people over 65 years old. The reviews included an assessment of commissioning across the interface of health and social care, of the governance systems and processes in place in respect of management of resources.</p>	

The Board noted that the CQC spent 7 days in Halton carrying out various visits, held a series of focus groups, undertook case tracking and conducted a variety of interviews. An initial report on the outcome of the review was received by the Authority on 22nd September and the series of findings, together with areas highlighted for improvement were outlined to the Board. Following receipt of the CQC final report a System Action Plan would be developed and this would be submitted to a future meeting of the Board

RESOLVED: That the presentation be noted.

HWB12 PRESENTATION WELL NORTH UPDATE -CHRIS CARLIN

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

HWB13 PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT 2017 WOMEN AND GIRLS' HEALTH

The Board considered a copy of the Public Health Annual Report (PHAR) 2016/17. Each year a theme was chosen for the PHAR. For 2016/17 the PHAR focussed on the health of women and girls in Halton. This topic was chosen as female health was not improving at the same rate as male health. It was also chosen to highlight key topics pertinent to female health and issues local women and girls believed to be the most significant areas for their health.

RESOLVED: That the contents of the report be noted and the recommendations be supported.

HWB14 BETTER CARE FUND PLAN 2017 -2019

The Board considered a report of the Director of Adult Social Services, which provided information on the Better Care Fund (BCF) 2017 – 19 submission. The submission built upon the work undertaken in previous years, reviewed the BCF Plan 2016/17, reported on the integrated plan of action and outlined how the Plan would meet each national condition.

The Department of Health and NHS England, in partnership with the Local Government Association and the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services, were keen to see progress in the 2017/19 submission of various schemes and system changes that would support the key metrics. Therefore, in order to streamline the process, NHS England had reduced the amount of performance metrics that required reporting to four:

- Management of delayed Transfers of Care;
- Non-elective admissions to hospital;
- Admissions to residential and nursing care homes; and
- Number of people who were still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital (reablement).

RESOLVED: That the Board noted the content of the report and the associated documents.

HWB15 TOBACCO CONTROL STRATEGY 2017/22

The Board considered a report of the Director of Public Health, which presented the final draft of the Halton Tobacco Control Plan – A Smokefree Future. It was reported that in Halton good progress had been made in reducing the harm smoking caused with fewer young people starting to smoke and a smaller number of adults now smoking. The number of people in Halton who smoked had reduced significantly from around 30% in 2001 to 16.6% in 2016. However, it was noted that more work was needed and the following considerable challenges still remained:

- Smoking rates in Halton were higher than for England as a whole.
- Smoking was the leading cause of preventable death and disease in Halton and was one of the most significant causes of ill health, particularly due to cancer, coronary heart disease and respiratory disease.
- Smoking was the primary reason for the gap in life expectancy between rich and poor in our communities.
- Smoking rates were high among some social groups for example routine and manual workers, those with a mental health condition, pregnant women, those with long term health conditions and those with drug and alcohol addictions.
- Smoking costs the local Halton economy £37.9 million each year. This was considerably more than was generated through tobacco duty (£17.2 million) per year.

The Halton Tobacco Control Plan recognised the scale of Halton's tobacco challenge and offered systematic plans to tackle it in response to both national and local requirements. The Plan built upon the effective work that had been undertaken by partners locally and had been written in collaboration with all partners agreeing to the

vision, outcomes and actions. The Plan would be monitored by the Halton Tobacco Alliance and outcomes would be reported to the Healthy Lifestyles Board, Health and Wellbeing Board and all other relevant bodies.

RESOLVED: That

1. the contents of the report be noted; and
2. the strategy outcomes, objectives and actions be supported.

HWB16 SEASONAL FLU PLAN 2017/18

The Board received a report of the Director of Public Health, which presented the annual Flu Plan. The Plan included an overview of the annual seasonal influenza vaccination campaign for the 2017/18 flu season and implications of this for the local health and social care partner agencies. Details of the uptake of flu vaccination in Halton for previous years were outlined in the report.

It was noted that the main changes to the programme this year was to extend the offer of flu vaccination to children of school year 4 and the transfer of responsibility for the vaccination of 4 years olds from GP practice to school providers. Within Halton Council, the programme to vaccinate staff would be extended from front line Health and Social Care staff to include an offer to care home and domiciliary care agency staff.

RESOLVED: That

1. the content of the Annual Flu Plan and the changes to the national flu vaccination programme for 2017-18 be noted; and
2. each individual agency note their requirements in relation to the programme.

HWB17 INTEGRATED COLD WEATHER PLAN 2017/18

The Board considered a report which detailed the Halton Integrated Cold Weather Plan. The Plan highlighted the local public health plan to prepare for, alert people and prevent major avoidable effects during severe cold weather episodes.

Members were advised that the Plan linked with severe weather plans within Halton CCG and key provider

organisations. It aimed to capture the work that was undertaken by the Council with regard to prevention and awareness activity for cold weather. In addition, it detailed the cascade arrangements for the cold weather alerts that were received from the Met Office as part of the Cold Weather Plan for England and the actions that would be carried out by the Council as each of these levels were triggered.

RESOLVED: That the content of the Integrated Cold Weather Plan be noted.

HWB18 HEALTHWATCH HALTON ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17

The Board considered a copy of the Healthwatch Halton Annual Report 2016/17. The report highlighted initiatives which had taken place in 2016/17, governance arrangements, future plans for the next twelve months, finances and the role of Healthwatch in the community.

RESOLVED: That the Healthwatch Halton Annual Report 2016/17 be noted.

Meeting ended at 3.02 p.m.

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**CHILDREN YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES POLICY AND PERFORMANCE
BOARD**

At a meeting of the Children Young People and Families Policy and Performance Board on Monday, 13 November 2017 in the Civic Suite, Town Hall, Runcorn

Present: Councillors Dennett (Chair), Logan (Vice-Chair), Cassidy, P. Hignett, P. Lloyd Jones, Parker, Rowe and J. Stockton

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Edge and C. Gerrard

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: A. McIntyre, A. Jones, H. Bell, D. Roberts, S. Williams and T. Coffey

Also in attendance: Mrs C. Alonso

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CYP18 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2017 were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

CYP19 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Board was advised that no public questions had been received.

CYP20 HALTON CHILDREN'S TRUST MINUTES

The minutes of the Halton Children's Trust meeting held on 21 September 2017 were submitted to the Board for information.

Minute No 1 – THRIVE – Emotional Health and Wellbeing. The Board was advised that this was the new name for emotional and health and wellbeing services in Halton for young people. It was a new way of working with the aim of de-stigmatising mental health issues in young people.

RESOLVED: That the minutes are noted.

Action

CYP21 14-19 STRATEGIC ANALYSIS AND WORK PRIORITIES (SAWP)

The Board received a presentation on the key data and information from the 14-19 Strategic Analysis and Work Priorities (SAWP) document.

It was reported that in April 2010, Halton Borough Council took over responsibility for the planning and commissioning of training and education for 16-19 year olds and for those with a learning difficulty up to the age of 25 from the Learning and Skills Council. The funding element of commissioning however moved to the Young People's Learning Agency (YPLA), which had now been joined with another agency and was called the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA).

Since this, Halton Borough Council had published a Strategic Commissioning Statement which later became the 14-19 Strategic Commissioning Statement. Without the funding or responsibility for contracting that would allow the commissioning of provision Post 16, the content of the document was developed to focus on what the Local Authority and partnerships in the Borough were doing and needed to do to meet certain statutory duties related to young people. There were four statutory duties and these were described in the report and presentation. Members were provided with extracts of information from the Strategic Analysis and Work Priorities document relating to: cohorts; attainment at Key Stage 5; vocational training; apprenticeships and traineeships; attainment of Levels 2 and 3 by age 19; raising the participation age; and young people who are NEET (Not in Employment, Education or Training).

Members welcomed the presentation and the following responses were provided to questions:

Are the numbers of pupils attending Riverside College less from Runcorn?

Yes there is a tradition of young people from Runcorn accessing provision outside the Borough instead of travelling to Widnes. However the College does promote and facilitate transport from Runcorn for young people.

Was there any data available on students moving on from higher education into employment?

28% of Halton's young people moved onto higher education

in 2015-16. In addition Key Stage 5 (KS5) Destination Measures data showed 57% of Halton KS5 6th Form and College leavers progressed into Higher Education in 2014-15.

Were there any retention figures?

Yes retention rates for Halton institutions had grown from 87.1% in 2012-13 to 93.1% in 2015-16. Young people between the ages of 16 and 18 years old who were not in education or training would be supported by the 14-19 Team and encouraged to participate. Other than the Key Stage 5 Destination Measures published by the Department for Education, young people's progression Post 19 years old was not tracked by the 14-19 Team unless they had an Education Health and Care Plan.

Members requested an update on the Scrutiny Topic 'Further developing links between Halton's Businesses and Schools' which was agreed at the January 2017 PPB meeting

The Group was chaired by Councillor Logan and three lines of enquiry were agreed: employer engagement; careers education information; and business needs.

Three meetings of the Topic Group had taken place; each meeting reviewed one line of enquiry. Further actions and areas for further investigation had been identified by the Scrutiny Group. These would need to be reported back to the Group before identifying the recommendations. This Scrutiny Topic was planned for completion within the 12 months timeframe, January 2018.

It was noted that a further Scrutiny Group meeting is due to be arranged before the end of the year.

RESOLVED: That the Board notes the work identified within the 14-19 SAWP presentation that takes place to meet the Local Authority's statutory duties.

Operational
Director -
Education,
Inclusion and
Provision

CYP22 EARLY YEARS STRATEGY

The Board received a presentation which provided an overview of the Early Years Strategy, Action Plan and the Guide to Parents.

As reported previously the number and percentage of pupils achieving a Good Level of Development (GLD) in Halton remained significantly lower than statistical

neighbours and other North West Authorities, and national child development remained a key priority for the Borough.

In order to address the challenges Halton faced, an independent Early Years Review was commissioned and undertaken by Early Education and a multi-agency working group was established. Members were advised that an Early Years Strategy and Action Plan had now been produced along with a Guide to Parents, which would be formally launched in November 2017. Members were presented with the following printed guides, *The Early Years – Newborn to 5 Years*; and *Early Years in Halton – working together to give every child the best start*.

The presentation outlined the vision of the Early Years Strategy; its priorities; what had been done to date; and what was planned for the future.

Members raised the following queries:

More information on the early years teaching school was requested

A bid would be put in led by the two federated nurse schools and the aim would be for the teaching school to provide support and training across the Borough and wider for early years providers. It was hoped that two primary teaching schools could be established.

Early Years was consistently an area of weakness for Halton – are we seeking best practice from other local authorities?

Halton had chosen Early Years as a subject for Peer Review and had presented its approach to other North West Directors of Children's Services. There were links with other local authorities who had benefitted from Lottery Funding such as Nottinghamshire and Officers continued to look both within the Borough and to others outside the Borough to improve performance.

Could parents be invited to become involved in classroom activities with their children in Early Years?

Yes and in some schools this was being done. However, it was purely voluntary and schools were struggling to get parents to participate.

The Chair requested that an update on this item returns to the Board at a future meeting. In the meantime Members were requested to contact Ann McIntyre with any

comments they might have with regards to the Action Plan.

It was noted that the booklets mentioned above would be distributed within the community and sent to parents, schools, health visitors, the Private, Voluntary and Independent (PVI) sector for early years, Children's Centres and childminders etc. It was important that the information was relayed to parents regarding what the expectations of their child were before entering schooling. It was also suggested that this information be sent to Schools' Governors.

RESOLVED: That the Board

- 1) notes the presentation; and
- 2) a further update report on the implementation of the Action Plan be submitted to the next PPB meeting.

Operational
Director -
Education,
Inclusion and
Provision

CYP23 NEW SOCIAL CARE INSPECTION FRAMEWORK

The Board received a presentation which informed Members of the requirements of the new inspection framework for children's social care services, which was due to be implemented in January 2018.

It was reported that an inspection would:

- examine the role of Members and the corporate role and contribution in ensuring that social care services delivered outstanding outcomes for children;
- look at all aspects of children's lives when they came into contact with the children's social care service including children at risk of harm, children in care and care leavers, and how they were supported in their education, training and employment;
- examine how effective the Council was at undertaking its statutory duties and how it performed as a corporate parent; and
- examine how the Council met the health needs of children in care and care leavers; both their physical health and their emotional health and wellbeing.

The presentation outlined the inspection system and the activities to be carried out outside of inspections with self-evaluation and annual engagement meetings. It also discussed the focussed visits scope and standard and short inspections.

RESOLVED: That the presentation be noted.

CYP24 THE ANNUAL HEAD TEACHER REPORT ON THE EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES OF CHILDREN IN CARE

The Board received the annual update on the educational outcomes for Halton's Children in Care (CIC) for 2016-17.

It was reported that Halton had a small number of children in care within each key stage cohort. This made comparison with the general population and year on year performance very difficult as each child in care had a high statistical significance, making both the gap and trend analysis volatile.

The Board was advised that 2016-17 saw changes to the way English and Maths GCSE results were awarded, from a letter grade to a point scale of 9-1. All other GCSE's remained as letters for this year but would also move to the same point scale from next year.

The Board was advised that the Halton Virtual School provided educational support and activities over and above those delivered through schools and used Pupil Premium Plus. This support was available and offered to all Halton children in care, regardless of whether they lived or were educated in Halton or out of Borough. A copy of this year's activity programmes was attached at Appendix 1.

It was noted that the data provided within the report compared the performance of Halton children who had been in care for 12 months or more, to that of their non-care peers within each key stage. The report provided the outcomes for: Early Years Foundation; Y1 Phonics; Key Stage 1; Key Stage 2; Key Stage 4; and exclusions.

Members raised the following queries:

Was there more access to Pupil Premium Plus this year?

Yes – there was an increase in Personal Education Plan's (PEPs) where PP+ was awarded.

Are adopted children included in the CIC data?

Yes and there is guidance and advice available to adopting parents to ensure that they are supported after adopting a child from the care system. There was also a statutory duty on schools to promote the education and welfare of CIC and those adopted.

What was the exclusion rate of CIC?

CIC were more likely to be excluded from school. There was one primary exclusion and 14 secondary so far this year. Schools were encouraged to interact with the Virtual Head as soon as problems began to occur, so that intervention could be arranged.

What is a good outcome?

This was discussed and suggested that it should be an outcome according to the ability of the individual (so what was good for them), not matching them according to a national figure.

Key Stage 3 – it was noted that this was no longer measured.

Was there a correlation between deprivation and exclusions?

Schools were advising the Authority that this was the case as families were experiencing stress and breakdowns due to financial pressures which then caused behavioural issues in children.

The Chair conveyed thanks on behalf of the Board and requested a follow up report at a future PPB, containing information on examples of post 16 CIC successes or otherwise.

RESOLVED: That the Board note the information provided.

CYP25 ANNUAL REPORT - COMMENTS, COMPLAINTS AND COMPLIMENTS RELATING TO CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE SERVICES 1ST APRIL 2016 - 31ST MARCH 2017

The Board received the Annual Report for Comments, Complaints and Compliments relating to Children's Social Care Services, from the Strategic Director – People.

It was noted that the complaints were processed under the *Children Act 1989 Representations Procedure*; available to Children and Young People to have their concerns resolved swiftly and wherever possible by the people who provided the service locally. The report outlined details of the 4 categories to the representation process: Statutory Complaints; Representations; Customer Care

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Issues; and Compliments.

The presentation and report provided information such as numbers of complaints received; how they were made; types of statutory complaints and outcomes. It also provided information and data on compliments and positive feedback in the Children's and Families Service.

Overall it was noted that there had been a 36% decrease in the number of complaints made the previous year and was the lowest since 2010/11. Officers advised that this could be attributable to a more settled workforce in place which had resulted in a better service for clients.

In response to a Member's query, it was noted that Children in Care were allocated their own Independent Review Manager, who met with them one to one and explains to a child their right to complain and how to complain. The aim was to reassure young people in care that they had the same rights as others despite their age.

RESOLVED: That the Board notes the contents of the report.

CYP26 COMPLIMENTS (SERVICE USER FEEDBACK) RELATING TO PEOPLE DIRECTORATE, CHILDREN'S SERVICES 1ST APRIL 2016 - 31ST MARCH 2017

The Board received an update on feedback and compliments made by clients and positive feedback from workers / professionals relating to Children's Services in the People Directorate.

Data was provided on the number of compliments by year, showing comparisons, as well as compliments received by the Operational Directorates: Education, Inclusion and Provision; and the Children and Families Service, and the departments within these.

Members welcomed the report and enjoyed reading the comments and feedback provided by service users and other agencies. On behalf of the Board the Chair passed on his congratulations to all staff involved in Children's Services and commended the good work that they do which clearly makes a difference to people's lives.

RESOLVED: That the Board notes the contents of the report.

Meeting ended at 9.00 p.m.

**EMPLOYMENT, LEARNING AND SKILLS, AND COMMUNITY POLICY AND
PERFORMANCE BOARD**

At a meeting of the Employment, Learning and Skills, and Community Policy and Performance Board on Monday, 20 November 2017 in The Board Room - Municipal Building, Widnes

Present: Councillors Edge (Vice-Chair, in the Chair), S. Baker, Cassidy, Logan, C. Plumpton Walsh, June Roberts, Wallace and Rowe

Apologies for Absence: Councillor MacManus and J. Gerrard

Absence declared on Council business: Councillor J. Lowe

Officers present: W. Rourke, A. Jones, C. Dinsdale, N. Goodwin, S. Lowrie, F. Edwards and C. Patino

Also in attendance: M. Murphy – Riverside College

**ITEMS DEALT WITH
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EXERCISABLE BY THE BOARD**

Action

MINUTE'S SILENCE

The Chair reported on the sad passing of Councillor Cole, who had served as a Borough Councillor.

The Board stood for a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

ELS17 MINUTES

The Minutes from the meeting held on 25 September 2017, were agreed and signed as a correct record.

ELS18 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Board was advised that no public questions had been received.

ELS19 COMBINED AUTHORITY - INWARD INVESTMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

The Board received a report from the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, updating them on recent Inward Investment and Economic activities

and events taking place in the Liverpool City Region (LCR).

In line with previous meetings of the Board where Members had received reports outlining the relationship between Halton's economy and the LCR economy, this report provided further detail on activities that were taking place during the last quarter.

Information was also provided to Members on the following:

- The Manufacturer Live;
- German British Forum Conference;
- What Brexit means for the manufacturing community (an event hosted by The Alstom Technology Centre); and
- Employer Skills Survey and Skills Strategy (*The initial findings of these were contained in Appendix 1. The context for the development of a Skills Strategy for the LCR was produced in October and this was contained in Appendix 2*).

It was noted that further to the Brexit event held by The Alstom Technology Centre, the Board would receive an update on the potential impacts of Brexit on local businesses at the February meeting.

In response to a Members query it was commented that the Mersey Gateway Bridge tolls had so far not impacted inward investment into Halton as this continued to rise.

RESOLVED: That Members note Halton's participation in wider Inward Investment and Economic Development activities in the Liverpool City Region.

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- Enterprise,
Community and
Resources

ELS20 PRESENTATION FROM RIVERSIDE COLLEGE

The Board received a presentation from Mary Murphy, the Principal of Riverside College, on the strategic priorities of the College which were as follows:

1. To achieve high quality outcomes for our students by prioritising teaching and learning;
2. To continue to improve levels of efficiency and remain in outstanding financial health; and
3. To maximise opportunities for growth.

The presentation provided information on the external factors affecting the College (funding, demographics,

devolution, maths and English, curriculum reform and apprenticeship reform). It also discussed the priorities of the College.

Further highlights from the presentation are:

- Over 6000 students are being educated this year with 69% of them being school leavers;
- The College employs 384 full and part time staff;
- The College worked with 32 high schools in and out of the Borough;
- The College works with 1200 employers; and
- Out of 207 General Further Education Colleges and the Department for Education League Tables, the College came 3rd;

Mary presented the Board with some outstanding results case studies of students who had moved on to further education following their time at the College.

Members discussed the consensus from employers that school and college leavers lacked general employability skills. In response to queries regarding Maths and English re-sits, the reason why the numbers had drastically increased was due to a condition of funding for 16-19 provision, where a student must achieve a grade C or above to enter a college course. They are able to re-sit up to the age of 19.

The Chair thanked Mary for her attendance and interesting presentation.

RESOLVED: That the Board notes the presentation and action points.

ELS21 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICE - 2016/17 ANNUAL REPORT

The Board received a report from the Strategic Director Enterprise, Community and Resources, informing of the operational delivery for the Community Development Service for the period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017.

The report advised that community development activity helped support the creation, development and sustainability of independent local community groups. Officers had both a strategic and neighbourhood role in co-ordinating support to respond to community concerns and aspirations and creating cohesive neighbourhoods. The report discussed the work of the Community Development

Service which worked alongside community groups to engage and support them to develop their skills and knowledge to promote community action. Examples of projects and groups that the team were working with across the Borough were provided in the report.

Members were also provided with the service's performance for 2016-17 and it was noted that the total amount of funding received from external and internal sources was £119,549.00.

The report continued to discuss the management of the Area Forum Projects applications and delivery. The tables in paragraphs 7.3 and 7.4 provided information on the category of the projects completed and the funding allocated.

Councillor Wallace thanked the Team for their support in her Ward, Riverside.

RESOLVED: That the report be received.

ELS22 SPORT AND RECREATION TEAM

The Board received the annual report and accompanying presentation for the period 2016-17 on the Council's Sport and Recreation Service. The report was presented by the Sport and Recreation Manager, Community and Environment and the Leisure Centres Manager, Community and Environment.

Members were advised that the Sport and Recreation Team had worked in partnership with a range of stakeholders and had made considerable progress, impact and achievements across the Borough. The Team was structured to reflect the priorities set out within the Halton Sports Strategy and illustrated how sport had and continued to enrich the lives of people living and working in Halton. It was commented that sports and recreation activities were used as an essential component in supporting and developing the infrastructure of the community and to improve the quality of life for residents both physically and mentally.

It was noted that without the contribution from partners such as Halton Sports Partnership, much of the work discussed in the report would not have been possible.

The Sports and Recreation Team had two distinct areas:

- Management of the Council's 3 Leisure Centres (Kingsway, Brookvale and Runcorn Swimming Pool); and
- The Sports Development Team.

These were discussed in the report and details of the delivery of the Sports Strategy were outlined in Themes as follows:

- Theme 1 – Increase participation and widen access;
- Theme 2 – Club development;
- Theme 3 – Coach education and volunteering;
- Theme 4 – sporting excellence;
- Theme 5 – Finance and funding for sport; and
- Theme 6 – Sports facilities.

Three Appendices were attached to the report providing details of Coach Education and Volunteering (Appendix 1); Sports Coaching Bursaries (Appendix 2); and Sports Development Group Grants and Bursaries 2016-17 (Appendix 3).

The presentation included information on the free activities available in Halton's Leisure Centres since their return to the Council in April 2016; the £300,000 fitness refurbishment programme; the success of recent promotions and events; swimming activities and classes; the Twin Town Challenge; and participation figures for 2016-17.

Officers responded to Members queries and it was noted that all staff employed in the Leisure Centres were Halton Borough Council staff and zero hour contracts had been abolished. The cost of the gym packages was discussed and following a Member's query, the Board was advised that all Runcorn Schools swimming lessons for children had moved to Brookvale Recreation Centre.

In response to a request for statistics on the numbers of children participating in swimming lessons, this information would be provided to the Board following the meeting as it was not available at the moment. It was confirmed that the schools funded their own swimming lessons for the children.

RESOLVED: The Board notes the report and welcomes the progress being made in Leisure Centres towards encouraging and supporting residents to be active.

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ELS23 PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT - QUARTER 1
2017-18

The Board received the performance management reports for Quarter 1 of 2017-18 and were requested to consider and raise any questions or points of clarification in respect of these.

It was noted that the key priorities for development or improvement in 2016-17 were agreed by Members and included in Directorate Plans, for the various function areas reported to the Board as follows:

- Enterprise, Employment and Property Services;
and
- Community and Environment.

The report detailed progress against service objectives and milestones, and performance targets and provided information relating to key developments and emerging issues that had arisen during the period.

RESOLVED: That the Quarter one performance management reports be received.

Meeting ended at 8.20 p.m.

SAFER POLICY AND PERFORMANCE BOARD

At a meeting of the Safer Policy and Performance Board on Tuesday, 21 November 2017 at the Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall

Present: Councillors Thompson (Chair), Abbott, S. Baker, V. Hill, P. Lloyd Jones, K. Loftus and Zygadllo

Apologies for Absence: Councillor J Gerrard

Absence declared on Council business: Councillor Norman Plumpton Walsh

Officers present: M. Andrews and C. Patino

Also in attendance: PC Jane Tetlow

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Action

MINUTES SILENCE

The Chair reported on the sad passing of Councillor Cole, who had served as a Borough Councillor.

The Board stood for a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

SAF15 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair announced that the Cheshire Police and Crime and Commissioner had written to the Chancellor for the Exchequer to highlight concerns regarding recent financial settlements for Cheshire Police and resulting financial savings.

The Chair also welcomed suggestions from Board members for a Topic Group.

SAF16 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th September 2017 were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

SAF17 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

It was reported that no public questions had been received.

SAF18 SSP MINUTES

The minutes from previous Safer Halton Partnership (SHP) meetings held on 19th July 2017 and 18th October 2017 were presented to the Board for information.

SAF19 CYBER CRIME

The Board considered a report and a presentation on the emergence of cyber crime as a local threat to communities and the work of TITAN. The presentation set out the types of cyber-enabled crimes and the role of The TITAN unit, whose mission was to tackle organised crime groups causing the greatest levels of harm to communities in the North West.

Members noted that TITAN was the name for the North West Regional Organised Crime Unit, it was established in 2009 as a collaboration between the six police forces in Cumbria, Cheshire, Lancashire, Greater Manchester, Merseyside and North Wales to tackle serious organised crime that crossed county borders in the region. The unit comprised of five teams working closely together and included representatives from Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, UK Border Agency and the National Crime Agency. These teams are: the Regional Intelligence Unit (RIU), the Regional Crime Unit (RCU), the Regional Asset Recovery Team (RART), Regional Cyber Crime Unit (RCCU) and the Protected Persons Service Unit (PPS).

RESOLVED: That the report and presentation be noted and TITAN be invited to attend a future meeting.

SAF20 THE TRADING STANDARDS SCAMS PROJECT

This item was deferred.

SAF21 COMMUNITY SAFETY TEAM - YOUTH ENGAGEMENT OFFICER, SAFER SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP

The Board received a presentation from PC Jane Tetlow which provided Members with an oversight into the role of the Youth Engagement Officer, Safer Schools Partnership. Halton had two Officers and the Youth Engagement Officer for Widnes, PC Jane Tetlow, was in

attendance and provided examples of her work to support educational establishments, staff, pupils and the community locally.

Members noted that the Safer Schools & Young Person's Partnership also involved multi agency working and fostering positive relationships between the schools and police service. One of the main roles of the Partnership was to provide the young people of Cheshire, Halton and Warrington with the relevant tools to facilitate self-awareness and self-insight. This would enable them to make informed decisions to avoid becoming offenders or victims of crime.

RESOLVED: That

1. the report be noted; and
2. the potential of a Topic Group be explored which would consider practical steps the Local Authority could take to ban 'in school time' use of mobile phones as a means to encouraging a safer school environment.

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SAF22 RESPONSE TO GRENFELL TOWER TRAGEDY

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, which advised on the actions and activities the Council had undertaken following the tragic events that took place in Kensington and Chelsea with the Grenfell Tower Fire.

Following the tragic events that took place at Grenfell Tower on 14th June 2017, the immediate focus was on the type of cladding used on residential tower blocks greater than 18m tall. The Council was required, as also were all Registered Social Landlords, to send various returns to Government in relation to buildings in their ownership. The Council provided all information requested within the timescales set. As the Council does not own any housing stock, most returns were therefore nil returns.

It was noted that there were no residential blocks of 18m tall in the Borough, however, the Council Building Control Team offered support to both Halton Housing Trust (the owners of Churchill Mansions in Runcorn) and also to the Management Company who look after The Decks in Runcorn. Following a review with the owners of those buildings, it was concluded that the high rise accommodation in Halton was considered low risk in relation

to the external envelope of the building. However, two recommendations were made to the building owners:

- Review all fire risk assessments and action any recommendations from those assessments; and
- Retreat any timber above 18m as advised, or with any suitable treatment giving class 0 surface spread of flame (this relates specifically to The Decks)

The only other high rise building in the Borough was the Municipal Building, Widnes and whilst it did have aluminium cladding panels to the podium, this was extruded aluminium and not aluminium composite material (ACM) that was used in the Grenfell Tower.

Whilst there were no similar buildings to Grenfell Tower in Halton, the Council carried out further activities to ensure, as far as possible, that public buildings within the Borough were safe and full details of these were outlined in the report.

Arising from the discussion, the Board requested an update from the building owners of The Decks and Churchill Mansions on the two recommendations detailed above.

RESOLVED: That

1. the report be noted; and
2. an update be requested from the building owners of The Decks and Churchill Mansions on the two recommendations detailed above.

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Resources

SAF23 ORGANISED CRIMINAL GANG BOARD

The Board received a presentation from Mike Andrews, Community Safety and CCTV Manager, on the Council's response to Organised Criminal Gangs and the Government Strategy to tackle 'County Lines' and Criminal Exploitation.

The Serious and Organised Crime Strategy placed significant emphasis on the importance of effective local partnerships. In order to support this a partnership group, chaired by David Parr (Chief Executive), had been set up to tackle organised crime groups in Halton (Operation Portfolio). The aim of Operation Portfolio was to deliver an effective partnership response to the threat posed by serious crime and organised crime groups impacting on communities in Widnes and Runcorn.

The presentation highlighted the key objectives of the partnership group and an outline of what are 'County Lines'.

RESOLVED: That the presentation be noted and TITAN be invited to attend a future Board meeting.

Meeting ended at 8.06 p.m.

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ENVIRONMENT AND URBAN RENEWAL POLICY AND PERFORMANCE BOARD

At a meeting of the Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board on Wednesday, 15 November 2017 at the Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall

Present: Councillors Woolfall (Chair), Fry (Vice-Chair), V. Hill, Howard, Joe Roberts, Sinnott, Wall and Zygadlo

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Nolan and J. Stockton

Absence declared on Council business: Councillor Keith Morley

Officers present: G. Ferguson, W. Rourke and S. Rimmer

Also in attendance: 7 Members of the public

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	<i>Action</i>
<p>EUR15 MINUTES</p> <p>The Minutes of the meeting held on 20th September 2017 having been circulated were signed as a correct record. Arising from the discussion, it was noted that under Minute No. EUR12, Councillor Fry would replace Councillor Morley as a Member of the Mersey Gateway Regeneration Plan Working Party.</p>	
<p>EUR16 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME</p> <p>It was confirmed that no public questions had been received.</p>	
<p>EUR17 EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES</p> <p>The Board considered the Minutes of the meetings of the Executive Board relevant to the Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board.</p> <p>Under Minute No. EXB47 further information would be circulated to Members on the Accelerated Construction Programme.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the Minutes be received.</p>	

EUR18 ANNUAL ROAD TRAFFIC COLLISION AND CASUALTY REPORT

The Board considered a report which set out full details of the numbers of road traffic collision and casualty numbers in the year 2016, and recommended a continuance of road traffic collision reduction work.

It was noted that the Department of Transport had advised that comparisons with previous years figures should be interpreted with caution, given that there had been changes in the systems for severity reporting by police forces. Whilst this year's figures for Halton were a cause for concern, it was emphasised that this was based on one year's figures only and that casualty figures could be very volatile from one year to the next.

However, trends would now need to be carefully monitored over coming years in order to try and determine whether there was any correlation between casualties and the reduction in resources that could be put into road safety. The Mersey Gateway works must also be seen as a contributory factor over the last few years, as the available highway network decreased in size and consequently traffic migrated onto more minor roads.

A summary for 2016 was set out in the report. It was noted that whilst long term trends remained downward, last year saw significant increases in the numbers of people being slightly injured (SLI) and of those killed/seriously injured (KSI) compared to the figures for the previous year. Within the KSI total, both the number of adults and of children increased but the latter figure was known to be volatile in Halton due to the low numbers and fluctuated from year to year.

RESOLVED: That

1. the overall progress made on casualty reduction in Halton over the past decade be noted;
2. concerns with regard to the achievement of further casualty prevention, as a result of resource reductions, be noted; and
3. the continuing programme of road traffic collision reduction schemes and road safety education, training and publicity be endorsed.

EUR19 EPETITION - COLVEND WAY - EFFECTIVE
SPEED CONTROL MEASURES

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources which provided an update on action taken relating to an ePetition regarding traffic calming measures installed by Morris Homes at Colvend Way, Widnes as part of the residential development. The petition contained 71 signatures.

It was noted that Colvend Way was a through road constructed by Morris Homes to serve its development. It was subject to a Section 38 Agreement under the Highways Act for its future adoption by the Council. Colvend Way falls within an area wide 20mph speed restriction zone. Two 'thump' type speed control measures were included within the development itself to help self-enforce the 20mph restriction.

Following the installation of the thumps, a Road Safety Audit was carried out which did not find any road safety issue with the thumps, but did make a general observation regarding their effectiveness. The thump profiles were examined and found to be slightly lower than the current Council standard detail height of 37mm, which was the height approved by the Council shown in the Morris Homes drawings.

Therefore at the request of the Council, Morris Homes amended the thump profiles on 17 October 2017, to the maximum height allowable under current DfT advice of 45mm. It should be noted that it is not permitted to install this type of traffic calming at a height of 100mm. Following the amendment of the thumps, a completion certificate was issued, allowing the road to open.

Members were advised that it was intended to continue to monitor the effectiveness of the traffic calming features. In addition, speed activated signs had also been requested in the petition and it was proposed that it would be possible to add the road to the list of sites at which the mobile speed activated signs were periodically located.

A Community Speed Watch scheme was also requested in the petition. In order to access the scheme residents needed to contact Cheshire Police and a minimum of 6 resident volunteers was required to operate it.

RESOLVED: That Members note that improvements were made to the speed control measures on 17th October

2017 and their outgoing effectiveness would be monitored. Colvend Way would be added to the list of sites at which the Council's mobile speed activated signs were periodically located.

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EUR20 PETITION REQUESTING ZEBRA CROSSING FACILITIES AND 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON BEECHWOOD AVENUE, RUNCORN

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director Enterprise, Community and Resources, which advised that a petition containing 82 signatures had been received requesting the installation of zebra crossing facilities near Beechwood and Hillview Schools (the latter also mentioned the new park) and a 20 mph speed limit on Beechwood Avenue.

It was noted that there were no pelican, puffin or zebra crossings in the area of the schools at the present time. However there were School Crossing Patrols outside Beechwood and Hillview Primary Schools, although the site outside Beechwood Primary School was currently vacant due to the previous patrol leaving and the post would be advertised shortly.

Members noted that pedestrian vehicle surveys had recently been carried out as part of the annual review of School Crossing Patrols and using data from these surveys the criteria for controlled crossings was not met for the peak periods and therefore they could not be justified. In addition it was noted that where controlled crossings had been installed where they were generally only required for very specific and short times of the day, they could become dangerous as drivers become accustomed to passing along the road without stopping and hence they may either fail to stop when they need to or stop suddenly. For these reasons the installation of a controlled pedestrian crossing adjacent to the school entrances was not therefore recommended.

With regard to the request for a 20 mph speed limit on Beechwood Avenue it was noted that in 2015 a proposal to make the whole of Beechwood including a 20 mph zone was advertised. A number of objections were received and following consideration by the Board in June 2015 and subsequently the Executive Board in September 2015, the Traffic Regulation Order was made to make the whole of Beechwood a 20 mph zone excluding Beechwood Avenue. Given the process only took place two years ago it was not the best use of resources to rerun it again as the same

outcome was likely.

RESOLVED: That the petitioners be informed as follows:

- That pedestrian/traffic surveys have been carried out and zebra crossing facilities are not justified; and
- That a 20 mph speed limit has been considered previously and not progressed due to objections.

EUR21 PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORTS FOR QUARTER 1 OF 2017/18

The Board received a report from the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, which presented the Performance Monitoring Reports for Quarter 1 of 2017/18.

The reports related to the following functional areas which reported to the Board and detailed progress against service objectives and milestones, and performance targets and provided information relating to key developments and emerging issues that had arisen during the period:

- Development and Investment Services;
- Highways and Transportation, Logistics and Development Services;
- Waste and Environmental Improvement and Open Space Services; and
- Housing Strategy.

Arising from the discussion the following matters were raised by Members:

- what statistics/data do we keep with regard to duration of planning process and applications;
- further information was requested on the development at Gorse Lane. Members were advised that discussions were ongoing with end users and an announcement would be made shortly;
- further information was requested regarding the concessionary travel scheme negotiations; and
- with regard to bins being stolen/burnt out – who owns the bins and what was the position regarding insurance.

RESOLVED: That the first quarter performance monitoring reports be received and noted.

Meeting ended at 7.05 p.m.

BUSINESS EFFICIENCY BOARD

At a meeting of the Business Efficiency Board held on Wednesday, 22 November 2017 at the Civic Suite, Town Hall, Runcorn

Present: Councillors M. Lloyd Jones (Chair), Joe Roberts (Vice-Chair), J. Bradshaw, C. Loftus, MacManus, McDermott, Philbin and J. Stockton

Apologies for Absence: Councillors N. Plumpton Walsh and Wall

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: E. Dawson, I. Leivesley, M. Murphy and A. Scott

Also in attendance: Mark Heap, Grant Thornton (External Auditors)

**ITEMS DEALT WITH
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EXERCISABLE BY THE BOARD**

Action

MINUTE'S SILENCE

The Chair reported on the sad passing of Councillor Arthur Cole, who had been a member of the Board and had contributed to its work for a number of years.

The Board stood for a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

BEB19 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 27 September 2017 were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

BEB20 PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE CORPORATE RISK REGISTER 2017/18

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, which provided a progress update of actions in the Corporate Risk Register 2017/18.

The report contained a progress commentary on the management and mitigation of the corporate risk register for the year.

The Board reviewed the robustness of the Corporate Risk Register and the adequacy of the associated risk management arrangements. It was reported that at Directorate level, arrangements were in place for the high-risk mitigation measures on the Directorate Risk Registers to be reviewed and updated at mid-year. Progress on these was reported to Management Team and to relevant Policy and Performance Boards.

Following a discussion by Members, it was agreed that a direction of travel indicator be included in future updates to enable the Board to better consider the risks where there had been significant changes to scoring. In addition, a report would be brought to the Board on how the Council was responding to the General Data Protection Regulations, due to be introduced in 2018.

RESOLVED: That the progress on actions be noted.

BEB21 EXTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE REPORT

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, which provided an update from Grant Thornton (External Auditors) regarding:

- Progress made in delivering their responsibilities as the Council's External Auditors; and
- A summary of emerging national issues and developments that could be relevant to the work of the Board.

Mark Heap, Engagement Lead from Grant Thornton, attended the meeting to present the report and then dealt with Members' questions.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

BEB22 FRAUD AND CORRUPTION UPDATE REPORT

The Board considered a report of the Operational Director, Finance, which provided an update on the Council's Fraud and Corruption arrangements.

The report provided details of:-

- reported fraud and corruption from 2016/17;
- a summary of whistleblowing complaints received;

- a summary of the results from the 2016/17 National Fraud Initiative; and
- developments in the Council's counter fraud and corruption developments.

Following a discussion by Members, it was agreed that future reports would contain comparative data for previous years.

Operational
Director - Finance

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the fraud and corruption update be received;
- 2) the amended Anti-Fraud, Bribery and Corruption Policy and the Fraud Response Plan be incorporated into the next update of the Council's Constitution; and
- 3) the update to the Council's Fraud Sanction and Prosecution Policy be approved.

BEB23 SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

The Board considered:

- 1) whether Members of the press and public should be excluded from the meeting of the Board during consideration of the following item of business in accordance with Section 100A (4) 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 outweighed that in disclosing the information, members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during

consideration of the following item of business in accordance with Section 100A(4) 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.

BEB24 INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT

The Board considered a report of the Divisional Manager, Audit, Procurement and Operational Finance, which provided Members with a summary of internal audit work completed since the last progress report in September 2017. The report also provided details of progress against the 2017/18 Internal Audit Plan.

It was noted that a total of eleven Internal Audit reports had been finalised since the last progress report. An overall assurance opinion was provided for each audit engagement. It was reported that there had been a number of unplanned pieces of audit work so far, although this had not had a significant impact on planned work and the audit team remained on course to substantially complete the programme of planned audits by year-end.

It was reported that the Council's internal audit arrangements were subject to a five-yearly external review to assess compliance against the standards. As previously reported, a peer review had been undertaken in September 2017, to review and assess conformance with the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards. The draft report had been received, which concluded that the Council's arrangements conformed with the Standards. The report and associated Action Plan would be reported to the February meeting of the Board.

RESOLVED: That the update on progress against the 2017/18 Internal Audit Plan be received.

Meeting ended at 7.33 p.m.

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Development Control Committee on Monday, 2 October 2017 at The Board Room - Municipal Building, Widnes

Present: Councillors Nolan (Chair), Morley (Vice-Chair), J. Bradshaw, Gilligan, R. Hignett, C. Plumpton Walsh, June Roberts, Thompson, Woolfall and Zygadlo

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Cole

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: A. Jones, J. Tully, T. Gibbs, A. Plant, J. Eaton and G. Henry

Also in attendance: Councillors J. and C. Gerrard; Councillor Rowe and 12 Members of the public

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DEV11 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7 August 2017, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

DEV12 PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE DETERMINED BY THE COMMITTEE

The Committee considered the following applications for planning permission and, in accordance with its powers and duties, made the decisions described below.

DEV13 - 16/00320/OUT - OUTLINE APPLICATION (WITH ACCESS RESERVED FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION) FOR A DEVELOPMENT COMPRISING 30 BED HOTEL WITH FUNCTION ROOM AND RESTAURANT ON LAND TO THE WEST OF HEATH ROAD SOUTH, NORTH OF HEATHSIDE NURSERY, RUNCORN, CHESHIRE

The consultation procedure undertaken was outlined in the report together with background information in respect of the site.

The case officer presented the item to Members highlighting the additional suggested condition regarding the submission of a scheme which reduced the air infiltration

rate to the building to ensure that the accidental risk level in relation to the proximity to the COMAH site was not considered to be significant.

The Committee was addressed by Mr Lomax, a local resident, who objected to the application. He advised Members that the Weston Quarry site was contaminated land that had been 'tipped on' as recently as 2001/2. Also he stated that the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) had recommended that the site be left alone. He spoke further on the history of the quarry and referred to a dip on the site where the ground was sinking and questioned therefore the suitability of the site for development. He stated that other residents were of the same opinion as him and although they did not have the capacity to prove it they knew that the land was contaminated.

Mr Rogan, a representative of the applicant, then addressed the Committee. He provided some background information to the application and advised that they had taken residents' concerns into consideration after which a more detailed scheme was submitted to Halton Council. In response to queries regarding the suitability of the site for a hotel he stated that a previously private piece of land would now become publicly accessible; it had views of the Estuary; and would improve the landscape of the area. Additionally, he argued that a hotel was needed for business users of the Heath Business Park; that it would help support the businesses on the Park; would provide employment in the local area; and could be used as a conference venue which the area had been without since the conversion of Lawson House.

Councillor Rowe, a Ward Councillor for the Heath, then addressed the Committee against the application. He referred to points made in the report that he considered to be misleading relating to:

- safety issues with speeding traffic especially where there was a curve in the road on Heath Road South;
- that the report seemed to skip over the issue of contamination of the land;
- The Environment Partnership (TEP) document and the inconsistencies around the issues discussed in the report;
- the reference of the greenspace value of the land in the Unitary Development Plan (UDP);
- that the character of the Village would be changed; and
- the statement made by the HSE in relation to granting

planning permission.

Councillor John Gerrard, a Ward Councillor for Mersey, then addressed the Committee opposing the application. He referred to the objections made by Mr Lomax, a local resident with 30 years plus experience working in the chemical industry, mostly notably with ICI, and tabled a written statement from him for Members to read. The statement included a list of waste items buried in the North Quarry and provided a detailed background of the history of waste and chemical disposals made on the site over the years. The statement also made reference to the Halton UDP policies relating to this application and discussed the proximity of the site to the COMAH site and the involvement of the HSE. Councillor Gerrard urged the Committee to refuse the application.

Further to Members' queries regarding the contents of the earth underneath the site and potential for contamination, Officers explained that for Condition number 12, a full site investigation and a remediation plan (if necessary) would be needed prior to any development taking place followed by a validation report demonstrating that the site had been fully remediated. Members were also provided with clarity over the meaning of 'access reserved' in relation to an outline application.

After hearing the representations made by the speakers and after considering the Officer's report, the Committee voted to approve the application. Councillor John Bradshaw wished to record his vote against the application.

RESOLVED: That the application be approved subject to it not being called in by the Secretary of State following referral to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and subject to the following conditions:

1. Time limit – outline permission;
2. Submission of reserved matters;
3. Development parameters;
4. Plans approved;
5. Site levels (BE1);
6. Facing materials to be agreed (BE1 and B2);
7. Breeding birds protection (GE21);
8. Reasonable avoidance measures – reptiles (GE21);
9. Landscaping scheme (BE1);
10. Tree protection (BE1);
11. Ground contamination (PR14);
12. Construction management plan (Highways) (BE1);

13. Electric vehicle charging points (CS19);
14. Site waste management plan (WM8);
15. Sustainable waste management design (WM9);
16. Surface water regulatory scheme (PR16); and
17. Air infiltration scheme (PR12).

DEV14 - 17/00304/FUL - PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF 45 NO. DWELLINGS TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED ACCESS, LANDSCAPING AND INFRASTRUCTURE ON LAND TO THE EAST OF CASTLEFIELDS AVENUE EAST, RUNCORN

The consultation procedure undertaken was outlined in the report together with background information in respect of the site.

The Committee was advised that two additional letters of representation had been received regarding trees being removed and the loss of greenspace and landscape and the impact on the area because of this. It was noted that the Council's Regeneration Officer and Natural England raised no objections to the proposal.

Further to the published update list the recommendation for an additional condition regarding the widening of the access road to include additional pedestrian and cyclist provision was noted; as were the amendments requested with regards to the submission and agreement of landscaping details.

Members were advised that there were outstanding matters relating to the ecology report being questioned by the Council's retained advisor. Officers requested that in order to avoid delay in determining the application, authority be delegated to the Strategic Director, in consultation with the Chair or Vice Chair to determine, dependent upon the resolution of the issues being raised, and to add or amend the recommendations as required.

RESOLVED: That the application be approved subject to:

- a) an acceptable resolution of the issues relating to the ecology report following determination by delegated authority as described above; and
- b) subject to the following conditions:
 1. Standard 3 year permission (BE1);
 2. Condition specifying approved/amended plans (BE1);

3. Requiring submission and agreement of a construction Management Plan (BE1);
4. Conditions requiring site and finished floor levels, external building materials, landscaping and boundary treatment to be carried out as approved (BE12);
5. Requiring development be carried out in accordance with advice and recommendations of the submitted ecology report (GE21);
6. Requiring development be carried out in accordance with the Aboricultural Impact Assessment and mitigation measures contained therein (BE1);
7. Wheel cleansing facilities to be submitted and approved in writing (BE1);
8. Construction and delivery hours to be adhered to throughout the course of the development (BE1);
9. Vehicle access, parking, servicing etc to be constructed prior to occupation of properties / commencement of use (BE1);
10. Requiring submission and agreement of hard surfacing materials (BE1);
11. Requiring submission and agreement of lighting details including measure to minimise light spill and minimise impact on bats (GE21);
12. Conditions relating to contamination including relating to unidentified contamination, validation of imported material / topsoil and ground gas protection (PR14);
13. Conditions relating to tree protection during construction (BE1);
14. Restricting permitted development rights for fences, walls etc (BE1);
15. Submission and agreement of biodiversity enhancement features including native wildlife friendly planting, bird/bat boxes and insect house (BE1 and GE21); and
16. Requiring development be carried out in accordance with the submitted Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) (PR16).

DEV15 - 17/00353/FUL - PROPOSED ERECTION OF ONE INDUSTRIAL UNIT WITH USE CLASSES B1C, B2 AND B8 AT SHELL GREEN BENNETTS LANE, WIDNES

The consultation procedure undertaken was outlined in the report together with background information in respect of the site.

The Committee agreed that the application be approved subject to the conditions listed below.

RESOLVED: That the application be approved subject to the following conditions:

1. Time limit;
2. Drawing number (BE1 and BE2);
3. Site levels to be implemented (BE1);
4. Any new or extended hardstanding (flags, block paving, tarmac, concrete) within the property boundary shall be constructed in such a way as to prevent surface water runoff from the hardstanding onto the highway (BE1 and TP17);
5. Details of sightlines to be provided (BE1 and TP17);
6. Tracking details for HGV's entering and exiting the site to be provided (TP17);
7. Details of boundary treatment (BE22 and TP17);
8. Surface water drainage details required (BE1 and PR16);
9. Phase 2 ground contamination report required (PR14 and CS23);
10. Facing materials to be implemented (BE1 and BE2);
11. Breeding birds protection (GE21);
12. No development shall begin until details of the soft landscape proposals, as recommended in the submitted Ecology Survey (Bea Landscape Design Ltd, Soft Landscape Proposals number 17-060-03, July 2017) has been submitted to and approved in writing – details to be implemented to an agreed timescale (GE21);
13. The mitigation measures as proposed in the Ecology Survey Report (Clarkson and Woods 5707, version 1, July 2017) and incorporated into the soft landscape proposals should be amended to show nesting box locations and implemented during the construction of the development (GE21);
14. The mitigation measures as proposed in the Ecology Survey Report (Clarkson and Woods 5707, version 1, July 2017) to include a wildflower meadow are to the northwestern corner of the site shall be implemented during the construction of the development or within and agreed timescale (GE21);
15. The lighting proposal as outlined in the Ecology Survey Report (Clarkson and Woods 5707, version 1 July 2017) shall be implemented during the construction of the development and retained throughout the lifetime of the development (GE21);
16. The wildlife management (including maintenance and watering) as outlined in the Ecology Survey Report (Clarkson and Woods 5707, version 1, July 2017) shall be incorporated within the submitted soft landscaping proposal, implemented to an agreed

timescale and retained throughout the lifetime of the development (GE21);

17. No development shall begin until details of a Waste Management Plan (incorporating a waste audit) has been submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority (LPA). Details to be implemented during the course of construction (WM8);
18. No development shall begin until details of a Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP) has been submitted to and approved in writing. Details to be implemented during the course of construction (WM8);
19. Hours of construction (BE1);
20. Construction management plan (Highways) (BE1); and
21. Electric vehicle charging points (CS19).

DEV16 - 17/00376/FULEIA - RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR REBUILDING OF FACILITY TO HOUSE A THIRD ALUMINA FIBRE PRODUCTION LINE WITH ASSOCIATED ELECTRICAL SWITCH ROOM AND PROCESS PLANT AT SAFFIL LTD, TANHOUSE LANE, WIDNES

The consultation procedure undertaken was outlined in the report together with background information in respect of the site.

The Committee agreed that the application be approved subject to the conditions listed below with the deletion of Condition 2 as the application is retrospective.

RESOLVED: That the application be approved subject to the following conditions:

1. List of approved plans, amended plans and documents (BE1 and BE2); and
2. Submission of a lighting scheme.

DEV17 MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The following applications had been withdrawn:

95/00657/FUL

Proposed community social club with ancillary parking and servicing on land adjoining Palacefields Avenue, Runcorn, Cheshire.

04/00029/FUL

Proposed two storey side/rear extension and rear extension for swimming pool enclosure at 22 Hale Road, Hale,

Liverpool, L24 5RE.

02/00562/FUL

Proposed formation of new access onto A56 and construction of new private service road at Ivax Pharmaceuticals, Aston Lane North, Whitehouse Vale Development Park, Runcorn, Cheshire, WA7 3FA.

02/00671/FUL

Proposed erection of 25 no. two storey houses, including road, external works and associated car parking at former Ditton Primary School, Liverpool Road, Widnes, Cheshire, WA8 8HL.

17/00177/PDE

Proposed single storey rear extension projecting from the rear wall by 4 metres. The extension has a maximum height of 3.18 metres and an eaves height of 2.1 metres at 92 Simonside, Widnes, Cheshire, WA8 4YN.

11/00013/S73

Proposed variation of Condition 57 of BERR permission 01.08.10.04/8C (Halton Ref 07/00068/ELC) to allow for the increase in the maximum tonnage of fuel delivered to the energy from waste combined heat and power station by road from 85,000 tonnes to 480,000 tonnes per annum at Ineos Chlor, South Parade, Runcorn, Cheshire.

17/00088/FUL

Proposed removal of section of brick wall to rear and replacement with palisade fencing at Co-op Store, 7 Grangeway, Runcorn, Cheshire, WA7 5LY.

02/00772/EIA

Proposed construction of single storey cereclor packing building/warehouse and single storey office at Ineos Chlor Limited, Castner Kellner Site, Weston Point, Runcorn, Cheshire.

97/00104/FUL

Proposed single storey warehouse facility with associated two storey offices, external loading and lorry parking area and car park at Fair oak Lane, off Rivington Road, Whitehouse Industrial Estate, Runcorn, Cheshire, WA7 3DR.

03/01089/REM

Application for approval of reserved matters relating to development of part of site for B2 industrial development (6900 sqm approx) with ancillary offices, plant rooms

parking etc on land at Shell Green, Bennetts Lane, Widnes, Cheshire.

98/00529/HSC

Application for Hazardous Substance Consent for storage of ammonium nitrate based products at Finland no.2 Shed, Percival Lane, Runcorn Docks, Runcorn, Cheshire.

99/00395/HBCWST

Proposed household waste and recycling centre on land off Earle Road, Bowers Retail Park, Widnes, Cheshire.

99/00394/HBCWST

Proposed household waste and recycling centre on land to East of Earle Road, Bowers Retail Park, Widnes, Cheshire.

17/00233/TPO

Proposed work to trees covered by TPO 008 as follows (tree numbers relate to accompanying sketch plan) T1, poplar, fell T2-9 inclusive, comprising various trees within group A4 of the TPO, reduce by 50%, all at 106 Runcorn Road, Moore, Warrington, Cheshire, WA4 6UB.

17/00256/PLD

Application for a Certificate of Proposed Lawful Development for use of premises as a hot food takeaway (use Class A5) at 85-87 Victoria Road, Widnes, Cheshire, WA8 7RS.

17/00235/FUL

Proposed loft conversion incorporating escape windows to both side elevations at 15 Penrhyn Crescent, Runcorn, Cheshire, WA7 4XJ.

17/00136/FUL

Proposed erection of bungalow with access from Moss Lane within the rear garden area at Ivy Cottage, 106 Runcorn Road, Moore, Warrington, Cheshire, WA4 6UB.

17/00321/PLD

Application for a certificate of Proposed Lawful Development for single storey ground rear extension at 15 Heathfield Park, Widnes, Cheshire, WA8 9WY.

14/00222/TPO

Proposed works to trees T930 to T943 inclusive as detailed in the attached report and with the following provisos: T931 Fell; T932 Fell; T934 remove secondary stem and crown raise; T936, crown raise and remove scaffold branch; T938, crown raise and crown reduction; T940, fell; all at Church

End Amenity Woodland, Hale, Liverpool.

17/00226/FUL

Proposed 3 new dwellings at Builders Yard, Runcorn Road, Moore, Warrington, Cheshire.

The following applications had gone to appeal:

17/00048/FUL

Proposed erection of 1 no. detached house with associated landscaping and vehicular access from Chester Road on land adjacent to the Old Post Office, Chester Road, Daresbury, Cheshire.

Meeting ended at 7.35 p.m.

REGULATORY COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Regulatory Committee on Wednesday, 4 October 2017 in the Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall

Present: Councillors K. Loftus (Chair), Wallace (Vice-Chair), P. Hignett, McDermott, A. McInerney, Parker, G. Stockton and Wall

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Fry and Wainwright

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: K. Cleary, S. Thornett and J. Tully

Also in attendance: 8 Members of the public

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REG8 MINUTES

Action

The Minutes of the meetings held on 5th July and 26th July 2017 having been circulated were signed as a correct record.

REG9 SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

The Committee considered:

- 1) Whether members of the press and public should be excluded from the meeting of the Committee 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 outweighed 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 paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 7 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

REG10 to TAXI MATTER
REG14

In respect of Case No: 700, 701, 702, 703 and 704 it was:

RESOLVED: That

1. following information received prior to the hearing from Cheshire Constabulary the Committee resolved to defer consideration of these applications to a date not earlier than the January 2018 Committee meeting; and
2. any other applications in connection with the above matters be frozen until the outcome of the hearings relating to the above cases are determined.

REG11 TAXI MATTER

Case No: 705

The Committee considered the evidence and:

RESOLVED: That no action be taken on this occasion.

Meeting ended at 7.45 p.m.