

HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



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**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, 20 July 2011 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. SOCIAL HOUSING IN HALTON

Nick Atkin from Halton Housing Trust and Neil Townsend from Riverside Housing will brief Members on social housing in Halton.

2. COUNCIL MINUTES

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

4. THE MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

6. LEADER'S REPORT

7. MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

a) 26 May 2011

b) 16 June 2011

c) 30 June 2011

8. MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD SUB COMMITTEE

a) 26 May 2011

b) 16 June 2011

c) 30 June 2011

9. MINUTES OF THE MERSEY GATEWAY EXECUTIVE BOARD

10. MINUTES OF THE 3MG EXECUTIVE SUB BOARD

11. QUESTIONS ASKED UNDER STANDING ORDER 8

12. MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION OF THE COUNCIL

a) Local HealthWatch Pathfinders (Minute EXB 5 refers)

The Executive Board considered the attached report:-

RECOMMENDED: That Council note that, after consultation with the Leader and Members of the Executive Board, the Chief Executive, under delegated powers (Matters of Urgency, Constitution) determined not to submit a Local HealthWatch Pathfinders proposal.

b) Transport Capital Implementation Programme 2011/12 (Minute EXB 7 refers)

The Executive Board considered the attached report:-

RECOMMENDED: That

(1) the Local Transport Settlement and indicative allocations covering the Comprehensive Spending Review Period be noted;

(2) Council be recommended to approve the following sums for incorporation into the Council's Capital Programme for 2011/12:

Transport Implementation Programme £2,663,000;
Transport Major Scheme Capital Funding (SJB) £4,416,000;
Street Lighting £200,000;
Flood Defence £106,000;
Fleet Replacements £370,000.

(3) authority to agree the detailed programme of schemes, based where appropriate upon the four year implementation Programme described in the Local Transport Plan 3, be delegated to the Strategic Director Policy and Resources, in consultation with the Executive Board Member for Transportation; and

(4) a bid for funding from the Government's Sustainable Transport Fund be prepared for presentation to the Board before submission to Department for Transport by 24th February 2012.

c) Shopmobility (Minute ES4 refers)

The Executive Board Sub Committee considered the attached report:-

RECOMMENDED: That Council note that, after consultation with the Leader and Members of the Executive Board Sub Committee, the Chief Executive had, under delegated powers (Matters of Urgency, Constitution), expressed support for the Licence to be agreed as set out in paragraph 3.7 of the report.

d) Adults and Community Capital Programme (Minute EXB 15 refers)

The Executive Board considered the attached report:-

RECOMMENDED: That

- (1) the final 2010/11 outturn figures be noted; and
- (2) that the Council approve the capital project for 2011/12 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

e) Changes to Procurement Standing Orders (Minute EXB 17 refers)

The Executive Board considered the attached report:-

RECOMMENDED: That Council be recommended to approve the changes to Procurement Standing Orders as set out in Appendix 1 located at <http://councillors.halton.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=316&MId=3704&Ver=4>

f) Halton Core Strategy - Submission to the Secretary of State - KEY DECISION (Minute EXB 18 refers)

The Executive Board considered the attached report:-

RECOMMENDED: That

- (1) the Halton Core Strategy Revised Proposed Submission Document (May 2011) be approved for Submission to the Secretary of State under Regulation 30 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2008;
- (2) any minor editorial amendments required to improve the legibility of the Halton Core Strategy be agreed with the Inspector by the Operational Director for Policy, Planning and Transportation in consultation with the Executive Board Member for Physical Environment;
- (3) authority be delegated to the Strategic Director, Policy and Resources, to enter into discussions with parties and to suggest wording changes, as are deemed necessary by the Inspector to reach agreement on matters discussed at the examination into the soundness of the Core Strategy; and
- (4) material weight to give to the Halton Core Strategy Revised Proposed Submission Document (May 2011) as a material consideration in Council Development Control policy decisions.

- g) Children and Young People's Plan 2011-14 - KEY DECISION (Minute EXB 19 refers)

The Executive Board considered the attached report:-

RECOMMENDED: That Council be recommended to endorse and adopt the Children and Young People's Plan 2011-14.

- h) Annual Reports of PPBs

To consider the attached report.

RECOMMENDED: That the 2010/2011 Annual Reports submitted from the Policy and Performance Boards be received.

- i) Standards Committee Annual Report (Minute STC 3 refers)

The Standards Committee considered the attached report.

RECOMMENDED: That the Standards Committee Annual Report 2010/11 be received.

j) Appointments to Outside Bodies

To consider the attached report.

RECOMMENDED: That the Council appoint representatives to the Outside Bodies.

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

- a) Children, Young People and Families - yellow pages
- b) Employment, Learning, Skills and Community - cream pages
- c) Health - blue pages
- d) Safer - pink pages
- e) Environment and 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
- d) Appeals Panel - white pages

e) Mayoral Committee -yellow pages

15. NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 6

The following motion has been submitted in accordance with Standing Order No.6:

Proposer: Councillor A Lowe

Seconder: Councillor Stockton

“DEFENDING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME

Council notes:

The LGPS is a sustainable, good quality pension scheme that benefits from being funded and locally managed. It is valuable to employers and employees alike. This coalition government has failed to recognise the distinctiveness of the LGPS in setting policy, most notably in the proposal announced by the Chancellor in the last CSR to impose an extra 3.2% contribution tax on scheme members, increasing scheme average member contributions from 6.6% to 9.8%. This tax does not benefit the scheme, or scheme members, or employers. This proposal is in addition to pension reductions caused by being indexed against CPI instead of RPI and is in advance of expected benefit reform recommendations from the Hutton Review.

Council agrees:

An increase in member contributions as proposed will lead to mass opt outs from the LGPS and that would be undesirable and damaging. The views expressed by the LGA in its letter to the Chancellor dated 16 February 2011 on this subject are also the views of this Council.

Council resolves:

Council will write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Chief Secretary to the Treasury and the Secretary of State for Local Government within the next month stating this Councils support for the LGA letter referred to above and calling for government to rethink it's proposed increases to LGPS member contributions. Council will work with Trade Unions to ensure employees are made aware of the proposals for the LGPS and encouraging them to support the Council's representations to defend their pension scheme.

This Council is strongly opposed to this proposed change in pension policy for Local Government workers and calls on the Government to reconsider its proposals.”