

HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



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9th December 2008

**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, 17 December 2008 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) 9th October 2008
 - b) 16th October 2008
 - c) 6th November 2008
 - d) 13th November 2008
 - e) 20th November 2008
- 7. MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE**
 - a) 16th October 2008
 - b) 6th November 2008
- 8. 3MG EXECUTIVE SUB-BOARD**
 - a) 16th October 2008
- 9. MINUTES OF THE MERSEY GATEWAY EXECUTIVE BOARD**
 - a) 20th November 2008
- 10. QUESTIONS ASKED UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 8**
- 11. MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION OF THE COUNCIL**

**a) Protocol for Members' Access to Part 2 Items - Executive Board
20th November 2008 (Minute No. EXB73 refers)**

The Executive Board considered the attached report.

RECOMMENDED: That the following amendment to the Constitution as set out below be approved:

“For the avoidance of doubt, Councillors who are not Members of a particular committee/sub-committee/board have no automatic right to remain in a meeting of a committee/sub-committee/board once a resolution has been passed under Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 excluding the press and public from the Meeting. A Councillor would only be entitled to remain in the Meeting if he or she had been able to establish a “need to know” as described above, to the satisfaction of the committee/sub-committee/board. In these circumstances, a Councillor who is not a Member of the committee/sub-committee/board wishing to remain in a meeting following a passing of the appropriate resolution shall demonstrate the “need to know” on a report by report basis to the Chief Executive no later than the day preceding the Meeting or as soon as possible. The Chief Executive will then consult the relevant Chair. This will enable due consideration to be given to the request, in order that appropriate advice may be given to the committee/sub-committee/board to assist them in making the decision.”

**b) Determination of Council Tax Base - Executive Board 4th December
2008**

The Executive Board considered the attached report.

RECOMMENDED: That

- (1) the 2009/10 Council Tax Base be set at 38,200 for the Borough, and that the Cheshire Fire Authority, the Cheshire Police Authority, and the Environment Agency be so notified; and
- (2) the Council Tax Base for each of the Parishes be set as follows:

Parish	Tax Base
Hale	729
Halebank	569
Daresbury	141
Moore	345
Preston Brook	347
Sandymoor	913

c) Castlefields Ward - Change of Name

To consider the attached report.

d) CALL-IN - Waste Management Communications Campaign - Executive Board Sub-Committee 16th October 2008 (Minute No. ES41 refers)

The Chief Executive has received the following call-in in accordance with Standing Order No. 9:

Proposed by: Councillor P. Blackmore
Seconded by: Councillor Hodgkinson

“Need to justify suspending standing orders for a communications campaign on re-cycling when the money could be spent on improving existing recycling facilities.”

The report considered by the Executive Board Sub-Committee is attached.

e) CALL-IN - Traveller Transit Site - Pitch Charges - Executive Board Sub-Committee 16th October 2008 (Minute No. ES42 refers)

The Chief Executive has received the following call-in in accordance with Standing Order No. 9:

Proposed by: Councillor Murray
Seconded by: Councillor Findon

“The intention of the Council for this site to be “cost neutral” is unlikely to be achieved. The pitch price should be increased and a pitch charge should be levied against all caravans that occupy a pitch in order that revenue is greater than expenditure thereby avoiding the need to ask Halton residents to subsidise this site. The present manner of allocating pitches may mean that the extended powers given to the Police when this Transit site opens will be diminished if pitches on this Transit site are un-available. To rectify this problem all pitches should be occupied for no more than two weeks and the pitches when initially allocated should be on a staggered basis to help pitches to become available more frequently.”

The report considered by the Executive Board Sub-Committee is attached.

12. CHANGES TO BOARD MEMBERSHIP

To note the following changes to Board Membership, which have been made in accordance with Standing Order No. 30(4):

Councillor Higginson - filled the vacancy on the Healthy Halton Policy and Performance Board; and

Councillor Inch - replaced Councillor Higginson on the Business Efficiency Board

13. OUTSIDE BODY APPOINTMENTS

To note the following outside body appointments which have been confirmed since the last meeting of the Council:

North West Local Government Association - Councillor Hodgkinson
Custody Suite – Councillor M. Ratcliffe
Widnes Educational Foundation – Councillor Findon
National Society for Clean Air - Councillor Findon
Merseyside Steering Committee - Councillor Findon

14. MINUTES OF POLICY & PERFORMANCE BOARDS AND THE BUSINESS EFFICIENCY BOARD

- a) Children & Young People - cream pages
- b) Employment, Learning & Skills - yellow pages
- c) Healthy Halton - blue pages
- d) Safer Halton - pink pages
- e) Urban Renewal - green pages
- f) Corporate Services - salmon pages
- g) Business Efficiency Board - white pages

15. COMMITTEE MINUTES

- a) Development Control - pink pages
- b) Standards - white pages
- c) Regulatory - blue pages