

HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



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26 February 2019

**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, 6 March 2019 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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	a) 13 December 2018	
	b) 17 January 2019	
	c) 21 February 2019	
7.	QUESTIONS ASKED UNDER STANDING ORDER 8	
8.	MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION OF THE COUNCIL	
	a) Budget 2019/20 - KEY DECISION (Minute EXB 92 refers)	1 - 26
	Executive Board considered the attached report.	
	RECOMMENDED: That	
	1) Council adopt the resolution set out in Appendix A attached to the report, which includes setting the budget at £108.621m, the Council Tax requirement of £49.597m (before Parish, Police and Fire and LCR Combined Authority precepts) and the Band D Council Tax for Halton of £1,419.08; and	
	2) From 1 April 2019 the level of Empty Homes Premium on dwellings that have been unoccupied for more than 2 years be increased to 100%.	
	b) Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2019/20 (Minute EXB 93 refers)	27 - 50
	Executive Board considered the attached report.	
	RECOMMENDED: That Council adopt the policies, strategies, statements, prudential and treasury indicators outlined in the report.	

<p>c) Capital Strategy 2019/20 (Minute EXB 94 refers)</p> <p>Executive Board considered the attached report.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED: That Council approve the 2019/20 Capital Strategy, as presented in the Appendix attached to the report.</p>	<p>51 - 66</p>
<p>d) Capital Programme 2019/20 -KEY DECISION (Minute EXB 80 refers)</p> <p>Executive Board considered the attached report.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED: That Council approve the Capital Allocations set out in the report.</p>	<p>67 - 72</p>
<p>e) 2018/19 Revised Capital Programme (Minute EXB 95 refers)</p> <p>Executive Board considered the attached report.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED: That Council approve the revisions to the Council's 2018/19 Capital Programme set out in paragraph 3.2 of the report.</p>	<p>73 - 80</p>
<p>f) Calendar of Meetings 2019/20 (Minute EXB 96 refers)</p> <p>Executive Board considered the attached report.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED: That Council approve the Calendar of Meetings for the 2019/20 Municipal Year, as appended to the report.</p>	<p>81 - 84</p>
<p>g) Unison's End Violence at Work Charter (Minute EXB 97 refers)</p> <p>Executive Board considered the attached report.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED: That Council adopt the Unison "End Violence at Work Charter" and works with Unison representatives to ensure the standards within the Charter are adhered to.</p>	<p>85 - 88</p>
<p>h) International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance Working definition of Anti-Semitism (Minute EXB 98 refers)</p> <p>Executive Board considered the attached report.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED: That Council adopt the IHRA working definition of Anti-Semitism.</p>	<p>89 - 92</p>
<p>i) Members' Allowance Scheme - Tri-annual Review</p>	<p>93 - 104</p>

RECOMMENDED: That Council consider

- 1) the recommendations of the Independent Members' Allowances Panel as set out in Paragraph 6 of the report; and
- 2) having regard to the Panel's recommendations, determine the Members' Allowance Scheme to be effective from April 2019 for a 3 year period.

9. MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND PERFORMANCE BOARDS

- a) Children, Young People and Families
- b) Employment, Learning and Skills and Community
- c) Safer
- d) Corporate Services

SEE MINUTE BOOK

10. COMMITTEE MINUTES

- a) Development Control
- b) Regulatory
- c) Standards

SEE MINUTE BOOK

11. MATTERS FOR NOTING

- a) Report of the Local Government Ombudsman
The Local Government Ombudsman has issued a report following its investigation of a complaint against Halton Borough Council. The complaint was about a Highways and Transport matter relating to the Mersey Gateway. (Copy enclosed separately).

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The Ombudsman made no fault finding on the part of the Council and found no injustice.

The Ombudsman made no recommendations.

- b) Recommendation from the Mayoral Committee

The Mayoral Committee considered a Part II item making a recommendation on the appointment of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the 2019/20 Municipal Year.

Council is requested to note the following recommendations, formal confirmation of which will be sought at Annual Council.

- 1) Councillor Margaret Horabin be appointed as the Mayor
- 2) Councillor Chris Rowe be appointed as the Deputy Mayor.