

HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



*Municipal Building,
Kingsway,
Widnes.
WA8 7QF*

13 May 2021

**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 Bridge Suite - Halton Stadium, Widnes on Friday, 21 May 2021 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. ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

To be moved by Councillor Ratcliffe and seconded by Councillor G. Stockton

“That Councillor Christopher Rowe be elected Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2021/22”

To be moved by Councillor J. Lowe and seconded by Councillor Abbott

“That Councillor Mark Dennett be elected Deputy Mayor of the Borough for the Municipal Year 2021/22”

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. COUNCIL MINUTES

4. THE MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

6. MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS 2021/22

To submit for information the municipal election results (see attached).

7. EXECUTIVE BOARD (SELECTION COMMITTEE) 18 MAY 2021

To formally approve the following recommendations of the Executive Board (Selection Committee).

(N.B. The Executive Board will be meeting on 18 May 2021 to consider these recommendations. Any amendments will be reported to Council).

a) Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council

To be moved by the Mayor and seconded by the Deputy Mayor:-

“That Councillor Wharton be appointed as Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2021/222

To be moved by the Mayor and seconded by the Deputy Mayor: -

“That Councillor Thompson be appointed as Deputy Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2021/22”.

b) Boards, Committees and Panels

To be moved by the Mayor and seconded by the Deputy Mayor:

“That the following Boards, Committees and Panels be constituted with the membership as shown for the Municipal Year 2021/22”

(N.B. information regarding membership will be circulated as soon as possible)

c) Appointment of Scrutiny Co-ordinator

To be moved by the Mayor and seconded by the Deputy Mayor:-

“To appoint a Scrutiny Co-ordinator for the Municipal Year 2021/22 as set out in the tabled document”

d) Appointment of Co-optees & Independent Persons

To be moved by the Mayor and seconded by the Deputy Mayor:-

“That the following appointments be confirmed:

- 1) The re-appointment of Mr David Wilson as the Healthwatch Halton representative and non-voting Co-optee to the Health Policy and Performance Board for the Municipal Year 2021/22;
- 2) The re-appointment of Reverend David Felix as non-voting Parish Council Co-optee and the re-appointment of Mr Tony Luxton as non-voting Independent Co-optee on the Standards Committee for the Municipal Year 2021/22; and
- 3) Professor David Norman and Mrs Diane Howard be re-appointed as Independent Persons for the purposes of the Localism Act 2011, for a further period of 4 years”.

e) Appointment to Outside Bodies

To be moved by the Mayor and seconded by the Deputy Mayor:-

“That Council consider the attached report”.

f) Executive Board Portfolios

The Leader will report on the Portfolio holders for Executive Board for the Municipal Year 2021/22 which will also be tabled.

8. UPDATES TO COUNCIL CONSTITUTION 2021

RECOMMENDED: That Council approve the revised Constitution, including the matters set out in Appendix 1, attached to the report.

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COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council on Wednesday, 3 March 2021 held remotely.

Present: Councillors Horabin, Baker, J. Bradshaw, M. Bradshaw, D. Cargill, E. Cargill, Carlin, Cassidy, Dennett, Dourley, Fry, Gilligan, Harris, R. Hignett, S. Hill, V. Hill, Howard, Jones, Leck, M. Lloyd Jones, P. Lloyd Jones, C. Loftus, K. Loftus, Logan, A. Lowe, J. Lowe, MacManus, McDermott, A. McNerney, T. McNerney, Nelson, Nolan, Philbin, Polhill, C. Plumpton Walsh, N. Plumpton Walsh, Ratcliffe, Joe Roberts, June Roberts, Rowe, Sinnott, G. Stockton, J. Stockton, Teeling, Thompson, Wainwright, Wall, Wallace, Wharton, Whitley, Woolfall and Wright

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Abbott, P. Hignett and Zygadlo

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: D. Parr, I. Leivesley, M. Vasic, M. Reaney, A. Jones and G. Ferguson

Also in attendance: One member of the press

COU14 COUNCIL MINUTES

Action

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2020, were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

COU15 THE MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council took part in a minute's silence in honour of Councillor Morley, who had sadly passed away last month.

COU16 LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader highlighted the following issues since the last meeting of the Council:

- It was recommended that Councillor Rowe would be appointed Mayor and Councillor Dennett would be appointed Deputy Mayor at Annual Council in May 2021;
- the ongoing response the pandemic had continued to dominate our agenda, but the roll out of the vaccine was giving a degree of optimism. A "Roadmap" for Halton as to how we go forward over the coming months was being developed. On 23 March two remembrance stones for those who died as a result of Covid-19 would be unveiled in the Borough;

- The preparation for our budget for 2020/21 had also been a key feature of activity and in the circumstance; we have produced the best budget we could. It protects key services and would enable us to continue to support our communities;
- The re-opening of the Silver Jubilee Bridge was a major boost in relation to access to Runcorn Old Town and the Station Quarter. It will be a big help to our ambitious regeneration objectives in that part of the Borough;
- This is the last Council before the May elections and the Leader thanked all those members who would not be standing for their contributions and support over the years and wished them all the best for the future; and
- Finally, the Leader thanked all members and officers for the support they have given him over the past 11 years. Whilst it had been a very challenging period for the Borough dominated in many ways by tough financial settlements and more recently the pandemic he was proud of the collective achievements and proud to have been Leader of this Council.

Councillor J. Stockton also thanked Councillor Polhill for his exceptional role and achievements as Leader of the Council during the past 11 years.

COU17 URGENT DECISIONS

The Council considered a report of the Chief Executive, on the urgent decisions taken since the last meeting of the Council.

RESOLVED: That Council note the report.

COU18 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Council considered the minutes of the Executive Board meetings on 19 November 2020, 10 December 2020 and 21 January 2021.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be received.

COU19 MINUTES OF THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

The Council considered the minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting on 7 October 2021.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be received.

COU20 QUESTIONS ASKED UNDER STANDING ORDER 8

It was noted that no questions had been submitted under Standing Order No. 8.

COU21 2020/21 REVISED CAPITAL PROGRAMME (MINUTE EXB44 AND EXB73 REFERS)

The Council considered a report of the Operational Director, Finance, on the 2020/21 Revised Capital Programme.

RESOLVED: That the revisions to the Council's 2020/21 Capital Programme as set out in the report be approved.

COU22 BUDGET 2021/22 - KEY DECISION (MINUTE EXB72 REFERS)

The Executive Board had considered a report setting out a recommendation to Council in respect of the Budget, Capital Programme and Council Tax for 2020/21. Since then, Cheshire Fire Authority had set its budget and Council Tax precept and this had been included in the full report to Council.

The Executive Board had recommended that Council adopt the resolution set out in Appendix A of the report, which included setting the budget at £115.70m, the Council Tax requirement of £52,179m (before Parish, Police, Fire and LCR Combined Authority precepts) and the Band D Council Tax for Halton of £1,475.70.

Councillor Wharton, Resources Portfolio holder, thanked all Officers involved, for their support in producing this budget and wished to record his thanks to the Members of Executive Board, the Budget Working Group and the Chairs' of the Policy and Performance Boards for their contribution. In addition, he thanked the Leader for his help and support in delivering this budget.

In accordance with Standing Order 16 (3), a recorded vote was taken.

The following Members voted FOR the motion:-

Councillors Horabin, Abbott, Baker, J. Bradshaw, M. Bradshaw, D. Cargill, E. Cargill, Carlin, Cassidy, Dennett, Dourley, Jones, Fry, Gilligan, Harris, P. Hignett, R. Hignett, S. Hill, V. Hill, Howard, Jones, Leck, M. Lloyd Jones, P. Lloyd Jones, C. Loftus, K. Loftus, Logan, A. Lowe, J. Lowe, MacManus, A. McInerney, T. McInerney, Nolan, Philbin, Polhill, C. Plumpton Walsh, N. Plumpton Walsh, Ratcliffe, Joe Roberts, June Roberts, Rowe, Sinnott, G. Stockton, J. Stockton, Teeling,

Thompson, Wainwright, Wall, Wallace, Wharton, Whitley, Woolfall, Wright and Zygadlo

There were no votes against the motion.

There were no abstentions.

RESOLVED: That the Council adopt the following resolution:

1. The policies outlined in this paper be adopted, including the budget and council tax for 2021/22, the savings set out in Appendix B and the Capital Programme set out in Appendix F.
2. That it be noted that at the meeting on 11 November 2020 the Council agreed the following:
 - (a) The Council Tax Base 2021/22 for the whole Council area is 35,182 (item T in the formula in Section 31B(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the Act) and
 - (b) For dwellings in those parts of its area to which a Parish precept relates, be set out as follows:

Parish	Tax Base
Hale	655
Daresbury	179
Moore	324
Preston Brook	357
Halebank	521
Sandymoor	1,326

being the amounts calculated by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Regulations, as the amounts of its Council Tax Base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which special items relate.

3. Calculate that the Council Tax requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2021/22 (excluding Parish precepts) is £54,508,880.
4. In accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (Sections 31 to 36), the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2021/22 and agreed as follows:
 - (a) £419,777,326 – being the aggregate of the amounts

which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the said Act, taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.

- (b) £365,121,739– being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
- (c) £54,655,587 – being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year (item R in the formula in Section 31A(4) of the Act).
- (d) £1,553.51 – being the amount at 3(c) above (item R), all divided by item T (2 above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).
- (e) £146,707 – being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act, each individual Parish precept being:

	£
Hale	43,724
Daresbury	6,700
Moore	5,625
Preston Brook	13,000
Halebank	39,085
Sandymoor	38,573

- (f) £1,549.34 being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by item T (2(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates.

- (g) Part of the Council's Area

	£
Hale	66.75
Daresbury	37.43
Moore	17.36
Preston Brook	36.41

Halebank	75.02
Sandymoor	29.09

being the amounts given by adding to the amounts at 3(e) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at 2(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings of its area to which one or more special items relate.

(h) Part of the Council's Area

Band	Hale	Daresbury	Moore	Preston Brook	Halebank	Sandymoor	All other Parts of the Council's Area
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
A	1,077.39	1,057.85	1,044.47	1,057.17	1,082.91	1,052.29	1,032.89
B	1,256.96	1,234.15	1,218.54	1,233.36	1,263.39	1,227.67	1,205.04
C	1,436.52	1,410.46	1,392.62	1,409.56	1,443.88	1,403.05	1,377.19
D	1,616.09	1,586.77	1,566.70	1,585.75	1,624.36	1,578.43	1,549.34
E	1,975.22	1,939.39	1,914.86	1,938.14	1,985.33	1,929.19	1,893.64
F	2,334.35	2,292.00	2,263.01	2,290.53	2,346.30	2,279.95	2,237.94
G	2,693.48	2,644.62	2,611.17	2,642.92	2,707.27	2,630.72	2,582.23
H	3,232.18	3,173.54	3,133.40	3,171.50	3,248.72	3,156.86	3,098.68

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 3(f) and 3(g) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in Valuation Band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

- It is further noted that for the year 2021/22 the Cheshire Police and Crime Commissioner has stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

	£
A	150.29
B	175.34
C	200.39
D	225.44
E	275.54
F	325.64
G	375.73
H	450.88

6. It is further noted that for the year 2021/22 the Fire Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with the Local Government Act 2003 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

	£
A	53.91
B	62.90
C	71.88
D	80.87
E	98.84
F	116.81
G	134.78
H	161.74

7. It is further noted that for the year 2021/22 the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with the Local Government Act 2003 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

	£
A	12.67
B	14.78
C	16.89
D	19.00
E	23.22
F	27.44
G	31.67
H	38.00

8. That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 4h, 5, 6 and 7 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2021/22 for each of the

categories of dwellings shown below:

Band	Hale	Daresbury	Moore	Preston Brook	Halebank	Sandymoor	All other Parts of the Council's Area
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
A	1,294.27	1,274.72	1,261.34	1,274.04	1,299.78	1,269.16	1,249.77
B	1,509.98	1,487.17	1,471.56	1,486.38	1,516.41	1,480.69	1,458.06
C	1,725.69	1,699.63	1,681.79	1,698.72	1,733.04	1,692.21	1,666.36
D	1,941.40	1,912.08	1,892.01	1,911.06	1,949.67	1,903.74	1,874.65
E	2,372.82	2,336.99	2,312.46	2,335.74	2,382.93	2,326.79	2,291.24
F	2,804.24	2,761.89	2,732.90	2,760.42	2,816.19	2,749.85	2,707.83
G	3,235.67	3,186.80	3,153.35	3,185.10	3,249.45	3,172.90	3,124.42
H	3,882.80	3,824.16	3,784.02	3,822.12	3,899.34	3,807.48	3,749.30

being satisfied that:

- (a) The total amount yielded by its Council Taxes for the said financial year will be sufficient, so far as is practicable, to provide for items mentioned at 4(a) to (c) above; and, to the extent that they are not, to be provided for by any other means.
 - (b) Those amounts which relate to a part only of its area will secure, so far as is practicable, that the precept or portion of a precept relating to such part will be provided for only by the amount yielded by such of its Council Taxes as relate to that part.
9. The Operational Director Finance be authorised at any time during the financial year 2021/22 to borrow on behalf of the Council by way of gross bank overdraft such sums as he shall deem necessary for the purposes of this paragraph, but not such that in any event the said overdraft at any time exceeds £10m on an individual bank account (£0.5m net across all bank accounts) as the Council may temporarily require.

COU23 CAPITAL STRATEGY 2021/22 (MINUTE EXB74 REFERS)

The Council considered a report of the Operational Director, Finance, on the Council's Capital Strategy for 2021/22.

Members noted that the Capital Strategy should be read in conjunction with the Treasury Management Statement, also considered at this meeting. The successful delivery of the Capital Strategy would assist the Council in planning and funding its

capital expenditure over the next three years.

RESOLVED: That Council approve the 2021/22 Capital Strategy, as presented in the Appendix attached to the report.

COU24 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT (MINUTE EXB75 REFERS)

The Council considered a report of the Operational Director, Finance, on the Treasury Management Statement, which incorporated the Annual Investment Strategy and the Minimum Revenue Provision Strategy for 2021/22.

RESOLVED: That Council adopt the policies, strategies, statements, prudential and treasury indicators, outlined in the report.

COU25 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2021-22 (MINUTE EXB78 REFERS)

The Council considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, on a calendar of meetings for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED: That the calendar of meetings for the 2021/22 Municipal Year, as appended to the report, be approved.

COU26 PAY POLICY STATEMENT

The Council considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, on the Pay Policy Statement for 2021/22.

The Localism Act 2011 required every local authority to prepare a Pay Policy Statement each year, which detailed the Council's approach to a range of issues relating to the pay of its employees, principally its Chief Officers and the Authority's lowest paid employees.

The purpose of the Statement was to provide transparency with regards to the Council's approach to setting the pay of its employees by identifying the following:-

- The methods by which salaries of all employees were determined;
- The details and level of remuneration of its most senior staff (i.e. its Chief Officers); and
- The Committee responsible for ensuring the provisions set out in the Statement were applied consistently throughout the Council and recommending any amendments to the Full Council.

The report also detailed the requirement from April 2018 for employers with more than 250 employees to report on the gender Pay Gap. The calculation was prescribed statutorily, based on a snapshot date of 31 March the previous year. Detailed information was published on the Council's web site.

The following information was included in the report:-

- Background to the Pay Structure;
- Senior Management Remuneration;
- Recruitment of Chief Officers;
- Additions to Salaries of Chief Officers;
- Pensions Contributions;
- Payments on Termination;
- Publication;
- Lowest Paid Employees; and
- Accountability and Decision Making.

RESOLVED: That the Pay Policy Statement for 2021/22 be adopted.

COU27 MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND PERFORMANCE BOARDS AND THE BUSINESS EFFICIENCY BOARD

The Council considered the reports of the following Boards in the period since the meeting of Council on 11 November 2020:-

- Children, Young People and Families;
- Employment, Learning and Skills and Community;
- Safer; and
- Corporate Services.

In moving the minutes of the Policy and Performance Boards and Business Efficiency Board, the Chairs, wished to record their thanks to all Officers for their work during the year. Councillor T. McInerney requested his thanks to all schools be recorded for their work and the service they had provided during the past year.

In moving the minutes of the Health Policy and Performance Board, the Chair, Councillor J. Lowe, wished to record her thanks to all the Officers, front line workers and partner agencies for all their work during the past year.

COU28 COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Council considered the reports of the following Committees in the period since the meeting of Council on 11 November 2020:-

- Development Control; and
- Regulatory

In moving the minutes of the Development Control Committee, the Chair, Councillor Nolan paid tribute to Councillor Morley who had recently passed away.

In moving the minutes of the Regulatory Committee, the Chair Councillor Wallace, wished to record her thanks to retiring Mayor, Councillor Margaret Horabin, for her many years of service as a Councillor and she wished her well for the future.

Meeting ended at 7.40 p.m.

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ALL OUT LOCAL ELECTIONS – THURSDAY 6 MAY 2021

Norton South & Preston Brook

Candidate: name:		Representing:	Number of votes:	Turnout %
Barnes	Philip Lincoln	Liberal Democrats	133	22.6%
Cargill [Cargill]	David Edward [Dave]	Labour Party	611	
Davidson	Peter	The Conservative Party Candidate	268	
Lloyd Jones	Martha	Labour Party	569	
Marlow	Michael Patrick	Liberal Democrats	191	
Stretch [Stretch]	Thomas [Tom]	Labour Party	592	
Wyna	Craig Michael	Independent	183	

Norton North

Candidate: name:		Representing:	Number of votes:	Turnout %
Bramwell	Irene	Labour Party	733	27.8%
Burnett	Adam Robert	The Conservative Party Candidate	449	
Hodge	Miriam Lorraine	Liberal Democrats	416	
Inch	Diane Marie	Liberal Democrats	474	
Lloyd Jones	Peter	Labour Party	587	
Logan	Geoffrey Michael	Labour Party	578	
Miller	Tracy Claire	Green Party	297	

Mersey & Weston

Candidate: name:		Representing:	Number of votes:	Turnout %
Baker	Daniel James	The Conservative Party Candidate	280	22.3%
Begg	Victoria	Labour Party	602	
Cargill	Gary Paul	Green Party	255	
Leck [Leck]	Rosemary Louise [Rosie]	Labour Party	515	
Plumpton-Walsh	Norman Lee	Labour Party	514	
Ratcliffe	Ernest	Liberal Democrats	308	
Redhead	Linda	Liberal Democrats	308	
Rowe	Joanne Allison	Liberal Democrats	274	
Spencer	Granville	The Conservative Party Candidate	203	

Hough Green

Candidate: name:		Representing:	Number of votes:	Turnout %
Baker	Sandra Marie	Labour Party	670	21.7%
Codling	David	Green Party	182	
Harris [Harris]	Philip John [Phil]	Labour Party	541	
Nguzo	Lyn Ruth	The Conservative Party Candidate	320	
Smith	Liam Anthony	Reform UK	123	
Wainwright	Kevan Peter	Labour Party	627	

Highfield

Candidate: name:		Representing:	Number of votes:	Turnout %
Gilligan [Gilligan]	Robert [Bob]	Labour Party	856	25.57%
Griffiths	Paul David	The Conservative Party Candidate	307	
Nolan	Paul Christopher	Labour Party	856	
Wall	Andrea Marie	Labour Party	929	

Halton View

Candidate: name:		Representing:	Number of votes:	Turnout %
Clarke	Tania Joni	The Conservative Party Candidate	325	23.89%
Fraser	Jake Peter	Reform UK	176	
McInerney [McInerney]	Thomas [Tom]	Labour Party	688	
Polhill [Polhill]	Robert Kenneth [Rob]	Labour Party	764	
Whitley	Louise Jane	Labour Party	629	

Halton Lea

Candidate: name:		Representing:	Number of votes:	Turnout %
Davidson	Sandra Margaret	The Conservative Party Candidate	211	20.8%
Loftus [Loftus]	Kathleen Bernadette [Kath]	Labour Party	654	
Lowe	Alan Archie	Labour Party	590	
Thompson	Dave	Labour Party	627	
Woods	David John	Liberal Democrats	154	

Halton Castle

Candidate: name:		Representing:	Number of votes:	Turnout %
Borne	Laura	Liberal Democrats	144	21.9%
Cargill	Ellen	Labour Party	635	
Carlin	Christopher Martin	Labour Party	560	
Howard	Harry Neil	Labour Party	669	
Powell	Julie	The Conservative Party Candidate	229	
Whyte	Darrin David	Independent	234	

Grange

Candidate: name:		Representing:	Number of votes:	Turnout %
Abbott	John Bernard	Labour Party	634	20.1%
Dalton [Dalton]	Anthony James Johnson [Tony]	Liberal Democrats	165	
Dennett	Mark David	Labour Party	567	
Harper	Duncan James Robert	The Conservative Party Candidate	201	
Howard	Jonathan Neil	Liberal Democrats	108	
Lowe	Joan Margaret	Labour Party	636	
Rowan	Ruth Elizabeth	The Conservative Party Candidate	193	
Urquhart	Lee	The For Britian Movement	92	
Westman	Richard Stephen	Green Party	189	

Farnworth

Candidate: name:		Representing:	Number of votes:	Turnout %
Dawson	Ann Elizabeth	The Conservative Party Candidate	622	27.5%
Harper	Philip	The Conservative Party Candidate	630	
Hicks Caddick	Simon	Reform UK	183	
Hill [Hill]	Valerie [Val]	Labour Party	763	
McInerney	Angela	Labour Party	916	
Teeling	Aimee	Labour Party	798	

Ditton, Hale Village & Halebank

Candidate: name:		Representing:	Number of votes:	Turnout %
Dourley [Dourley]	Edward [Eddie]	Labour Party	795	26.2%
Jones	Nigel Alaister	The Conservative Party Candidate	354	
Wharton [Wharton]	Michael Colin [Mike]	Labour Party	903	
Wright	Marie	Labour Party	745	

Daresbury, Moore & Sandymoor

Candidate: name:		Representing:	Number of votes:	Turnout %
Bradshaw	John Christopher	The Conservative Party Candidate	553	33.42%
Bradshaw	Marjorie	The Conservative Party Candidate	496	
Davidson	Sian Fiona Alexandra	The Conservative Party Candidate	465	
Dyer	Andrew	Green Party	485	
Horton	Pj	Labour Party	322	
Hughes	Colin William	Labour Party	319	
Secker	John Segrue	Liberal Democrats	304	
Secker [Secker]	Karen Veronica [Loulie]	Liberal Democrats	275	

Central & West Bank

Candidate: name:		Representing:	Number of votes:	Turnout %
Coveney	Romana Aleksandra	Liberal Democrats	113	15.9%
Fifield	John Grant	The Conservative Party Candidate	111	
Hill [Hill]	Stanley James [Stan]	Labour Party	478	
Hutchinson	Noel	Labour Party	429	
McLean	Joanne Lesley	The Conservative Party Candidate	140	
Wallace	Pamela	Labour Party	535	

Bridgewater

Candidate: name:		Representing:	Number of votes:	Turnout %
Dorian	David James	The Conservative Party Candidate	317	22.5%
Howard	Suzanne Nicola	Liberal Democrats	249	
Nelson	Stefan Michael John	Labour Party	745	
Plumpton Walsh	Carol Patricia	Labour Party	648	
Stockton	John Robert	Labour Party	648	

Birchfield

Candidate: name:		Representing:	Number of votes:	Turnout %
Ball	Angela Heather	Labour Party	937	29.06%
Fry [Fry]	Michael [Mike]	Labour Party	815	
Harper	Colleen Mary	The Conservative Party Candidate	658	
Powell	John Robert	The Conservative Party Candidate	775	
Soley	Darren Stephen James	The Conservative Party Candidate	591	
Tebbay	Andrew Peter	Liberal Democrats	228	
Woolfall [Woolfall]	William Thomas [Bill]	Labour Party	826	

Beechwood & Heath

Candidate: name:		Representing:	Number of votes:	Turnout %
Bentley	Rhona Margret	Independent	108	36%
Clarke	Daniel David	The Conservative Party Candidate	532	
Dennett	Andrea	Labour Party	640	
Heath	David	Green Party	285	
Lea-Wood	Susan Angela	Labour Party	499	
Loftus [Loftus]	Christopher Anthony [Chris]	Labour Party	594	
Moss	Thomas Peter	The Conservative Party Candidate	446	
Ratcliffe	Margaret Anna	Liberal Democrats	925	
Rowe [Rowe]	Christopher [Chris]	Liberal Democrats	825	
Stockton	Gareth Charles	Liberal Democrats	739	

Bankfield

Candidate: name:		Representing:	Number of votes:	Turnout %
Bevan	Laura Jane	Labour Party	653	22%
Goodall	Louise Margaret	Labour Party	662	
Hodnett	Joshua Nathan	The Conservative Party Candidate	298	
McDermott [McDermott]	Anthony Maurice [Tony]	Labour Party	722	

Appleton

Candidate: name:		Representing:	Number of votes:	Turnout %
Jones [Jones]	Edward David [Eddie]	Labour Party	760	21.4%
Molyneux	Cameron Logan James	The Conservative Party Candidate	212	
Philbin [Philbin]	Gerald [Ged]	Labour Party	630	
Teeling	Angela	Labour Party	593	

REPORT TO: Council

DATE: 21 May 2021

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community and Resources

PORTFOLIO: Resources

SUBJECT: Annual Review of Constitution 2021

WARDS: Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to seek the approval of the Council to a number of changes to the Constitution.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That Council be recommended to approve the changes to the Constitution including the matters set out in Appendix 1.

3.0 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The revised version picks up the changes to the Council's working arrangements that have taken place during the year, as well as other changes which are intended to assist the Council to operate more effectively.
- 3.2 The proposals for change have been considered by the Chief Executive and the Executive Board Member for Resources in accordance with Article 16.02. Apart from the purely technical changes, the proposed amendments that are considered to be of particular significance are listed in Appendix 1 to this report.
- 3.3 It is intended to bring a further report to Council at its meeting in July. This will deal with committee structures going forward, and a revised Code of Conduct for Members. The Local Government Association have recently produced a new model code which is being considered along with emerging guidance. Should the Council adopt a new code in July, training on it will be provided to all Members at around that time, and it may well be that declarations and registrations of interests will need to be handled slightly differently.

4.0 POLICY, FINANCIAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 All legislative changes have been considered. However, no further amendments, over and above those already outlined, are required at the

present time. Any other required changes during the period 2021/22 will be the subject of further reports when dates and details are available.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

5.1 Children and Young People in Halton.

5.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton.

5.3 A Healthy Halton.

5.4 A Safer Halton.

5.5 Halton's Urban Renewal.

The changes proposed are designed to support the continued delivery of the Council's priorities.

6.0 RISK ANALYSIS

6.1 The Council needs to ensure that its Constitution is regularly updated so that it continues to support efficient, transparent and accountable decision-making by the authority.

7.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

7.1 None.

8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

None under the meaning of the Act.

Appendix 1

Proposed Significant Changes to the Constitution

Finance Standing Orders

Para 3.4 - Certifying Officers has been amended to provide additional flexibility to delegate authority up to £100k to a nominated manager where there is no Divisional Manager in a departmental structure.

Minor updates to align with some technical terms used elsewhere in the Constitution, for example reporting of capital expenditure in accordance with the Capital Guidance already reported annually to the Executive Board; processing of authorised virements through the Agresso system.

Procurement Standing Orders

Removal of references to European Union legislation throughout the whole section, following the UK's exit from the European Union.

Standing Orders Relating to Staff

Amendment to SO 59 and additional 59A relating to the engagement of agency workers. This is to ensure that all forms of resourcing are covered by the Constitution. Where the procured contract is used, but a resource cannot be delivered by the agencies party to that contract, the requestor falls back onto Procurement Standing Orders to explore an off-contact arrangement.

Designation of Strategic Director – People

As the strategic safeguarding lead for Prevent and Channel with responsibilities for ensuring compliance by the Council, for the purposes of s36 of the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 and any amending legislation.

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