

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, 19 October 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. PRESENTATION FROM IAN JOHNSON, UK BORDER AGENCY

Ian Johnson from the U.K. Border Agency, will brief Members on the work of the agency.

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

(i) 14 July 2011

(ii) 8 September 2011

(iii) 22 September 2011

8. MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD SUB COMMITTEE

(i) 15 July 2011

(ii) 9 August 2011

(iii) 8 September 2011

(iv) 22 September 2011

9. MINUTES OF THE MERSEY GATEWAY EXECUTIVE BOARD

(i) 22 September 2011

10. QUESTIONS ASKED UNDER STANDING ORDER 8

11. MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION OF THE COUNCIL

- (i) Polling Districts/Polling Stations Review (Minute EXB 43 refers)

The Executive Board considered the attached report:-

RECOMMENDED: That Council adopt the amendments to the scheme as detailed in Appendix 1 attached to the report, for the period 2011-2014.

- (ii) Merseyside and Halton Joint Waste Development Plan Document - Publication and Submission Stages- KEY DECISION (Minute EXB 47 refers)

The Executive Board considered the attached report:-

RECOMMENDED: That Council

- 1) note the results of consultation (Appendix 1) undertaken between May and June 2011 on the Waste DPD Preferred Options 2 (New Sites) Report;
- 2) approve the Joint Waste DPD Publication Document (Appendix 2) and a final six-week public consultation commencing at the end of 2011;
- 3) approve the Submission of the Waste DPD to the Secretary of State in early 2012 and that this approval be subject to the detailed comment in paragraph 3.19;
- 4) approve the spatial distribution of one sub-regional site per district (Table 2 and paragraph 4.11); and
- 5) give delegated authority to the Operational Director, Policy, Planning and Transportation, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, Physical Environment, to make any minor drafting amendments to the Waste DPD.

- (iii) Police and Crime Commissioner Elections May 2012 (Minute EXB 41 refers)

The Executive Board considered the attached report:-

RECOMMENDED: That Council

- 1) note the contents of the report; and
- 2) note and support the appointment of the Chief Executive as the Police Area Returning Officer (PARO) for the Cheshire Police Force Area for the proposed Police and Crime Commissioner Elections in November 2012 (should these elections proceed).

(iv) Draft Corporate Plan 2011-2016 (Minute EXB 45 refers)

The Executive Board considered the attached report:-

RECOMMENDED: That Council

- 1) discuss the Draft Corporate Plan in terms of the suggested areas of focus and activities under each thematic area; and
- 2) subject to any amendments required, the Draft Corporate Plan 2011-2026 be adopted.

(v) Parliamentary Boundary Review (Minute EXB 55 refers)

The Executive Board will be meeting on 13 October 2011 to consider the attached report:-

The RECOMMENDATION will be reported to Council.

(vi) Mersey Gateway Project Budget (Minute MGEB 6 refers)

The Mersey Gateway Executive Board considered the attached report:-

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the revised budget for Development Costs up to Financial Close when a public private partnership is in place be approved;
- (2) the requested land acquisition capital expenditure budget be approved;
- (3) that Council amend the Capital Programme accordingly; and
- (4) the potential impact on the Council's revenue budget to cover the costs that are not capitalised, be noted.

(vii) Annual Report from Safer Halton

To consider the attached report.

RECOMMENDED: That the 2010/2011 Safer Policy and Performance Board Annual Report be received.

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

- (i) Children, Young People and Families - yellow pages
- (ii) Employment, Learning, Skills and Community - cream pages
- (iii) Health - blue pages
- (iv) Safer - pink pages
- (v) Environment and Urban Renewal - green pages
- (vi) Corporate Services - salmon pages
- (vii) Business Efficiency Board - white pages

13. COMMITTEE MINUTES

- (i) Development Control - pink pages
- (ii) Standards - white pages
- (iii) Regulatory - blue pages
- (iv) Appeals Panel - white pages

14. NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER NO6

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

Proposer: Councillor Wright

Seconder: Councillor E Cargill

“PROPOSED HEALTH REFORMS”

This Council wishes to express its opposition to the so called reforms to our National Health Service which is being introduced by the Coalition Government.

Prior to this Bill, the NHS had the highest level of satisfaction within the Public Sector but already waiting lists are starting to increase, this Bill represents the first stages of privatisation and it will force through the biggest reorganisation in NHS history.

In Halton we fear that if this Bill is implemented, these proposals will lead to a deteriorating provision for our residents in the Borough and there will be a definite lack of accountability to our communities.

There is much uncertainty around the funding arrangements for implementing this Bill.

John Healy, Labour’s Shadow Health Secretary, has revealed that already 2 billion pounds has been diverted away from patient care in the NHS, to pay for the reforms, that’s 2 billion pounds that would have been spent on care treatment but is now being held back to fund Cameron’s top down reorganisation.

We have resolved to write to the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for Health expressing our concerns”.