

**HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL**



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*9 April 2013*

**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 April 2013 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.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David W. R.', is positioned above the title 'Chief Executive'.

*Chief Executive*

**-AGENDA-**

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9.	<b>MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION OF THE COUNCIL</b>	
a)	Children and Enterprise Capital Programme - 2013/14 - Key decision (Minute EXB 185 refers)	<b>1 – 10</b>
	Executive Board considered the attached report:-	
	RECOMMENDED: That Council	
	1) note the capital funding available for 2013/14;	
	2) note the position in respect of Basic Need;	
	3) approve the proposals to be funded from Capital Maintenance and Capital Expenditure Revenue Account;	
	4) approve the proposal for the Two Year Old capital funding;	
	5) approve the proposal for the Short Breaks capital; and	
	6) approve the Capital Programme 2013/14.	

<p>b) Transport Capital Implementation Programme 2013/14 (Minute EXB 196 refers)</p> <p>Executive Board considered the attached report:-</p> <p>RECOMMENDED: That Council</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1) note the Local Transport Settlement final allocations for 2013/14 and 2014/15;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">2) approve the following sums for incorporation into the Council's Capital Programme for 2013/14:</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">▪ Transport Implementation Programme £2,685,000;</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">▪ Transport Major Scheme Capital Funding (SJB) £2,460,000</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">▪ Additional Local Highways Maintenance Funding £355,000; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">3) agree the detailed programme of schemes, based, where appropriate, upon the four year Implementation Programme described in the Local Transport Plan, and authority be delegated to the Strategic Director, Policy and Resources, in consultation with the Executive Board Member for Transportation.</p>	<p><b>11 - 18</b></p>
<p>c) Annual Review of the Constitution 2013 (Minute EXB 199 refers)</p> <p>Executive Board considered the attached report:-</p> <p>RECOMMENDED: That Council approve the revised Constitution including the amendments, set out in Appendix 1 attached to the report.</p>	<p><b>19 - 24</b></p>
<p>d) Calendar of meetings 2013/14 (Minute EXB 200 refers)</p> <p>Executive Board considered the attached report:-</p> <p>RECOMMENDED: That Council approve the Calendar of Meetings for the 2013/2014 Municipal Year, as appended to the report.</p>	<p><b>25 - 28</b></p>

e) 3MG Funding and Infrastructure (Minute EXB 205 refers)

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Executive Board considered the attached report:-

RECOMMENDED: That Council

- 1) note the appointment of Waterman's as Project Manager for the Rail Sidings following competitive tender;
- 2) authorise the Operational Director for Economy, Enterprise and Property to procure the design and build of the Rail Sidings at 3MG HBC Field at an estimated cost of £2.5 M;
- 3) invite tenders by the Operational Director, Planning, Policy and Transportation, for a contract to complete construction of the western access road at 3MG HBC Field at an estimated cost of £1.2m in accordance with Procurement Standing Order Part 2;
- 4) note that development and award of the contract be conducted in accordance with Procurement Standing Orders;
- 5) approve a revision in the Capital Programme for £1.2m for the completion of the western access road to 3MG HBC Field; and
- 6) authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader and the Portfolio holders for Physical Environment, Transportation and Resources to take such action as judged necessary to implement the 3MG HBC Field development.

- f) Appointment of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2013/14 (Minute MYR 2 refers)

The Mayoral Committee considered a Part II item making recommendations for the appointment of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the 2013/14 Municipal Year:-

Council is requested to note these recommendations as follows. Formal confirmation will be sought at the annual meeting.

- 1) Councillor Margaret Ratcliffe be appointed as the Mayor; and
- 2) Councillor Shaun Osborne be appointed as the Deputy Mayor.

**10. MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND PERFORMANCE BOARDS AND THE BUSINESS EFFICIENCY BOARD**

**SEE MINUTE BOOK**

- 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

**11. COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**SEE MINUTE BOOK**

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

## 12. NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 6

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

**Proposer:** Councillor Wright

**Seconder:** Councillor E Cargill

### **BEDROOM TAX**

This Council:

- Asks the Government to re-examine the measures it is putting in place to cut housing benefit from some of Halton's most vulnerable residents on the grounds that their social housing has a spare bedroom;
- Believes it to be an unworkable policy given that if people moved house it would not save any money;
- Notes that according to the Government's own impact assessment, two thirds of the households affected have a disabled person;
- Further notes that if people do want to downsize there is no suitable properties for them to move to, thus forcing them to be disadvantaged;
- And calls on the Government to drop this policy and think again.

## 13. PART II

In this case the Board has a discretion to exclude the press and public and, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, it is **RECOMMENDED** that under Section 100A(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.

**14. MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION OF THE COUNCIL**

- a) Halton Borough Transport Ltd (Minute EXB 211 refers)  
Executive Board considered the attached report:-

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RECOMMENDED: That Council note the developments made by Halton Borough Transport Limited as outlined in the report, and approve the recommendations i) to v) as set out in the report.