

HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



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4th December 2007

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

You are hereby summoned to attend an Ordinary Meeting of the Halton Borough Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall on Wednesday, 12 December 2007 commencing at 6.30 p.m.. for the purpose of considering and passing such resolution(s) as may be deemed necessary or desirable in respect of the matters mentioned in the Agenda.

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Chief Executive

-AGENDA-

- 1. COUNCIL MINUTES**
- 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 3. THE MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
- 5. LEADER'S REPORT**
- 6. MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**
 - a) 1st November 2007
 - b) 15th November 2007
 - c) 29th November 2007
- 7. MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE**
 - a) 1st November 2007
 - b) 15th November 2007
 - c) 29th November 2007
- 8. MINUTES OF THE 3MG EXECUTIVE SUB-BOARD**
 - a) 13th November 2007
- 9. MINUTES OF THE MERSEY GATEWAY EXECUTIVE BOARD**
 - a) 15th November 2007
- 10. QUESTIONS ASKED UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 8**
- 11. MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION BY THE COUNCIL**
 - a) **Executive Board - 1st November 2007 (Minute No. EXB 47 refers) - Schools Causing Concern**

The Executive Board considered the attached report.

RECOMMENDED: That the Constitution be amended to authorise the Strategic Director for Children and Young People to exercise the powers and duties provided to the Council under Part 4 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006.

b) Executive Board - 15th November 2007 (Minute No. EXB56 refers) - Licensing Act 2003 Statement of Licensing Policy

The Executive Board considered the attached report.

RECOMMENDED: that the Statement of Licensing Policy considered at the Executive Board meeting on 20th September 2007 be adopted.

c) Executive Board - 29th November 2007 (Minute No. EXB54 refers) - Determination of Council Tax Base

The Executive Board considered the attached report.

RECOMMENDED: That

- (1) the 2008/09 Council Tax Base be set at 37,762 for the Borough, and that the Cheshire Fire Authority, the Cheshire Police Authority, and the National Rivers Authority be so notified; and
- (2) the Council Tax Base for each of the Parishes be set as follows:

Parish	Tax Base
Hale	724
Daresbury	140
Moore	349
Preston Brook	339
Sandymoor	816
Halebank	510

d) Executive Board Sub-Committee - 15th November 2007 (Minute No. ES 51 refers) - Adoption of Section 120 Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act 2003 - Regulation of Cosmetic Piercing and Skin Colouring Businesses

The Executive Board Sub-Committee considered the attached report.

RECOMMENDED: That

- (1) Council resolve to apply to the whole of the Halton Borough Section 15 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous) Provisions Act 1982 adopting the new byelaw to cover: acupuncture, tattooing, semi permanent skin colouring, cosmetic piercing and electrolysis introduced by Section 120 and Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act 2003;
 - (2) and in doing so
 - a) authorising the affixing of the common seal to the byelaws and
 - b) authorising the Council Solicitor to carry out the necessary procedure and apply to the Secretary of State for confirmation;
 - c) upon adoption of the byelaws that the powers and duties within the byelaws necessary to effect regulation be delegated to the Council Solicitor and the Operational Director Environmental and Regulatory Services as appropriate;
 - d) new charges and costs be adopted and these reflect the administrative and officer costs involved in the process of registering a premises and a practitioner; and
 - e) the plan for updating registration certificates including the retrospective application of the process to existing businesses be accepted.
- e) Executive Board Sub-Committee - 29th November 2007 (Minute No. ES53 refers) - Highway Improvement Scheme A56/A558 Daresbury Expressway Junction**

The Executive Board Sub-Committee considered the attached report.

RECOMMENDED: That the scheme be included in the capital programme at a total cost of £3.478m.

12. SECONDARY SCHOOL RE-ORGANISATION

The Executive Board will consider the attached report on 12th December. An update will be provided at the Council meeting.

13. MINUTES OF POLICY AND PERFORMANCE BOARDS AND THE BUSINESS EFFICIENCY BOARD

- a) Employment, Learning and Skills - Yellow Pages

- b) Children and Young People - Cream Pages
- c) Healthy Halton - Grey Pages
- d) Safer Halton - Pink Pages
- e) Urban Renewal - Green Pages
- f) Corporate Services - Salmon Pages
- g) Business Efficiency Board - White Pages

14. COMMITTEE MINUTES

- a) Development Control - Pink Pages
- b) Standards - White Pages
- c) Regulatory - Blue Pages

PART II

**ITEMS CONTAINING "EXEMPT" INFORMATION FALLING WITHIN
SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

In this case the Council has a discretion to exclude the press and public but, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, it is RECOMMENDED that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, having been satisfied that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

15. MERSEY GATEWAY EXECUTIVE BOARD - 15TH NOVEMBER (MINUTE NO. MGE10 REFERS) - FINANCING ADVANCED LAND PURCHASE

The Mersey Gateway Executive Board considered the attached report.

RECOMMENDED: That the prudential borrowing required to support a programme of advanced land purchase, as a contingency should the arrangements with Greater Merseyside Pension Fund fail to come to fruition, be agreed and that such agreement establish the affordability limits referred to in recommendation (1) of minute number MGE10 of the Mersey Gateway Executive Board meeting of 15th November 2007.