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## Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board

Wednesday, 22 June 2022 6.30 p.m.  
Council Chamber - Town Hall, Runcorn

S. Young

### Chief Executive

### BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Councillor Bill Woolfall (Chair)	Labour
Councillor Mike Fry (Vice-Chair)	Labour
Councillor Angela Ball	Labour
Councillor Dave Cargill	Labour
Councillor Sian Davidson	Conservative
Councillor Robert Gilligan	Labour
Councillor Stan Hill	Labour
Councillor Geoffrey Logan	Labour
Councillor Tony McDermott	Labour
Councillor Tom Stretch	Labour
Councillor Sharon Thornton	Labour Party

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IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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**ENVIRONMENT AND URBAN RENEWAL POLICY AND PERFORMANCE BOARD**

*At a meeting of the Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board on Wednesday, 16 February 2022 at the Council Chamber - Town Hall, Runcorn*

Present: Councillors Woolfall (Chair), Fry (Vice-Chair), Ball, D. Cargill, Dyer, Gilligan, S. Hill, Logan, McDermott, Stretch and Thornton

Apologies for Absence: None

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: G. Ferguson, T. Gibbs, I Boyd and J. Unsworth

Also in attendance: 3 Members of the public and Councillor Wall

**ITEM DEALT WITH  
UNDER DUTIES  
EXERCISABLE BY THE BOARD**

EUR27 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17 November 2020 having been circulated were signed as a correct record.

EUR28 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

In accordance with Standing Order No.34 (9), the following public questions were submitted to the Board by email:

**QUESTION 1 - Mr Millea – Minute No 30**

Why was the temporary cremator allowed to run unattended overnight on Monday 31 January 2022 during gale force winds which could have resulted in catastrophic incident and what was the result of the incident investigation as my complaint re this has not yet been addressed by the Council.

**RESPONSE:**

The temporary crematory was not knowing left active during the night/early hours of Monday 31 January and Tuesday 1 February.

*Action*

The fact that it was active was only discovered by Council staff at 07:30am on Tuesday 1 February when they arrived on site and discovered that the unit had not shut down correctly and was running in idle.

We have put measures in place to ensure that this does not happen again.

The cremator software has been updated so that it will automatically shut down after one hour of being in idle mode.

As a further safeguard, the gas is shut off at the end of each day.

**SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION:**

When and on what date is the “temporary” cremator going to be removed, and if no firm date is available – why not It should be an agenda item on this committee meeting until the temp cremator is removed?

Why the temporary cremator is sited less than 50 metres from the local housing which is in breach of the Government regulations for siting and positioning of 182 metres minimum *17. The Cremation Act 1902 (Section 5) provides that no crematorium shall be constructed nearer to any dwelling house than 200 yards (182.880m)\*, except with the consent in writing of the owner, lessee and occupier of such house, nor within 50 yards (45.720m) of any public highway, nor in the consecrated part of a burial ground.*

**RESPONSE:**

The installation of the new replacement cremator is scheduled to take place in June 2022 and after it is installed and fully commissioned, we will be in a position to consider its removal.

Due to factors beyond our control, we are not currently in a position to advise how long the installation and commissioning period may be.

Arising from the discussion, it was agreed that an update report would be provided to the next Board meeting if the temporary cremator had not been removed.

**QUESTION 2 – Mr Ferguson – Minute No 32**

With reference to the Annual Road Traffic Collision and



Casualty report, section 4.3 Halton's 2021 Programme.

I applaud the Council's efforts in working with Cheshire Police to improve the safety of pedestrians, particularly around schools. The 'Show you care, park elsewhere' scheme is especially welcomed.

However, as noted in the Halton 2000 Traffic Collisions Review, poor driver behaviour and the difficulty in educating drivers remains a serious concern.

The Halton Castle Ward includes 5 Primary schools, serving over 700 children. St Mary's Primary feels the need to install parking buddies to remind drivers to park safely, and Halton Castle Police regularly have to take enforcement action around St Mary's, The Brow and Bridgewater Park Primary Schools. Local residents close to Astmoor and St Augustine's Primary schools have also raised concerns to me about dangerous parking around those schools.

No home in Halton Castle is more than 10 minutes-walk from the nearest Primary school, and over a third of our residents do not have access to a car. This combined with the safety concerns noted earlier, indicate that Halton Castle would be the perfect place to use as a testing ground for School Streets.

The School Streets programme brings a collective approach to road safety around schools. It brings together the school, parents and children, local residents, the Police and the Local Authority, to develop practical and local solutions that reduce or eliminate road traffic around schools at the start and end of the day. As well as road safety benefits, headteachers report that children are much more alert and their learning experience improves when they walk, scoot or ride to school.

Will the Council consider implementing School Streets in Halton Castle, using this as a testing ground for the possible wider implementation across the Borough, if the benefits can be demonstrated?

**RESPONSE:**

Regarding the possibility of trialling a School Street initiative in the Halton Castle Ward.

Firstly, the possibility of installing a School Street at a Primary School in Halton was explored recently and was discounted for a number of reasons. Halton Borough

Council, unlike the overwhelming majority of Local Authorities, does not operate Civil Parking Enforcement and we are totally reliant on Cheshire Police to undertake all enforcement action. As such, we do not operate residents' only parking schemes anywhere in the Borough (Cheshire Police are unwilling to enforce these restrictions) and given that some form of residents' permit is a requirement of any new Traffic Management Order, it is difficult to envisage how such a scheme could operate in Halton.

We are also constrained by a lack of resources and from a financial perspective, the use of rising bollards and ANPR cameras is not something we could fund from existing budgets. We also don't have sufficient staff to deploy at School Street sites to install temporary signage and barriers. Likewise, the school where this type of initiative was explored indicated that they do not have enough staff available to put out and take in temporary traffic barriers, or space to store them. I imagine that this would be a similar picture at other schools.

Looking at the collision statistics for the five Primary Schools in Halton Castle, there have been no recorded injury collisions on the approach roads to four of the schools in the previous five years. There has been one recorded injury collision (a slight) on Kingshead Close, adjacent to Astmoor Primary School. This collision occurred in January 2017, at 12:49pm and not during the school run.

#### EUR29 EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

The Board considered the Minutes of the meetings of the Executive Board relevant to the Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes be received.

#### EUR30 PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORTS FOR QUARTER 3 OF 2021/22

The Board received a report from the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, which presented the Performance Monitoring Reports for Quarter 3 of 2021/22.

The reports related to the following functional areas which reported to the Board and detailed progress against service objectives and milestones, and performance targets and provided information relating to key developments and emerging issues that had arisen during the period:

- Development and Investment Services;
- Highways and Transportation, Logistics and Development Services;
- Waste and Environmental Improvement and Open Space Services; and
- Housing Strategy.

Arising from the discussion it was agreed that a report on the impact of lockdown measures on local centres would be brought to a future meeting.

RESOLVED: That the third quarter performance monitoring reports be received and noted.

EUR31 RECEIPT OF PETITION - TO AMALGAMATE BUS STOPS ON HALE ROAD, HALE BANK

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Community and Resources, which advised on a petition received from the residents of Halebank, requesting the amalgamation of bus stops in the Halebank area with a view to removing two bus stops located on Hale Road. The petition had been signed by 152 residents.

The petition suggested that by removing two bus stops and the 82a service calling at an alternative bus stop at Pickerings Road terminus would be more beneficial for passengers and improve traffic flow in the area. However, removing the bus stops would increase the number of road crossings for passengers. In addition the bus operator had also expressed concern that removing the bus stops would increase the turning manoeuvres accessing and egressing the proposed alternative bus stop at Pickerings Road. There was also concern that journeys may be delayed especially in the peak periods. The operator had indicated that they had not experienced any issues whilst observing the two bus stops and would be opposed to the removal. Also if the operator chose not to service the proposed alternative bus stop in the petition this would result in passengers having to walk a greater distance to the bus stops at Foundary Lane.

It was noted that the bus stops had been in place in the current location for a significant number of years with no incidents or issues reported.

The Board also considered a statement from Mr Maxwell on behalf of Halebank Parish Council, in support of the petition. The statement had been emailed to Board members prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the petition be noted;
- 2) following consideration of the request in the petition to remove the two bus stops on Hale Road and also consideration of the concerns of the bus operator and that the operator is opposed to their removal, the Board agreed that the bus stops should remain in place and operational; and
- 3) the local Ward members be informed of the outcome of the Board's consideration of the petition.

EUR32 ANNUAL ROAD TRAFFIC COLLISION & CASUALTY REPORT

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, which gave details of road traffic collision and casualty numbers within the Borough.

The Board was advised that Appendix A to the report set out full details of the numbers of traffic collisions and casualties in the year 2020, and compared these figures with those from previous years. There was a considerable reduction in the number of people slightly injured as compared to 2019 with the number of those killed or seriously injured also decreasing by a similar margin.

Of those killed or seriously injured, the number of adults decreased by 11. However, due to the low numbers recorded annually in Halton, this number did fluctuate from year to year.

Overall, given that the country was in lockdown for large parts of 2020, the number of road traffic collisions was always going to fall, as traffic on roads fell to levels not seen for many decades. However when comparing Halton's 2020 road traffic collision record with neighbouring authorities in Cheshire or the Liverpool City Region, the reduction in casualty numbers compared favourably.

In addition, the report highlighted the 2021 programme of work which would cover road traffic collision reduction schemes, road safety education, training and publicity and included an outline of the work of the Road Safety Team.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the overall progress made on casualty reduction in Halton over the past decade be noted; and
- 2) the programme of road safety collision reduction schemes, road safety education, training and publicity be endorsed.

*Meeting ended at 7.45 p.m.*

**REPORT TO:** Environment and Urban Renewal Policy & Performance Board

**DATE:** 22 June 2022

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources

**SUBJECT:** Public Question Time

**WARD(s):** Borough-wide

### **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To consider any questions submitted by the Public in accordance with Standing Order 34(9).
- 1.2 Details of any questions received will be circulated at the meeting.

### **2.0 RECOMMENDED: That any questions received be dealt with.**

### **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 3.1 Standing Order 34(9) states that Public Questions shall be dealt with as follows:-
- (i) A total of 30 minutes will be allocated for dealing with questions from members of the public who are residents of the Borough, to ask questions at meetings of the Policy and Performance Boards.
  - (ii) Members of the public can ask questions on any matter relating to the agenda.
  - (iii) Members of the public can ask questions. Written notice of questions must be given by 4.00 pm on the working day prior to the date of the meeting to the Committee Services Manager. At any one meeting no person/organisation may submit more than one question.
  - (iv) One supplementary question (relating to the original question) may be asked by the questioner, which may or may not be answered at the meeting.
  - (v) The Chair or proper officer may reject a question if it:-
    - Is not about a matter for which the local authority has a responsibility or which affects the Borough;
    - Is defamatory, frivolous, offensive, abusive or racist;

- Is substantially the same as a question which has been put at a meeting of the Council in the past six months; or
  - Requires the disclosure of confidential or exempt information.
- (vi) In the interests of natural justice, public questions cannot relate to a planning or licensing application or to any matter which is not dealt with in the public part of a meeting.
- (vii) The Chair will ask for people to indicate that they wish to ask a question.
- (viii) **PLEASE NOTE** that the maximum amount of time each questioner will be allowed is 3 minutes.
- (ix) If you do not receive a response at the meeting, a Council Officer will ask for your name and address and make sure that you receive a written response.

Please bear in mind that public question time lasts for a maximum of 30 minutes. To help in making the most of this opportunity to speak:-

- Please keep your questions as concise as possible.
- Please do not repeat or make statements on earlier questions as this reduces the time available for other issues to be raised.
- Please note public question time is not intended for debate – issues raised will be responded to either at the meeting or in writing at a later date.

#### **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

None.

#### **5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

None.

#### **6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

6.1 **Children and Young People in Halton** - none.

6.2 **Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton** - none.

6.3 **A Healthy Halton** – none.

6.4 **A Safer Halton** – none.

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal** – none.

**7.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

7.1 None.

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

8.1 There are no background papers under the meaning of the Act.



**REPORT TO:** Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board

**DATE:** 22 June 2022

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Chief Executive

**SUBJECT:** Executive Board Minutes

**WARD(s):** Boroughwide

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The Minutes relating to the relevant Portfolio which have been considered by the Executive Board are attached at Appendix 1 for information.
- 1.2 The Minutes are submitted to inform the Policy and Performance Board of decisions taken in their area.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Minutes be noted.**

## **3.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 None.

## **4.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 None.

## **5.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

### **5.1 Children and Young People in Halton**

None

### **5.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton**

None

### **5.3 A Healthy Halton**

None

### **5.4 A Safer Halton**

None

### **5.5 Halton's Urban Renewal**

None

**6.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

6.1 None.

**7.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

7.1 None.

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

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**APPENDIX 1**

**Extract of Executive Board Minutes Relevant to the Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 17 FEBRUARY 2022**

**ENVIRONMENT AND URBAN RENEWAL, HEALTH AND WELLBEING AND CLIMATE CHANGE PORTFOLIOS**

**EXB73 DECARBONISING EXISTING HOMES IN HALTON**

The Board received a report from the Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community and Resources, which set out the approach for the local delivery of a number of UK Government funding and finance initiatives, to improve the energy efficiency and performance of existing residential properties.

It was reported that based on the evidence of the scale of the challenge and opportunity in Halton, a strategic approach was required to guide the implementation of the programme. This would be achieved through partnership working and would prioritise the least energy efficient homes and those households experiencing or at risk of fuel poverty.

The report described in detail the initiatives and funding schemes available in relation to reducing carbon emissions from UK homes, under the following headings:

- UK Government policy and funding;
- Halton and Liverpool City Region perspective;
- Energy Company Obligation;
- Challenges and opportunities in Halton;
- Delivery in Halton; and
- Strategic approach to delivery.

It was noted that although that these schemes and initiatives dealt with improving the energy performance of existing homes in Halton, the Council were also committed and developing a strategy to improve the energy efficiency of new build housing. This would outline opportunities to accelerate delivery of Net Zero homes within the Borough ahead of UK Government targets and introduction of new Future Homes Standards.

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- Enterprise,  
Community and  
Resources

RESOLVED: That Executive Board

- 1) recognised the progress being made to support the decarbonisation of homes in Halton;
- 2) approves the strategic approach to delivery of decarbonising homes in Halton, as outlined in paragraph 3.26, to guide Council activity;
- 3) provides delegated authority to the Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community and Resources, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Climate Change, to enter the Council into collaboration agreements with the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority, to deliver housing energy retrofit grant schemes;
- 4) provides delegated authority to the Director of Public Health, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing and Portfolio Holder for Climate Change, to approve future revisions to ECO Flex criteria for Halton;
- 5) agrees that The Energy Projects Plus are engaged via the existing Service Level Agreement to provide ongoing advice and support to the Council to target delivery of energy retrofit grant schemes and subject to future review; and
- 6) agrees that future targets and monitoring in relation to decarbonising existing homes forms part of the Halton Climate Change Action Plan and Boroughwide Carbon Reduction Strategy.

## **ENVIRONMENT AND URBAN RENEWAL PORTFOLIO**

### **EXB74 PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES FOR STREET LIGHTING ENERGY PROCUREMENT**

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community and Resources, which sought approval for the Council to utilise Dukefield Energy (formerly Utilities Procurement Group UPG), as specialist energy advisor for the Council's un-metered electricity supply contract for street lighting, utilising the 'National Public Sector Energy Framework' in accordance with Procurement Standing Order 1.4.1 and to record that the

anticipated expenditure was likely to be over £1m per annum.

The report provided some information in respect of Dukefield, who were energy procurement specialists to the public sector. They had procured energy for the Council since 2002; the companies awarded since then were listed, with SEE Energy being the current provider until 31 March 2022. Approval was sought for Dukefield to invite tenders on the Council's behalf for the supply of energy from April 2022 onwards, for a period of between 12 and 36 months, as recommended.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the Board endorse the use of the 'National Public Sector Energy Framework' for the purchase of unmetered energy in compliance with Procurement Standing Order 1.4.1;
- 2) it be recorded that the expenditure was anticipated to be in excess of £1m per annum; and
- 3) Dukefield Energy continue to be used to manage the Council's street lighting energy provision.

Strategic Director  
- Enterprise,  
Community and  
Resources

## **CLIMATE CHANGE PORTFOLIO**

### **EXB75 HALTON SMART MICRO GRID**

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community and Resources, which presented proposals for the development of a Smart Micro Grid.

Further to the completion of a 1 MW Solar Farm on the former St Michael's Golf Course, further feasibility work had been undertaken to see if there was scope to extend the Solar Farm and create a Micro Grid connecting the Municipal Building, Lowerhouse Lane Depot and the new Leisure Centre in Moor Lane.

Members were presented with the business case, which included outline budget estimates for the scheme. The report described how this proposal would benefit the Council with its ambitions to decarbonise Council buildings electricity, and heating and transport, via the culmination of

several technologies.

RESOLVED: That the Executive Board approves a funding allocation of £250,000 to allow a technical consultant to be appointed to support the Project, including seeking a planning permission and to develop the required documentation to allow tenders to be invited for a Design, Build and Maintenance contract.

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## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 17 MARCH 2022

### ENVIRONMENT AND URBAN RENEWAL PORTFOLIO

#### EXB85 HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRES - VEHICULAR ACCESS POLICY

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director - Enterprise, Community and Resources, which provided information in respect of Halton's Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) and requested approval of the proposed changes to the current HWRC Access Policy and associated Vehicle Permit Scheme.

The proposed changes to the current scheme were considered by the Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board on 17 November 2021. It was resolved by them that a report be presented to the Executive Board recommending the approval of a number of changes to the current policy.

The report outlined the reasons for the proposals being made and the revised Household Waste Recycling Centre Access Policy was set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the Council's Household Waste Recycling Centre booking system, as currently operating and as detailed within the report, be adopted as a replacement for the Vehicle Permit Scheme;
- 2) the number of visits that can be made to the council's Household Waste Recycling Centres in a commercial type vehicle, van or a large trailer be limited to one per week; and
- 3) the revised Household Waste Recycling Centre

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Access Policy, attached as Appendix 1 to the report, be adopted.

## **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 14 APRIL 2022**

### **ENVIRONMENT AND URBAN RENEWAL PORTFOLIO**

#### **EXB99 HIGHWAYS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT TERM CONTRACT TENDER**

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community and Resources, informing of the commencement of a procurement process for the provision of a Term Maintenance Contract, for the implementation of works and projects to deliver reactive, routine and planned highway works across the Borough.

It was noted that given the value of the contract, the Council's Constitution required that the Executive Board be informed at the beginning that such a tendering process is about to commence. The tendering of the contract would allow Halton Borough Council, as the Highway Authority, to deliver its current and future revenue and capital highway maintenance works from May 2023, when the current contract ends.

**RESOLVED:** That the Board note the intention to undertake a procurement exercise via The Chest with the purpose of securing an NEC4 Term Services Contract for the delivery of routine, reactive and planned highway improvement works across the Borough.

Strategic Director  
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Community and  
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### **CLIMATE CHANGE PORTFOLIO**

#### **EXB100 CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY & ACTION PLAN**

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community and Resources, which sought approval of a Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan for the Council's operations and activities.

Further to the Executive Board meeting on 9 December 2021, the Board agreed that the Council sets a target to be carbon neutral by 2040 and that an Action Plan be developed to support the objective of becoming carbon neutral by 2040. Members were presented with the Action Plan, appended to the report.

It was noted that there were two key considerations with regards to the Action Plan – having the necessary resources and the development of technologies to help deliver it, further detail was outlined in the report.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the attached Strategy and Action Plan be approved; and
- 2) further reports be brought to the Board as and when funding decisions arose to finance the actions identified.

Strategic Director  
- Enterprise,  
Community and  
Resources

EXB101 SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

The Board considered:

- 1) whether members of the press and public should be excluded from the meeting of the Board during consideration of the following items of business in accordance with Sub-Section 4 of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, because it was likely that, in view of the nature of the business to be considered, exempt information would be disclosed, being information defined in Section 100 (1) and paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972; and
- 2) whether the disclosure of information was in the public interest, whether any relevant exemptions were applicable and whether, when applying the public interest test and exemptions, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed that in disclosing the information.

RESOLVED: That as, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information, members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business, in accordance with Sub-Section 4 of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 because it was likely that, in view of the nature of the business, exempt information would be disclosed, being information defined in Section 100 (1) and paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local



Government Act 1972.

**ENVIRONMENT AND URBAN RENEWAL PORTFOLIO**

**EXB102 FOUNDRY LANE RESIDENTIAL**

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community and Resources, which gave an update on the progress of the regeneration project for residential development at Foundry Lane, Widnes.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) Council be asked to include the Foundry Lane regeneration project in the Capital Programme, to be funded as outlined in sections 3.2 and 5.0 of the report; and
- 2) the Board subsequently authorises the Operational Director for Economy, Enterprise and Property, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Urban Renewal, to finalise the Development Agreement discussions.

Strategic Director  
- Enterprise,  
Community and  
Resources

**EXB103 ASTMOOR REGENERATION PROGRAMME**

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community and Resources, which gave an update on the progress of the Astmoor Regeneration Project and sought approval to formally appoint a Joint Venture partner following a full, open and competitive procurement procedure, in order to implement the Astmoor Regeneration Masterplan.

RESOLVED: That the Board approves the formal appointment of the Council's Joint Venture partner, as part of the wider Astmoor Regeneration Project.

Strategic Director  
- Enterprise,  
Community and  
Resources

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board
<b>DATE:</b>	22 June 2022
<b>REPORTING OFFICER:</b>	Operational Director – Policy, Planning & Transportation
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Draft Annual Report 2021-22
<b>PORTFOLIO:</b>	Environment and Urban Renewal
<b>WARDS:</b>	All

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To provide the Board with an annual summary of its work for the period 2021-22.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the Draft Annual Report contained in Appendix 1 is endorsed.**

## **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 3.1 The primary function of the Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board (EUR PPB) is to focus on the work of the Council (and its partners) in securing environmental improvements and urban regeneration.
- 3.2 During the 2021/22 Municipal Year, the Board met on four occasions and considered a number of reports, covering a diverse range of subjects pertinent to the Board's remit.
- 3.3 The PPB also received regular updates on service performance targets.

## **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The Board has reviewed and recommended a substantial amount of policy changes across a range of topics in 2021/22. These policy areas are set out in Appendix 1.

## **5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 There are no financial implications arising from the Annual Report...

## **6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

### **6.1 Children and Young People in Halton**

The work of the PPB supports future generations in Halton by ensuring a clean and safe environment.

### **6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton**

This PPB supports the infrastructure in Halton that helps with job creation and sustainable transport links to employment.

### **6.3 A Healthy Halton**

The work of the PPB contributes towards a less polluted environment and helps to create a green infrastructure.

### **6.4 A Safer Halton**

The PPB supports designing out crime and developing safer communities.

### **6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal**

This PPB scrutinised the work undertaken in bringing forward regeneration projects.

## **7.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

N/A

## **8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

N/A

## **9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

<b>Document</b>	<b>Place of Inspection</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>
N/A		

## FOREWORD

*“The role and remit of the PPB is wide ranging and covers topics that affect everyone across the Borough every day, for example road safety, waste management, housing, and green spaces, to name just a few. The Board has covered a variety of specialist themes and topics during the last 12 months. I hope that the short summary outlined in this annual report adequately reflects this.*

*I am grateful, as always, to PPB Members for their enthusiasm and valuable contributions at our meetings. The quality of the discussions is always impressive, giving the PPB a vital role in informing and improving the Council’s policies and procedures, and ensuring value for money in the delivery of the services provided to Halton’s residents and businesses.*

*This last year has seen the recovery from the Covid pandemic take place. Halton has been on the front foot with the opening of Runcorn Station Quarter to welcome visitors, connect business, and enhance sustainable travel choices. There has been plenty of progress toward tackling climate change for example the rollout of on-street electrical vehicle charge points, 70km of new active travel routes, solar initiatives to power Council buildings, electric fleet vehicles, and over 15,000 street lamps replaced with energy efficient LEDs. The new Delivery and Allocations Local Plan was adopted in March 2022, setting out a new 15-year vision for protecting Halton’s environment and accommodating the growth that our communities need. I am proud the Board continues to shape and champion project such as these.*

*Sadly, this year the Board lost the sharp eye and quick mind of Councillor Harry Howard, who passed on and will be missed by all of us.”*

Councillor Bill Woolfall  
Chair, Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2021 - 2022**

### **MEMBERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Board comprised eleven Councillors:-

Councillor Bill Woolfall (Chairman)

Councillor Mike Fry (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Angela Ball

Councillor Dave Cargill

Councillor Andrew Dyer

Councillor Robert Gilligan

Councillor Stan Hill

Councillor Harry Howard

Councillor Geoffrey Logan

Councillor Tony McDermott

Councillor Tom Stretch

Councillor Sharon Thornton

The primary function of the Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board (EUR PPB) is to focus on enhancing the local environment and championing the urban renewal / regeneration of Halton. The Board reviews Executive Board decisions relevant to its remit, and monitors the general activities and performance of Council departments against service plans.

The Board scrutinises performance and formulates policy in relation to the following areas:

- Highways, Transportation and Logistics (including road maintenance, street, lighting, road safety, traffic management, supported bus services and flood risk management)
- Landscape Services, Parks & Countryside, Cemeteries & Crematoria
- Environmental and Regulatory Services
- Major Projects
- Economic Regeneration and Business Development
- Waste Management and Waste Strategy
- Derelict and Contaminated Land
- Housing Strategic Policy
- Sustainability, Climate Change and Biodiversity
- Physical Environment and Planning policies

### **REVIEW OF THE YEAR**

The Board met 4 times during the Municipal Year 2021/22:

- 23 June 2021
- 22 September 2021
- 17 November 2021
- 16 February 2022

Some of the main activities and issues that have come before the Board during the year are set out below.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

- Mersey Tidal Project

The Board received a presentation from Martin Land, Liverpool City Region (LCR), on the Mersey Tidal Project. The project complemented the aspirations of the Council's environmental plans and is expected to provide the LCR with a clean source of energy generation. The presentation outlined the project parameters which included details on how much power (electricity) could be generated and the benefits of the project to the Merseyside region. The Board was advised on how the project would engage and listen with stakeholders and also the next steps to secure Government funding for the project.

- Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC) – Vehicle Access Policy

The Board endorsed the proposed changes to the current HWRC Vehicle Access Policy and associated Vehicle Permit Scheme. It was noted that since 13 July 2020, the Vehicle Permit Scheme had been suspended and a HWRC booking system had been developed and put in place to control visits to the sites for a certain vehicle type. An outline of the booking system, which could be made over the phone or by completing an online form via the Council's website, was presented to Members. Under the current policy, residents could make unlimited visits in a large van or with a trailer to deposit general waste and recyclable materials. However, since May 2020, visits had been restricted to a maximum of one per week. It was considered that this was sufficient to meet a householders requirements, and along with the HWRC booking system, should be formally adopted as part of a replacement for the Vehicle Permit Scheme.

- Pavement Café Licences

The purpose of the Policy was to support the legislative changes brought about by the Business and Planning Act 2020. The Policy would be temporary until 30 September 2022 or such other date defined in legislation. Members were advised that the Policy document introduced a streamlined route for businesses such as cafes, restaurants and bars to secure a licence to place furniture on the highway until 30 September 2022. This would support them to operate safely whilst social distancing measures remained in place and would improve the viability of hospitality businesses and protect as many hospitality jobs as possible.

## **URBAN RENEWAL**

- Runcorn Town Deal

The Board received an update on the proposed projects contained within the Runcorn Town Investment Plan and the next steps in delivering the Plan. The presentation included the timeline for the next stages required to develop business cases for each of the following individual projects as well as emerging work on programme management and communications:

- Runcorn Station Quarter;
- Residential development;
- High street connectivity;
- Digital and creative;
- Brindley development;
- Unlock the locks; and
- Health and education hub

- Industrial Odours and Amenity Impacts

The Board invited a number of industrial operators and their regulatory body to an informal meeting of the Board to discuss how off-site impacts from processes could be reduced, together with any planned investments operators were making in their sites. The Board underlined their concerns to the operators about potential environment impacts.

## **TRANSPORT**

A key statutory duty of the Council is ensuring that the local transport network is well maintained, safe, and efficient for all users and is adapting to respond to the climate emergency.

- Alternative fuelled Vehicles and Infrastructure

The Board was advised that in Autumn 2019, The Office of Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV) invited applications for the Residential On-Street Charging Point Fund. The focus of this particular fund was to reduce the barriers to electric vehicle ownership due to the lack of personal parking spaces. A number of areas where car ownership was high and access to driveways was low were identified. The Council then submitted a successful application and received £74,250.00 from the OZEV. The funding supported 29 on-street residential Electric Charging Points (ECP). The Board also reviewed a proposal to expand the existing residential on-street electric vehicle charging network by adding up to 120 additional charging points across Halton. Details of the proposed location of these was outlined in the report. The next stage of the proposal was to consult with the communities identified and if community support for the proposal was obtained, an application would be prepared and submitted to OZEV as opportunities arose.

Later in the year, following an extensive consultation with a number of communities, the Board was informed of plans to make a further bid to The Office of Zero Emissions (OZEV) for a further six electric charging points in each of the following locations:

- Mersey Road, Runcorn;
- Brindley Street Car Park, Runcorn;
- Catalyst Museum Car Park, Widnes;
- Sharp Street, Widnes;
- Crow Wood Place Car Park, Widnes;
- Bechers Hough Green, Widnes; and
- Wharford Lane, Sandymoor.

The Board was advised that following feedback from phase one (delivered during 2020) that it was proposed that a limited number of the bays (1-2) would be marked for EV use only and this would be followed up with a supporting Traffic Order to allow enforcement. Additionally, an EV Taxi awareness day was held at the Halton Stadium in September 2021. A dozen vehicles were on display and approximately 70 drivers attended the event. It was noted that feedback showed that most found the event very useful and informative. It was proposed that subject to funding being identified, an incentive scheme would be developed to encourage taxi drivers to convert to electric vehicles. The scheme would be presented to a future Board meeting.

- Bus Service Improvement Plan

An overview was provided on the recent publication of the Bus Back Better Bus Strategy for England (the Strategy), the associated funding from the Department for Transport (DfT), and the requirement for Bus Service Improvement Plans (BSIPs). It was noted that the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority was the Local Transport Authority for Halton. A BSIP covering the City Region area would be submitted to the DfT by the Combined Authority in October 2021. The report set out Halton's 'ask' of Government in relation to bus service improvement in Halton that would feature in the CA BSIP.

- Annual Road Traffic Collision and Accident Report

The Board considered a report that set out full details of the numbers of road traffic collision and casualty numbers in the year 2020, and recommended a continuance of road safety programme for 2022. The Board welcomed the reduction in casualty numbers in recent years, with Halton recognised as one of the best performing, both regionally and nationally.

- Problem Pavement Parking

Prompted by the DfT consultation on nuisance parking, the Board considered it timely to look again at pavement parking in the Halton. A Working Party was established to review the current position and issues associated with pavement parking in Halton. The Working Party met virtually on 3<sup>rd</sup> February and



considered the legislative framework for parking enforcement and tackling highway obstruction. The WP also debated the merits and likely consequences of the DfT consultation, before moving on to discuss the areas of the Borough where pavement parking problems have been reported. The Board also considered an update on the progress of the Problem Pavement Parking Working Party. The Working Party had agreed an action plan, of which one specific action was to draft a letter to the Police and Crime Commissioner requesting their continued support in taking targeted enforcement action where pavement parking presented an ongoing problem.

- Petition for Change Speed Limit at Moore

A petition had been received by electronic delivery requesting alteration of the speed limit on a section of Runcorn Road, Moore from 40 mph to 30 mph. It was noted that this section of Runcorn Road was relatively flat and had open fields to the southern side; the northern side comprised low-density housing, set well back; pedestrian movements across the carriageway were minimal; the road was generally in good repair, well lit and subject to an environmental 7.5 tonne weight restriction; there was low-level of on street parking within the 40mph zone, especially at the eastern end. However no evidence or complaints of vehicles mounting the kerb and obstructing the footway; the Cheshire Road Safety Group, Cheshire Police and external consultants undertook a speed limit review in Halton in 2009. No changes were recommended for Runcorn Road; since 2009, automatic traffic counters had been installed on two occasions. Average speeds had reduced in this time, which was probably due to the increase in traffic using the route; and there had been one recorded injury collision within the relevant section of road since 2009. At the request of the Council, Cheshire Police had undertaken a site assessment and provided an opinion that, whilst they understood the desire of residents for a lower speed limit, they were concerned that the removal of the change in speed limit would not reflect the character of the road. It was the opinion of the Constabulary that the 40mph section felt open in nature and as such, 40mph was an appropriate speed limit. Therefore based on the advice from Cheshire Police, traffic specialists and the Council's road safety engineer, it was felt that retaining the existing 40mph speed limit was appropriate for this section of road.

- Petition to Amalgamate Bus Stops in Hale Bank

The two bus stops provide a stopping place in both directions for the service 82a which operates on a 30 minute frequency between Runcorn and Liverpool via Widnes. The petition suggested that by removing the bus stops on Hale Road and the 82a calling at the alternative bus stop at Pickerings Road terminus will be more beneficial for passengers and also improve traffic flow in the area. However, the withdrawal of the bus stops would increase left and right turn manoeuvres for the bus service and also increase carriageway crossings for passengers. Additionally, given that the operator is opposed to the removal of the bus stops, there is a risk that the alternative may not be observed and preference would be to observe the next bus stops on Hale Rd at Foundry Lane, thus potentially further increasing the distance to bus stops for passengers.

Given the recent Government announcement promoting bus use, reducing the number of bus stops could be seen as a negative move. The Board therefore did not endorse the proposal.

## **TOWN PLANNING**

The focus of the year was the updating of the Borough's Development Plan. The Delivery and Allocations Local Plan replaced the Unitary Development Plan and Core Strategy as the key statutory planning document for Halton. As a result, the Board received reports covering:

- **Halton Local Development Scheme**  
Councils are required to prepare and keep up to date Local Development Schemes that set out the timetable for production of their Local Plan(s). They identify and describe the Planning Policy documents that the Council intends to prepare and gives target dates for key stages in their production. This update covered the remaining stages in the preparation of the Delivery and Allocations Local Plan.
- **Halton Local Plan – post Submission Changes**  
The Board received an update on the Halton Delivery and Allocations Local Plan (DALP). The Plan was submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination on 5 March 2020. The examination process had taken place between March – June 2021 and a number of issues had been identified and needed to be resolved by 'Main Modifications to the Plan and subsequent changes to the Policies Map. The report updated Members on the expected changes needed to make the Local Plan 'sound' and capable of adoption by the Council.
- **Local List – Heritage Assets**  
The Board was advised that Halton, in partnership with Cheshire West, had received £70,000 funding from the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) towards creating a unified Cheshire Local List of built heritage assets. The register would play a key role in local and community identity and gave an understanding and appreciation of Cheshire's past. In addition, a Local List approach was considered as a community-driven dataset and it was hoped that engagement with the development of a local list would enable local communities to define local heritage significance on their own terms. Over the next six months, officers would be working with consultants – Headland Design Associates (HDA) on five target areas in Halton: Appleton, Daresbury, Farnworth, Hale and New Town. In these areas, HDA would work with local volunteers to identify locally significant heritage assets and develop them as proposals for the local list using the online Exegesis Local Heritage List Platform.

## **DURING 2022/23 THE BOARD PLANS TO FOCUS ON:**

- Supporting recovery plans in response to Covid-19
- Responding to Climate Change

- Assessing the impacts of Houses of Multiple Occupation on communities
- Improving performance indicators with negative trends.

**Contact Officer for the Board**

Members of the public are welcome at the meetings of the Board. If you would like to know where and when meetings are to be held or if you would like any more information about the Board or its work please contact Tim Gibbs, Operational Director 0151 511 7664.

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board
<b>DATE:</b>	22nd June 2022
<b>REPORTING OFFICER:</b>	Operational Director – Policy, People, Performance and Efficiency
<b>PORTFOLIO:</b>	Resources
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Performance Management Reports for Quarter 4 of 2021/22
<b>WARDS:</b>	Boroughwide

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To consider, and raise any questions or points of clarification, in respect of performance management for the final period to 31st March 2022.
- 1.2 Key priorities for development or improvement in 2021 - 22 were agreed by Members and included in Directorate Plans, for the various functional areas reporting to the Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board as detailed below:
  - Development and Investment Services
  - Highways and Transportation, Logistics and Development Services
  - Waste and Environmental Improvement and Open Space Services

The report details progress against service objectives and milestones, and performance targets and provides information relating to key developments and emerging issues that have arisen during the period.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDED: That the Policy and Performance Board**

- 1) Receive the final quarter performance management reports;
- 2) Consider the progress and performance information and raise any questions or points for clarification; and
- 3) Highlight any areas of interest and/or concern where further information is to be reported at a future meeting of the Board.

## **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 3.1 Departmental objectives provide a clear statement on what services are planning to achieve and to show how they contribute to the Council's strategic priorities. Such information is central to the Council's performance management arrangements and the Policy and Performance Board has a key role in monitoring performance and strengthening accountability.

#### **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There are no policy implications associated with this report.

#### **5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 There are no other implications associated with this report.

#### **6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

- 6.1 Departmental service objectives and performance measures, both local and national are linked to the delivery of the Council's priorities. The introduction of a Thematic Priority Based Report and the identification of business critical objectives/ milestones and performance indicators will further support organisational improvement.
- 6.2 Although some objectives link specifically to one priority area, the nature of the cross - cutting activities being reported, means that to a greater or lesser extent a contribution is made to one or more of the Council priorities.

#### **7.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

- 7.1 At the time at which annual business plans are developed, Directorate Risk Registers are also refreshed and updated.

#### **8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

- 8.1 Not applicable.

#### **9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTIONS 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

Not applicable

## Environment and Urban Renewal PPB – Priority Based Monitoring Report

Reporting Period: **Quarter 4 – 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

### 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This report provides an overview of issues and progress against key service objectives/milestones and performance targets, during the final quarter of 2021 / 22 for those service areas within the remit of the Environment and Urban Renewal (E&UR) Policy and Performance Board.
- 1.2 Key priorities for development or improvement in 2021 / 22 were agreed by Members and included in Directorate Plans, for the various functional areas reporting to the Environment & Urban Renewal Policy & Performance Board i.e.:
  - Development & Investment Services
  - Open Spaces and Waste and Environmental Improvement
  - Highways, Transportation & Logistics and Physical Environment
- 1.3 The emergence of the global COVID19 pandemic early in 2020 has had a significant and unavoidable impact upon Council services the full extent of which is yet to become known. The Council, along with key partner agencies, has prioritised its resources upon mitigating the serious risks to public health, the protection of vulnerable residents, and the social cohesion of the local community. In developing appropriate responses to emerging national and local priorities this situation is likely to remain the case for the foreseeable future.
- 1.4 The way in which traffic light symbols have been used to reflect progress to date is explained within Section 7 of this report.

### 2.0 Key Developments

- 2.1 There have been a number of developments within the Directorate during the period which include:-

#### 2.2 Regeneration Non-Town Centres

##### Sci-Tech Daresbury

- Project Violet reached practical completion in January 2022 and currently deals in legal which are likely to bring the buildings close to full occupancy early in 2022.
- Joint Venture continues with proposals for Ultra Violet – the next 180,000 sq ft on the corner site adjacent to Project Violet.
- Design work for a new crossing at Keckwick Lane is also being progressed alongside discussions to acquire expansion land for campus masterplan.

##### Murdishaw Estate

- In partnership with Onward homes, continue to work with the Community Design Team to progress proposals for improvements to the local centre and woodland area.
- Onward secured £3.6m Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund and are progressing proposals for the refurbishment of the bungalows.

## 2.3 Regeneration Town Centres

### Runcorn Town Deal

Amion have been appointed to complete all seven Towns Fund project business cases.

Further project development on all seven Towns Fund projects including RIBA 2 stages for the Brindley Theatre and the Creative and Digital Skills centre.

Development of a web site for the Towns Fund projects.

Start on site for the renovation of 71 High street, the first phase of the Digital and Creative Skills centre.

Appointed Arcadis to work with HBC and Runcorn Locks restoration Society on the information for the full business cases scoping works.

Appointed Cassidy and Ashton to complete RIBA stage 2 design for the Health and Education Hub.

### Halton Lea

Completion of the majority of the Liverpool City Region Towns Fund projects which are Culture HQ, Citizens advice relocation, start-up business's at the box and the relation of some hospital out-patient services in retail space.

### Astmoor Masterplan and Delivery Strategy

Commenced the appointment of a Joint Venture Partner to take forward the Masterplan and Delivery Strategy

### Ditton Corridor (Foundry Lane)

Secured Brownfield Land Funding to develop sites for residential purposes.

## 2.4 Business Improvement and Growth

### Business Grants Programme Procurement

Over the last quarter we have procured the delivery of phase three of the Business Growth Programme, the flagship programme delivered by the team to help local growing businesses with their expansion.

### Business Grants

We received 18 Trading On Scheme applications and 100 Trading on Scheme 2 Applications, of which 17 and 82 respectively were successful. A final grant scheme was designed to support businesses who have been impacted by the Omicron strain of Covid—19. In total more than 1,300 individual grants were progressed

### Economic Assessment

The Economic Assessment was finalised and will be consulted on before the close of the financial year. Revised elements in the economic assessment include, trade flow data, reported labour shortages and a specific review of the haulage industry.

### Business Brief

The business Brief continues to be a source of business critical information for businesses and organisations in Halton. It is the primary tool (in conjunction with the Council's website) for communications about new initiatives and developments delivered on a fortnightly basis.

## 2.5 External Funding

- 7 new funding enquiries in the quarter (compared to 11 this time last year)
- £270k secured in the period
- Bids submitted to the value of £1.1m
- Bids in draft £6.1m
- Monitoring bids to the value of around £36m, including Halton's Ways to Work Programme and Town Deal.

We have supported HBC and voluntary sector colleagues with a number of bids in this period, including: Changing Places Toilets Fund, Faith New Deal Pilot, One Public Estate for Runcorn Waterfront Development, DfT Loneliness with Transport Fund, Ineos Hydrogen SIF bid.

During the period the Team also supported the delivery of the LCR Cultural Awards. The Team continues to lead on the delivery of the Government's Welcome Back Fund in the Borough and the Celebrating Halton's Heritage project.

## **2.6 Highways, Transportation & Logistics and Physical Environment**

### **2.7 Highway Development**

Work continues on the team's statutory roles, including supporting development process from Local Plan to construction, in addition to supporting scheme funding and development, on behalf of the Council as Highway Authority and Lead Local Flood Authority functions/schemes. Survey results for highway condition and Public Rights of Way (PROW) have now been reported for this financial year. There has been a slight improvement in highway condition compared to the end of last financial year, this may be partly due to a change in Survey Company, ongoing asset management interventions and recent milder winters. PROW measure has reduced slightly, mainly due to the sample used to measure (see notes in table).

All Highways teams are commissioning/supporting commencement of business case/design work for East Runcorn Connectivity scheme (A558 dualling etc) and Runcorn Old Town improvements.

### **2.8 Highway Schemes and Maintenance**

Progress on Active Travel and Maintenance schemes preparing to commence in April 2022. Works on Runcorn Station Quarter completed.

### **2.9 Highway Structures**

The final stage of repairs to the Speke Road westbound sign gantry were completed under an overnight closure of A533 on 17<sup>th</sup> March. The process to recover the costs incurred by HBC from the plant hire company whose vehicle caused the damage has commenced.

The team continues to contribute towards the development of HBC schemes involving highway structures, such as RSQ (including Active Travel Link), Runcorn Town Centre, East Runcorn Connectivity, Busway Cycle improvements and the Spike Island access bridge replacement.

Liaison with developers over new highway structures is ongoing at several sites in Sandymoor (Vistry) and Daresbury (Redrow), and the team are assisting LCRCA's contractor over the installation of ducting (for high-speed fibre systems) through the SJB complex (site work due in April).

In March, the major maintenance and re-configuration work undertaken on SJB over recent years was recognised in the annual 'Bridge' magazine awards, winning the category 'Award for New Life (projects >£5m).

### **2.10 Planning & Policy**

Consultation on Main Modifications to the Local Plan was concluded in January. A further minor consultation on with selected parties was undertaken at the Inspectors direction concerning minor corrections, before the Inspectors issued their Final Report into the Examination on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

Full Council considered the Inspector's Report and resolved to adopt the Delivery and Allocations Local Plan As amended at their meeting on the 2nd March.



### Local Plan

The inspectors modifications have been received with the recommendation to adopt the plan subject to the Modifications, this was adopted by Full Council in March.

### Planning Applications

The Council have one day of hearings on the 4<sup>th</sup> April in relation to the development of housing at Golf course.

### 2.11 Open Spaces and Waste and Environmental Improvement

#### 2.12 Recycling and Environmental Projects

##### School Litter Pick Activities

Throughout March, Officers organised and supported the carrying out of 7 school litter pick activities. For each session, class size groups worked with Council staff to remove litter from areas close to their school. The Council provided pupils with litter pickers, hoop sack holder and hi-visibility vests and each pupil received a certificate of participation.

##### Community Clean Ups

Officers were involved in 2 community clean up events in March.

One event was organised by Cheshire Police with Council staff participating. Council staff engaged with residents to raise awareness about environmental issues and promote positive environmental behaviour.

The other event was arranged by Council staff at the request of the local MP. Along with Ward Councillors and members of a volunteer litter pick group, Council staff undertook litter picking in the area targeted for the event.

A total of 25 bags of rubbish were collected over the two clean ups.

##### Skip Schemes

Council staff organised and helped with the on-site management of 2 community recycling skip schemes in March.

The schemes were requested by Ward Councillors and funded with Area Forum monies. Each of the schemes saw 3 skips located at 3 separate sites within each Ward. The skips were for General Waste, Wood and Mixed Metals. The skips were on site from 8am to 12pm and replaced when full.

The 2 schemes covered circa 6,000 households and residents filled a total of 42 skips.

##### Litter Pick Resource Packs

As part of the Welcome Back Fund, Officers secured funding that enabled the purchase of 240 Litter Pick Resource Packs. The packs are intended to help local volunteers coordinate their programme of litter picking activities and include a litter picker, hoop sack holder, gloves, hi-visibility vests and black sacks.

Local residents or groups are able to apply for up to 20 packs, or individual items within each pack. Between January and March, Officers processed 22 applications and out the following equipment;

Item	Total Provided
Litter Picker	134
Hoop Sack Holders	109
Hi-Visibility Vest	134
Gloves	142
Sacks (Packs of 20)	121

### **Design & Development**

Major improvements to Runcorn Station frontage and piazza now open and in use. Soft landscape elements are in establishment phase. The whole area, including the station frontage, is now maintained by HBC.

Improvements to the Holt Lane entrance of Town Park and pedestrian access works from Shopping City have now been completed. The improvement works provide for easier and more direct link for pedestrians and cyclists.

'Welcome Back' (post COVID) park entrance signage to key parks and public open spaces have been installed.

Arley Woodland Park, Phase 1, boundary and entrance works have been completed.

## **3.0 Emerging Issues**

3.1 A number of emerging issues have been identified during the period that will impact upon the work of the Directorate including:-

### **3.2 Economy Enterprise & Property Services**

#### **3.3 External Funding**

Bids to the value of £6.1 million are currently being developed by the Team, including:

- Ineos hydrogen bid to the CA for £3.4m
- Catalyst Science Discovery Centre and Museum – bid to National Lottery Heritage Fund for £800k
- St Bertelina's Church Windmill Hill – reconfiguration of the church to accommodate community use £100k
- Open 360 – Reaching Communities Fund bid - £250k
- The team continues to lead on the following:
- Delivery of the Celebrating Halton's Heritage project funded through National Lottery Heritage Fund as part of the Borough of Culture celebrations; this runs to September 2022
- Delivery of the Welcome Back Fund programme for Halton – due to complete by the end of March 2022
- Lead for the Visitor Economy for Halton at LCR level and delivering a Destination Marketing programme funded by SIF and worth £115k
- Sit on the LCR Culture Working Group and input to the delivery of two schemes currently – The World Reimagined and Bridge2Bamboo
- Continue the monitoring of a number of schemes, including Ways to Work employment programme and Town Deal.
- Supporting the Council's Climate Change Action Plan by producing a complementary funding plan

#### **3.4 Asset Management**

Commercial Rent (Coronavirus) Act 2022 – has come into force bringing a new arbitration process to resolve certain pandemic related rent debt.

### 3.5 Regeneration – Town Centres

Due to the status of the Runcorn Towns Fund £23.6m currently the team is focused on the full business case deadline submission of 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2022. This limits the short term capacity to look at other potential Town Centre Projects.

### 3.6 Highways, Transportation & Logistics and Physical Environment

#### 3.7 Highway Development

Emerging issues with staff retention/recruitment, coupled with development workload following recent adoption of Local Plan, and resource for new areas of work such as EV charging points.

#### 3.8 Highway Structures

The contractor's feasibility report for the SJB floodlighting scheme is due by 1st April. Initial indications suggest that the estimated cost will exceed the scheme's budget.

#### 3.9 Planning and Policy

Notifications to be sent to confirm adoption of the local plan.

#### Planning Application Statistics (Q1 21 – 22)

Total Applications Received: (Includes those Withdrawn and Returned) 152	
Applications Decided 142	Applications On-Hand (Undecided) 210
Pre-Applications Received 22	Pre Applications Closed 22

N.B. There are certain applications (such as tree preservation orders) that are not counted in the statutory CLG speed of processing statistics. This accounts for the difference between the figures reported above and the figures given for PPT LI 04.

\*The Major applications determined in Q4 2021/22 are shown in Appendix 3.

#### 3.10 Planning & Policy

Following adoption of the DALP, a number of Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) require updating Revision.

The Combined Authority is progressing work on the SDS and supporting studies / material, which HBC officers Are reviewing / contributing to.

Following Royal Assent for the Environment Act, a requirement for development to demonstrate Biodiversity Net Gain will come into force later in 2023. Initial work is being undertaken to establish requirements, Procedures and to identify possible areas for mitigation improvements.

#### 3.11 Community & Environment

#### 3.12 Environmental Services

##### Design & Development

Emerging/up and coming schemes:

**Brindley Green** All new public realm/open space creating opportunities for outdoor activities as well as a brand new approach to the remodeled Brindley Theatre building and link to town centre.

**Town Park** Palacefields Avenue phase, path, drainage and access works, continuing the planned improvements set out the Town Park Masterplan Strategy.

**Birchfield Gardens** Refurbishment of paths, pond and general landscape of this small but important historic open space.

#### 4.0 High Priority Equality Actions

- 4.1 Equality issues continue to form a routine element of the Council's business planning and operational decision making processes. Additionally the Council must have evidence to demonstrate compliance with the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) which came into force in April 2011.
- 4.2 The Councils latest annual progress report in relation to the achievement of its equality objectives is published on the Council website and is available via:

<http://www4.halton.gov.uk/Pages/councildemocracy/Equality-and-Diversity.aspx>

#### 5.0 Performance Overview

- 5.1 The following information provides a synopsis of progress for both milestones and performance indicators across the key business areas that fall within the remit of the Board.

#### *Development and Investment Services*

#### Key Objectives / milestones

Ref	Milestones	Q4 Progress
EEP 02a	To prepare the Town Investment Plan Business Case(s) for Runcorn <b>by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022</b> *New date 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2022	U
EEP 02b	To prepare a Halton Lea Investment Plan by <b>September 2021</b>	U
EEP 02c	To prepare a governance structure for Halton Lea to oversee a range of programmes from stakeholders by <b>September 2021</b>	U

#### Supporting Commentary

##### EEP 02a

Work is in progress. The Government deadline for submission of the seven project business cases is 4<sup>th</sup> August 2022.







##### EEP 02b

Metro Dynamics have completed a draft Investment Plan for Halton Lea.

##### EEP 02c

Work is underway to prepare a governance structure for Halton Lea and this should be in place by May 2022

**Key Performance Indicators**

Ref	Measure	20 / 21 Actual	21 / 22 Target	Q4 Actual	Q4 Progress	Direction of travel
EEP LI 03	Commercial and investment portfolio – rent receivable against the budget to monitor receipt of income of rents and service charges.	Investment £39,325 Commercial £319,573	Investment £44,740 Commercial £609,270	Investment 44,300 Commercial £574,916	Investment 98 % of target  Commercial 194% of target  	
EEP LI 04	Occupancy rates of commercial and investment portfolio.	100 % Investment 90% commercial	100 % Investment 90% commercial	100 % Investment 90% commercial		
EEP LI 05	Occupancy of Widnes Market Hall.	93%	94%	95%		

**Supporting Commentary****EEP LI 03**

The income received has been affected by request from a number of occupiers for further rent holidays and non-payment of rent due to covid situation. Asset management are working with colleagues in income recovery. The tenant of no 5 Granville Street has vacated and the unit is on the market. Other vacant units are, 6 Church Street Runcorn to be used for HPIJ and the former Frankie and Bennies unit at the Hive. It is unlikely that the units will be re-let before end Q4 . The rent figures included are rents invoiced

**EEP LI 04**

There are 11 vacant properties which will be on the market or unable to market until refurbishment works eg 71 High St Runcorn or clarifying planning status eg the former bus depot Moor Lane Widnes have been completed. Elite House, Shaw St Runcorn is included although will be converted into a business centre and the land at Croft St Widnes is on the market as the discussions with the potential occupier over a lease fell through.

**EEP LI 05**

Occupancy levels have increased over the past 12 months during lockdown and reached 93% at year end. At present this has increased to 95% which is up on the same period last year.

Policy, Planning and Transportation

**Key Objectives / milestones**

Ref	Milestones	Q4 Progress
PPT 02	To deliver the 2019/30 LTP Capital Programme <b>March 2022</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PPT 03	Ensure continued unrestricted availability of the Highway network and to allow future maintenance to be delivered on a steady state, lifecycle planned basis.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PPT 04	Continue to maintain the Highway Authorities statutory duties in accordance with Section 41 and 58 of the Highways Act.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PPT 05	To ensure that at least one exercise is carried out each financial year to test the COMAH plans <b>March 2022</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Supporting Commentary**

**PPT 02**

Sud North South Widnes final phases at Birchfield Road roundabout and Appleton Village commenced in the period. Works commenced for Active Travel schemes at Runcorn Busway to improve cycling links between Halton Hospital and Murdishaw centre. Design work underway for cycleway routes from Murdishaw Centre to Castlefields and White House industrial estate. Works to take the current LCWIP design to construction was progressed for the route from Runcorn Old town to Daresbury Sci Tech.

**PPT 03**

Surface dressing of carriageways at Clifton Lane, Rocksavage Way and Beechwood Avenue. Southern Expressway due to commence in Spring 2022

Carriageway Resurfacing Bridge Street, A56, completed and due to start at Norman Road, Ditchfield Road, Leigh Avenue, Warrington Road, Everite Road and Birchfield road

Footway reconstruction at Elm Grove, completed in the period.























**PPT 04**

Ongoing highway safety inspection continuing to maintain a safe and serviceable Highway

**PPT 05**

Currently the authority have a statutory duty to ensure the 9 Upper Tier COMAH Sites within the Borough. The authority have a statutory duty to ensure these sites are compliant in line with the COMAH Regulations 2015. As part of these Regulations, exercises are planned as part of the 3 year COMAH Cycle.

**Key Performance Indicators**

Ref	Measure	20 / 21 Actual	21 / 22 Target	Q4 Actual	Q4 Progress	Direction of travel
PPT LI 01	Net additional homes provided	97	350	N/A		N/A
PPT LI 02	Number of affordable homes delivered (gross)	TBC	TBC	N/A		N/A
PPT LI 03	Processing of planning applications (%) as measured against targets for, a) 'major' applications b) 'minor' applications c) 'other' applications	100% 100% 94.7%	100% 96% 98%	83.33% 76.47% 86.9%	  	  
PPT LI 04	No. of people killed or seriously injured (KSI) in road traffic collisions. (5 Year Av.)	25.6	N/A	25.2		
PPT LI 05	No. of children (<16) killed or seriously injured (KSI) in road traffic collisions. (5 year Av.)	3.6	N/A	3.6		
PPT LI 06	No. of people slightly injured in road traffic collisions. (5 Year Av.)	205	N/A	198		
PPT LI 07	Damage to roads and pavements (% above intervention levels) repaired within 24 hours.	100%	100%	100%		
PPT LI 08	% of network where structural maintenance should be considered: a) Principal Roads b) Non-Principal Roads c) Unclassified Roads	TBC TBC TBC	TBC TBC TBC	N/A	N/A	N/A
PPT LI 09	The proportion of non-frequent scheduled bus services on time (%): a) Percentage of buses starting route on time b) Percentage of buses on time at intermediate points	Data unavailable Data unavailable	99% 95%	99% 86.86%	 	 
PPT LI 10	% of bus stops with Quality Corridor accessibility features. (No. of stops – 603)	78%	80%	83.7%		

**Supporting Commentary****PPT LI 01**

Figures not available

**PPT LI 02**

Indicator monitored annually as at 1<sup>st</sup> April

Target changed to 350 p.a. (2014~37) following adoption of Delivery & Allocations Local Plan. Delivery is currently ahead of target requirement.

**PPT LI 03**

On an annualised basis the outcomes are:

Major Applications 95.45%

Minor Applications 86.76%

Other Applications 93.87%

\*On an annualised basis the yearly targets are missed and the declining trend for the quarter is attributable to the loss of two assistant planners at the end of 2021 and latterly the departure of an Area Planner in March 2022

**PPT LI 04**

Q3 figures as still waiting for Q4 data from Cheshire Police

**PPT LI 05**

Q3 figures as still waiting for Q4 data from Cheshire Police

**PPT LI 06**

Q3 figures as still waiting for Q4 data from Cheshire Police

**PPT LI 07**

No commentary provided

**PPT LI 08**

No commentary provided

**PPT LI 09**

The target has improved through the year and is moving in a positive direction. It is anticipated that recent timing changes to services will result in further improvement.

**PPT LI 10**

Further bus stops will be improved through the next financial year.



## Appendix A: Major Planning Applications Determined



The Major applications determined in Q3 2021/22 are shown in Appendix A

Tim_Major_Decided_Apps				
REFVAL	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS	DECSN	DATEDECISS
17/00468/FUL	Proposed demolition of Pavilions clubhouse followed by development comprising 139 dwellings with associated ancillary development at	The Pavilions Sandy Lane Runcorn WA7 4EX	WDN	17/01/2022
20/00305/OUT	Outline application, with all matters reserved, for the construction of an extension to the Bridgewater Canal for a section of its former connection to the Manchester Ship Canal. This phase will include a boat lift, canal link section and turning basin, along with a visitor/management centre, associated parking and access routes at	The Former Queensway Road And Sliproad, And Adjacent Areas Between Station Road And Percival Lane Runcorn	PER	31/03/2022
21/00235/FUL	Proposed erection of a three storey 35 no. over-65 retirement living apartments, together with external amenity space and parking facilities at	33 - 37 Irwell Lane Runcorn Cheshire WA7 1RX	PER	09/02/2022
21/00473/S73	Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act to vary condition 7 of permission 20/00352/HBCOUT (Outline application for residential development (Use Class C3) up to 86 dwellings with all matters reserved except for access) to substitute approved plan C3909 SK 06 Proposed Access Plan Phase 1 with replacement plans; Proposed Access Plan (ref 78452-CUR-00-XX-DR-TP-05006 Rev P01); and Proposed Southern Access Plan (ref 78452-CUR-00-XX-DR-TP-05005 Rev P01) to facilitate the creation of one additional access point from Foundry Lane at	Former Tarmac Site And Former Stobart Site Foundry Lane Widnes Cheshire WA8 8YZ	WDN	11/02/2022
21/00498/FUL	Proposed erection of industrial/storage building for use class B2 / B8 purposes, parking and servicing areas, bunds, fencing, landscaping, ancillary works and retrospective permission for the retention of previously installed bunds at	Bowman Works Gorse Lane Widnes Cheshire WA8 0YZ	PER	28/01/2022
21/00654/FUL	Proposed Builders Merchants distribution and storage area with areas for loading/ unloading materials, the site will also include a new bagging plant for sand and aggregates in addition to the manufacture of concrete products such as fence panels, posts and copings, also an office facility with associated parking and an electrical substation at	Beesley And Fildes Site Land To The North Of Hutchinson St Widnes WA8 0PZ	PER	09/02/2022
21/00657/FUL	Proposed erection of a storage and distribution building (Use Class B8) including ancillary (integral) offices, creation of a service yard and parking areas for cars and HGVs, with associated access and servicing including a new vehicle access point from Mathieson Road, new landscaping and other works at	Land At Viking Park (Plot A2) Mathieson Road Widnes Cheshire	PER	24/03/2022

Tim_Major_Decided_Apps				
REFVAL	PROPOSAL	ADDRESS	DECSN	DATEDECISS
21/00710/S73	Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to vary condition 2 of permission 21/00278/FUL (Proposed demolition of existing store and replacement by new food store with associated car parking, access, external plant and landscaping)to substitute revised plans 2092NES-107A Proposed GA Plan, 108A Proposed Elevations, 109A Proposed Roof Plan and 110A - Roller Shutter Door Details to facilitate design changes at	Aldi Foodstore Ltd Lugsdale Road Widnes Cheshire WA8 6UF	PER	10/03/2022
22/00016/FUL	Proposed erection of 108 no. dwelling houses and associated works at	Red Brow Lane Warrington WA4 4BB	WDN	13/01/2022

### Waste and Environmental Improvement

#### Key Objectives / milestones

Ref	Milestones	Q3 Progress
CE 03	Manage greenspace areas as per the agreed specification - <b>March 2022.</b>	
CE 04	Continue to deliver communications and awareness raising initiatives to ensure that participation with the Council's recycling services is maximised and that residents comply with the requirements of the Council's Household Waste Collection Policy - <b>March 2022.</b>	

#### Supporting Commentary

##### **CE 03**





Despite on-going challenges the Open Space Service was able to deliver all works within the Council's agreed specification for green space management.

##### **CE 04**

Activities to meet this objective remain on-going.

During December and over Christmas and New Year an initiative was delivered with a focus on getting messages out on the Council's social media platforms. These messages were about recycling and also reducing waste, including what to do when going Christmas shopping, what to do with old toys and clothes, where to take Christmas trees, what to do with extra recyclables.

**Key Performance Indicators**

Ref	Measure	20 / 21 Actual	21 / 22 Target	Q3 Actual	Q3 Progress	Direction of travel
CE LI 05	Residual household waste per household.	625KG	625KG	474kg		
CE LI 06	Proportion of household waste recycled and composted.	39.3%	40%	40%		

**Supporting Commentary****CE LI 05**

This is an estimated figure which shows that household waste levels are slightly lower than in Q3 in the previous year. As previously reported, residual waste production has been higher than normal during the pandemic and it is unclear what impact this will have on the achievement of this annual target, although current estimates indicate that it will be met. (Note - This is a cumulative figure).

**CE LI 06**

This is an estimated figure and is subject to seasonal variation. It is unclear what impact the COVID 19 situation will continue to have on waste production for the remainder of the year and it is difficult to predict annual recycling performance at this stage, however, indications are currently that the target will be met.




**7.0 Financial Statements**

\*No financial statements are available at this time.





## 8.0 Application of Symbols

Symbols are used in the following manner:

### Progress Symbols

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Objective</u>	<u>Performance Indicator</u>
Green 	Indicates that the <u>objective is on course to be achieved</u> within the appropriate timeframe.	<i>Indicates that the annual target <u>is on course to be achieved</u>.</i>
Amber 	Indicates that it is <u>uncertain or too early to say at this stage</u> whether the milestone/objective will be achieved within the appropriate timeframe.	<i>Indicates that it is <u>uncertain or too early to say at this stage</u> whether the annual target is on course to be achieved</i>
Red 	Indicates that it is <u>highly likely or certain</u> that the objective will not be achieved within the appropriate timeframe.	<i>Indicates that the target <u>will not be achieved</u> unless there is an intervention or remedial action taken.</i>

### Direction of Travel Indicator

Green 	Indicates that performance <b>is better</b> as compared to the same period last year.
Amber 	Indicates that performance <b>is the same</b> as compared to the same period last year.
Red 	Indicates that performance <b>is worse</b> as compared to the same period last year.
N / A 	Indicates that the measure cannot be compared to the same period last year.

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	Environment & Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board
<b>DATE:</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2022
<b>REPORTING OFFICER:</b>	Operational Director, Policy, Planning & Transport
<b>PORTFOLIO:</b>	Environment & Urban Renewal
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Receipt of Petition – to replace existing bus shelter with conventional type shelter.
<b>WARDS:</b>	Norton North

### **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To inform the Board of a petition that has been received from the residents of Norton requesting that the existing bus shelter located at the Gooseberry Lane bus stop on the Busway be replaced with a more conventional style bus shelter. Please note the petition has been redacted from the report on the grounds of data protection.

### **2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That**

- (1) the petition be noted;**
- (2) the Board give consideration to the request in the petition to remove the existing shelter and replace with new conventional type;**
- (3) it is suggested that the request be granted, and**
- (4) the local ward members be informed of the outcome of the Board's consideration of the petition.**

### **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 3.1 Halton Borough Council received a petition, signed by 26 bus users, requesting the removal of the existing shelter and it be replaced with a more conventional type shelter installed at other locations on the busway and across the Borough. The current style shelter offers no protection from the weather.
- 3.2 The existing shelter replaced a conventional type shelter in approximately 2010 following complaints of anti-social behaviour from residents in close proximity to the bus stop.

- 3.3 Appendix 1 one to this report shows a photograph of the shelter which is currently installed at the bus stop.
- 3.4 The design of the current shelter does only offer very limited protection due to its design.
- 3.5 Most recent figures (Apr 21-Mar 22) show anti-social behaviour to be at an average level of 5.9 incidents per month across the Norton North Ward.
- 3.6 The bus stop and shelter are approximately... from the nearest residential property.
- 3.7 Appendix 2 shows an aerial view of the bus stop location in relation to the residential properties.
- 3.8 The corresponding bus stop on the opposite side of the road has a conventional type bus shelter installed with no reports of anti-social behaviour taking place.
- 3.9 In March 2021 the Government announced the Bus Back Better Bus Strategy for England. The document attached to the announcement places emphasis on significantly improving the public transport offer in the Borough resulting in increased patronage across the public transport network. A further aspiration of the Bus Strategy is to push modal shift away from the car with a view to achieving clean air targets. In light of this, it is important that existing levels of public transport infrastructure are maintained and also upgraded where possible.

#### **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 No direct implications.

#### **5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

##### **5.1 Resource Implications**

There will be a cost to replacing the shelter which can be funded the current capital expenditure program.

##### **5.2 Social Inclusion Implications**

#### **6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

##### **6.1 Children and Young People in Halton**

No direct implications.

**6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton**

No direct implications

**6.3 A Healthy Halton**

No Direct implications.

**6.4 A Safer Halton**

No direct implications.

**6.5 Halton’s Urban Renewal**

Access to a sustainable, reliable affordable public transport network is key to Halton’s urban renewal. Public transport infrastructure is a key element in providing access to the public transport network.

**7.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

The Inclusive Mobility “A Guide to Best Practice on Access to Pedestrian and Transport Infrastructure” document issued by the Department for Transport states that good practise is to provide shelters where possible. Including the provision of seating which a conventional shelter would provide.

**8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

Accessible public transport infrastructure is key for passengers with disabilities in accessing the public transport network.

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

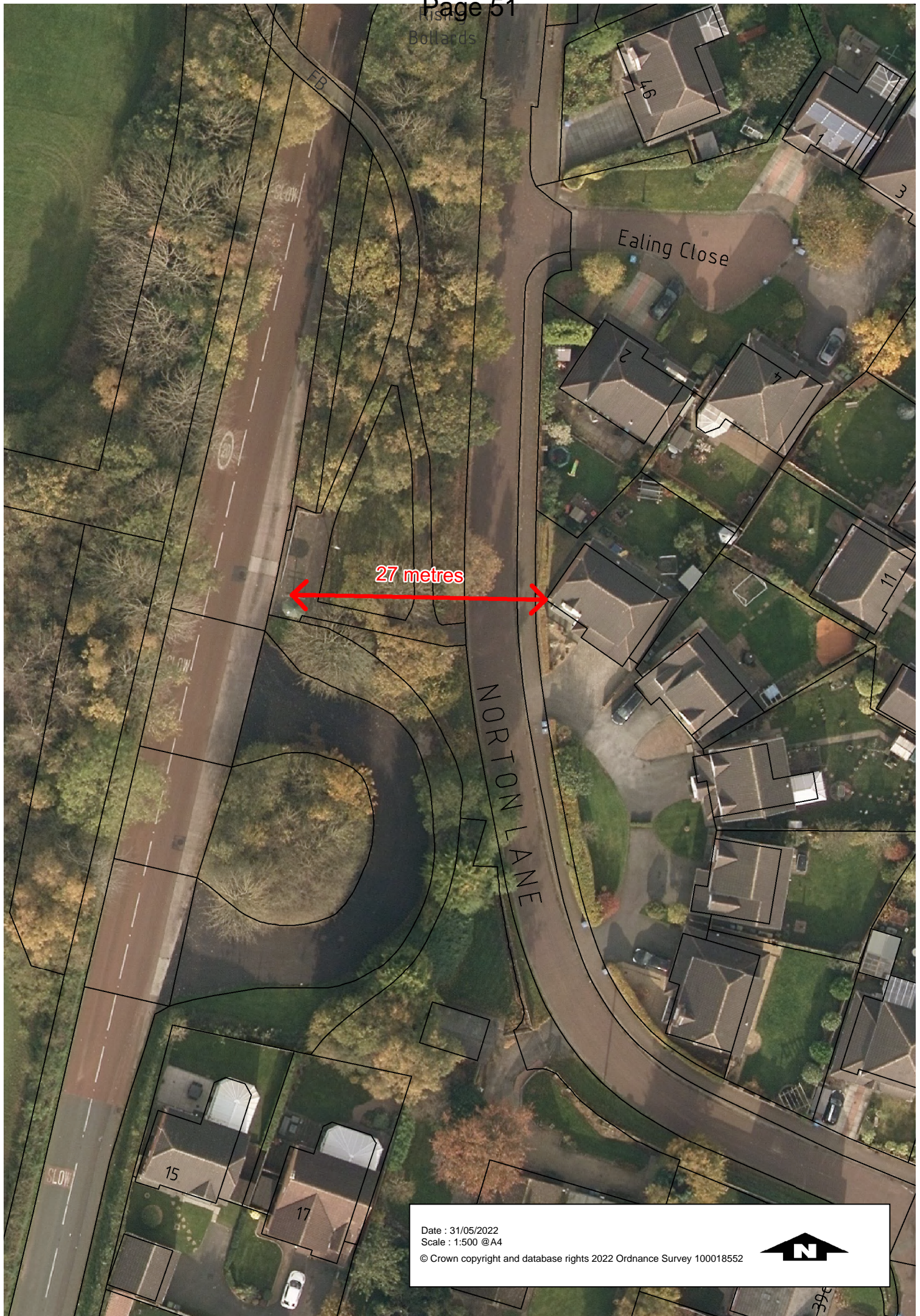
<b>Document</b>	<b>Place of Inspection</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>
Copy of Petition (Redacted)	Transport Co-ordination, Lowerhouse Lane, Widnes, WA8 7AW	Ian Boyd, Principal Officer Transport Co-ordination
Photograph of existing shelter	Appendix 1	
Ariel view of bus stop location	Appendix 2	







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**REPORT TO:** Environment & Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board

**DATE:** 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Operational Director – Community and Environment

**PORTFOLIO:** Environment and Urban Renewal

**SUBJECT:** Update on Cremator Provision at Widnes Cemetery

**WARD(S):** Borough-wide

## **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an update on progress with the installation of a new Cremator at Widnes Cemetery and the removal of a temporary Cremator.

## **2. RECOMMENDATION: That:**

- 2.1 Members of the Board receive and comment upon the report.**

## **3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 A number of public questions were submitted to the Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022 in respect of the temporary cremator at Widnes Cemetery. Arising from that meeting, it was agreed that a report be presented to the June meeting of the Board to update on progress with the installation of a new cremator at Widnes Cemetery and the removal of the temporary one and this report provides Members with the sequence of events and timeline surrounding these matters.

## **4. SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 4.1 Widnes Crematorium operates with two cremators. In 2013, the Council procured two new cremators and these were subsequently installed in the early months of 2014. The type of cremator provided by the successful bidding contractor was estimated to have a life expectancy of 15 years and, for that reason, a service and maintenance contract to cover that period was entered into with the contractor. On 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020, the Council received confirmation that the contractor had ceased to trade. A week later the first Covid-19 lockdown was announced.

- 4.2 After the demise of the cremator contractor, the Council was left with no service and no maintenance contract. Cremators, like any other mechanical apparatus, can and do fail from time to time for a wide variety of reasons. They also require regular servicing. The Council approached a number of the larger cremator manufacturers to see if they would enter into a service and maintenance contract for Widnes Crematorium. Only one company was interested at the time and, whilst they declined to enter into a formal contract with the Council, they did agree to help the Council by carrying out service and repair on an ad-hoc basis to the existing cremators.
- 4.3 The company also provided the Council with a temporary cremator to help deal with an expected increase in cremations at the time, and also to provide cover in the event that the Council's own equipment broke down. Installation of the temporary cremator commenced in May 2020. At the time, it was envisaged that the temporary cremator would be in place for approximately 12 months but during that period, the Council experienced some technical issues with the existing cremators, which resulted in the need to replace one of them.
- 4.4 In July 2021, the Council's Executive Board approved the procurement of a replacement cremator and associated service and maintenance contract and, using authority delegated by the Executive Board, Officers commenced contract negotiations with its service provider at that time.
- 4.5 As part of those contract negotiations, and in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders and due diligence processes, Officers commenced financial checks on the company in September 2021. By November 2021 the company had failed to satisfy the Council's financial requirements and negotiations began with a second possible manufacturer. Whilst they had not previously expressed an interest in providing a service to the Council, they did so on this occasion and, again using delegated authority, an order for the installation of a new cremator was placed in January 2022.
- 4.6 Given the bespoke nature of the cremator build and the use of specialist parts that are sourced from around the world, the lead-in time for the build and installation of a new cremator is 6 months.
- 4.7 Whilst, due to reasons beyond the control of the Council, the procurement exercise for a new cremator has taken longer than anticipated, and the Council has had to keep the temporary facility in place for longer than expected, Members are advised that the installation and commissioning of the new cremator is on schedule for completion by mid-July. It is therefore anticipated that the temporary cremator will be removed by the end of July 2022.

**5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no policy implications associated with this report.

**6. OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 There are no financial or other implications arising from this report.

**7. IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

**7.1 Children and Young People in Halton**

No direct impact

**7.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton**

No direct impact

**7.3 A Healthy Halton**

No direct impact

**7.4 A Safer Halton**

No direct impact

**7.5 Halton's Urban Renewal**

No direct impact

**8. RISK ANALYSIS**

8.1 Having in place two functioning cremators mitigates the risks to the Widnes Crematorium operation.

**9. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

9.1 There are no equality or diversity issues as a result of this report.

**10. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

10.1 Executive Board Report 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021 - ATI UK Ltd Cremator Issue at Widnes Crematorium.

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>22 June 2022</b>
<b>REPORTING OFFICER:</b>	<b>Operational Director – Policy, Planning &amp; Transportation</b>
<b>PORTFOLIO:</b>	<b>Environment &amp; Urban Renewal</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Climate Change Action Plan</b>
<b>WARDS:</b>	<b>Borough wide</b>

### **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 Following Policy and Performance Board (PPB) Members' requests and the earlier Executive Board report (April 2022) providing a Corporate Plan for Climate Change, this report provides an opportunity for the PPB to consider how it wishes to receive updates, information, and the monitoring of indicators to 2040.

### **2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Board**

- 1. records its continued support for the Corporate Climate Change Action Plan; and**
- 2. considers how it wishes to receives updates and monitoring information in relation to the Climate Change Action Plan (Appendix 1).**

### **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 3.1 Appendix 1 to this report provides a copy of the adopted Climate Change Action Plan.
- 3.2 This provides a clear direction for the Council. It sets a target to be carbon neutral by 2040 and provides an initial focus on buildings, vehicles and the Borough's blue / green infrastructure.
- 3.3 Page 10 of the Action Plan (Appendix 1 to this report) sets out the projects already achieved. For many of these achievements, the PPB has set the policy direction, for example the rollout of on-street electrical vehicle charge points, 70km of new active travel routes, solar initiatives to power Council buildings, electric fleet vehicles, and over 15,000 street lamps replaced with energy efficient LEDs.

#### **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There are two key considerations which are brought to Members attention in considering the Plan and these are, having the necessary resources to deliver the action plan and the second being the development of technologies to help deliver the action plan.
- 4.2 At this stage there are many aspects of the plan which are either difficult to cost or are indeed costly in themselves. However, it is vital that the Council sets out a direction and a commitment to reducing its carbon footprint, particularly as there are numerous sources of external funding becoming available to support such initiatives. Funds are being made available, by both Central Government and the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority.
- 4.3 Success at accessing those funds is greatly enhanced where the Council has a Strategy and a Plan to support its actions. Many of the projects the Council has already delivered have been funded in this way. The momentum and variety of external funding is likely to increase.
- 4.4 Whilst the use of external funds will be important, that is not to say that the Council will not use its general fund in support the action plan's objectives. Opportunities will be taken when they arise to use core funding to change the way the Council does its business to help in reducing its carbon footprint. A careful balance will always have to be struck between the Council's "carbon" ambitions and the requirements it has placed on it in delivering its statutory responsibilities.

#### **5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 It is clear that significant resources will be required to help the Council reach its 2040 objective, much of which it does not have presently at its disposal. However, it is important to recognise that an aspirational plan will allow it to be responsive and flexible as resources become available and provide leadership across the Halton community.

#### **6.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

- 6.1 There is a risk that if the Council does not have a plan in place that it will miss opportunities to access the funding necessary to achieve its objectives.

#### **7.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

- 7.1 There are no equality and diversity issues associated with this report.

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

None under the meaning of the Act.

# Halton Borough Council Climate Change Action Plan 2022 - 2027

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# A Greener Future for Halton

## Working towards a greener future - Halton's Vision.

This Action Plan is predominantly focused on reducing the Council's own carbon production. During the lifetime of the Plan, the Council will seek to broaden the scope and develop proposals to provide a broader Borough-wide Strategy. The Action Plan is intended to have short-term and long-term actions and will be renewed every five years. This does not preclude any actions being undertaken during the five-year period that enhances progress in the themes/programmes of work for this plan. By 2040, Halton Borough Council's own operations will aim to be:

**Climate friendly** - having transformed the way it delivers services, works with businesses and other partners, uses buildings, land, and energy to decarbonise & encourage sequestration.

**Climate ready** - with plans and projects having increased the resilience of Halton Council's operations in the communities and the economy it serves to help minimise the impacts from unavoidable climate change; and

**Climate just** - ensuring that all of Halton and its environment has benefited from this transition.

**Climate friendly** refers to activities, which cut carbon emissions i.e. climate change mitigation. Becoming climate friendly will mean Halton achieving its net zero carbon target of 2040, 10 years ahead of the current Government target year of 2050. It will also include sequestration measures that are not aimed at reduction but removal of carbon from the air.

**Climate ready** refers to increasing resilience to the impacts of climate change – being climate ready is also known as climate change adaptation. The stable climate that society and the economy have historically been based on can no longer be assumed, so society must adapt infrastructure and our way of life to cope with the changed climate.

**Climate just** refers to ensuring Halton is a resilient, fair and prosperous place to live and work, and puts fairness and social justice at the heart of achieving climate goals. To be successful, all of Halton needs to benefit from the transition to a decarbonised economy and no sections of the population can be left behind.

### Themes/Programmes of Work.

Underpinning our vision, are four core areas of climate action that will guide the Council:

- Cutting emissions / decarbonisation – this is called climate change **mitigation**;
- Adapting to the physical changes of climate change – climate change **adaptation**; and
- Actively removing greenhouse gas emissions from the atmosphere (such as by tree planting or direct capture of flue gases) – **carbon sequestration**.
- Securing local economic benefits and social value from the Council moving to net zero carbon - **Green Growth**.

In terms of the climate emergency, the priority has to be on rapid decarbonisation and sequestration because this is what is essential to reduce global warming and achieve longer-term carbon removal. For example, trees can remove carbon from the atmosphere, but they take time to grow, so an early start on this forms one of the Council's 2022 initiatives – The Big Halton Forest.

The above four core areas of climate action have been applied to Council activities listed under 'Key Actions'. A number of the actions specifically address the fuel poverty agenda and the work contained within the Affordable Warmth Plan. Most of the actions of the Plan focus on mitigation and sequestration. The broader strategy that the Council is seeking to develop will be a focus on green growth and adaptation.

# Halton's Commitment to Carbon Reduction

The Council has been working to reduce its emissions since 2006/07. Since that time, overall emissions have reduced from 26338 tonnes of CO2 to 9770 tonnes. In October 2019, the Council strengthened its commitment to carbon reduction by declaring a climate change emergency.

<https://councillors.halton.gov.uk/documents/s59116/Climate%20Change.pdf>

In making these commitments, the Council has recognised the impacts that climate change is having on communities across the UK and the world and the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to limit global warming in line with limits recommended by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

Halton's Climate Change Emergency Declaration focuses initially on the Council's activities but our ambition is to reduce carbon emissions to net zero by 2040. This plan sets out a series of actions across key themes to allow us to work to that ambition.

Although the Council only has direct control over approximately two per cent of borough-wide carbon emissions, the Council has a role as a community leader to set an example and to encourage and influence others. Our initial ambition is to build on the work completed to date and get our own house in order first. We will do this by delivering actions where the Council has direct control and can deliver an outcome.

We aim to embed climate change in to our decision-making processes. The Council Leader has appointed a Portfolio holder for climate change on the Council's Executive Board.

The Strategic Officer Lead is the Strategic Director Enterprise, Community and Resources. Having declared a climate emergency, we will seek to ensure that the Council's actions are embedded in the organisation through the Executive Board, Policy and Performance Boards, and Policy and Performance Plans. We will also review all policies and plans of the Council that can assist in achieving the aims of this strategy.

A Climate Change Advisory Group of officers has also been established to advise the Portfolio Holder for Climate Change, chaired by the Strategic Director. Further work is to be undertaken from 2022, to refine the costing of the Plan's actions, register the data underpinning the Plan online, develop further information on Bio Diversity, and further explore other issues such as nature-based solutions for climate change mitigation and adaptation and options for refurbishment of empty/void homes.

This is an evidence-based, living plan that will evolve as the Council responds to climate change and as the full extent of climate change impacts become clearer. It is recognised that more actions are needed to make Halton as resilient as possible to the effects of Climate change and to achieve full decarbonisation. The intention is that the Action Plan will grow as technology evolves and improved knowledge and funding becomes available.

The Council has limited powers, finance and responsibilities and much of the change required will need co-operation and support from the private, third sectors and individuals. We will seek to do this by:

- Supporting and encouraging others to take action
- Influencing changes to national policy
- Lobbying for legislative, policy change and funding at national level.

# Halton's Priorities and Themes

Our aim is to be net zero by 2040 for Council activities. This is a significant challenge and we will need to adapt our plans as new technologies and opportunities arise.

This Plan aims to set out a framework for change, identifying some early actions and priorities and setting out our ambitions over the short, medium and long term.

Our Strategic goals and priorities are to:

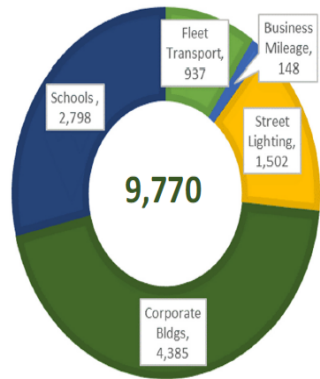
- Decarbonise the Council estate
- Reduce emissions from transport
- Develop opportunities to increase the amount of renewable energy used by the Council
- Develop and expand our green and open space infrastructure
- Expand the existing walking and cycling routes
- Minimise waste
- Promote health and wellbeing among council residents and staff through its climate policies and actions, including maximising the health co-benefits of climate action.
- Ensure climate action is implemented equitably, through working to reduce rather than exacerbate health and wellbeing inequalities and proportionally targeting areas of greatest need.
- Develop greater understanding of the public health implications of both climate change and council mitigation/adaptation/sequestration strategies locally to inform borough-wide actions.

# Measuring the Council's Greenhouse Gas Emissions

## HBC CO2

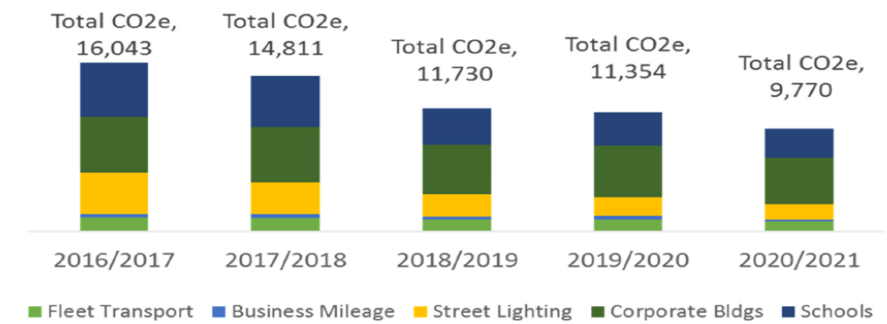
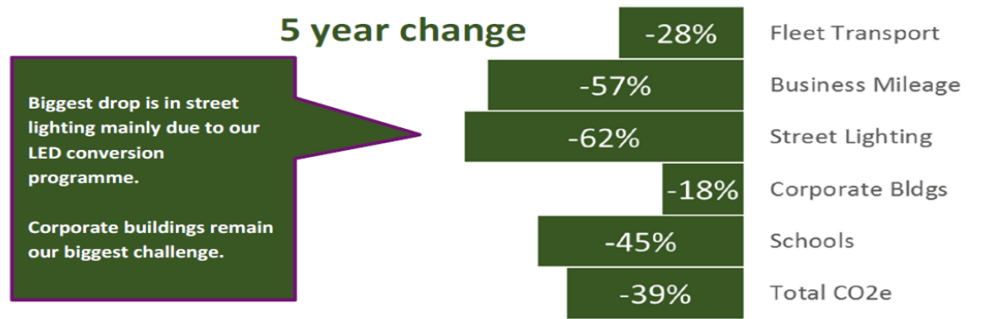


### Current Breakdown (2020/21) tonnes CO2e



### Change since 2019/20

- 14% reduction in overall CO2 emissions
- 17% Reduction in electric consumption
- 16% reduction in CO2 emissions associated with fleet transport.
- 58% reduction in CO2 emissions associated with Business Miles.
- 16% reduction in CO2 emissions associated with Street Lighting
- 10% reduction in CO2 emissions associated with Corporate Buildings
- 13% reduction in CO2 emissions associated with School buildings



Definition - In terms of measuring carbon reductions there are 3 scope emissions as defined by the most widely used international accounting tool, the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Protocol.

Scope 1 covers emissions from sources that an organisation owns or controls directly – for example from burning fuel in our fleet of vehicles (if they're not electrically-powered).

Scope 2 are emissions that an organisation causes indirectly when the energy it purchases and uses is produced. For example, for our electric fleet vehicles the emissions from the generation of the electricity they're powered by would fall into this category.

Scope 3 encompasses emissions that are not produced by the organisation itself, and not the result of activities from assets owned or controlled by them, but by those that it's indirectly responsible for, up and down its value chain. An example of this is when we buy, use and dispose of products from suppliers. Scope 3 emissions include all sources not within the scope 1 and 2 boundaries.

Essentially, scope 1 and 2 are those emissions that are owned or controlled by an organisation, whereas scope 3 emissions are a consequence of the activities of the organisation but occur from sources not owned or controlled by it.

# Impacts of Climate Change

There is a substantial body of evidence that emissions from human activities are causing global temperatures to rise, resulting in melting ice caps and leading to a rise in sea levels. These also increase severe weather events impacting on our local communities.

Warmer temperatures over time are changing weather patterns and disrupting the usual balance of nature. This poses many risks to human beings and all other forms of life.

The impacts of climate change are being felt locally most notably in increased flooding, storms and heatwaves. Nearly all land areas are seeing more hot days and heat waves; Higher temperatures increase heat-related illnesses and can make it more difficult to work and move around. Wildfires start more easily and spread more rapidly when conditions are hotter.

Changes in temperature cause changes in rainfall. This results in more severe and frequent storms. They cause flooding and landslides, destroying homes and communities, costing millions of pounds.

Drier seasonal weather can also impact on water shortages and crop failure. These impacts may also result in the destruction of biodiversity, wildlife habitats and increase the risk of increased levels of pest and invasive species.

The human health impacts of climate change are wide reaching and increasingly apparent. Increased ambient temperatures and heat stress are directly associated with increased morbidity and mortality from conditions including respiratory and cardiovascular disease, specific heat-related conditions (e.g. dehydration and heat stroke), food and waterborne diseases, and mental illness. Children and the elderly are at particularly high risk from these negative health impacts. Climate change has the potential to result in increased spread of vector-borne (e.g. mosquitos) infections.

Extreme weather including storms and flooding are also associated with injury, death, strain on health services and adverse mental health impacts. In the longer term, increased food and water insecurity is anticipated as a result of climate change, which has massive health impacts.

# What we've done to date

The Council has already taken significant action to reduce its carbon emissions – since we started to measure our carbon footprint in 2006/2007, overall emissions have reduced from 26338 tonnes of CO2 to 9770 tonnes.

## **From 2009 until 2020.**

The Council was given guidelines by the government in 2009, which led to an expectation that public bodies would aim to reduce their carbon emissions by 30% of their 2009 carbon emission baseline by 2020.

The Council calculated its baseline carbon emissions in 2009 as 26825 Carbon tonnes. In reporting year 2020, the Council had managed to reduce its carbon emissions to 11354 carbon tonnes.

This was a reduction of 57%.

## **From 2017 until 2021.**

The Government now expects public bodies to reduce their carbon emissions by 50% by 2031. The new baseline set is now 2017.

The Council's 2017 baseline was 14811 carbon tonnes. In reporting year 2021, the Council had managed to reduce its carbon emissions to 9770 tonnes.

This was a reduction of 34%.

Whilst these figures are encouraging, it may be slightly enhanced by the impact Covid has had on the Council's carbon hungry activities. We will see in the next reporting year if there is any adjustment.



Projects that have contributed to the reduction included:

- LED Street Lighting Replacement Programme – over 15000 columns switched.
- Solar PV installed at various Council sites – producing over 750,000 kWh of renewable energy.
- Installation of a 1.25 MW Solar Farm in Widnes producing energy for the DCBL Stadium – producing on average 900,000kwh per annum.
- Retrofit of the DCBL stadium to install air source heat pumps and LED throughout the building and at pitch level.
- LED retrofits in Council buildings.
- Reduced the number of building we operate.
- Provided over 70km of cycle and walking paths including a dedicated cycle path on the deck of the Silver Jubilee Bridge and improved cycling facilities at Runcorn Station.
- New vehicles entering the Council’s fleet, for example Refuse Vehicles, meet the latest European engine emission standards;

Euro 6 is currently the highest standard for vehicles and 95% of the Council fleet are Euro 6 with the remainder being Euro 5 & 4 making it one of the cleanest fleets in the Liverpool City Region.

We have two electric vehicles in the Halton Borough Council fleet and are reviewing vehicle procurement options.

Council vehicles are fitted with IT software to ensure the best routes are used and driver behaviour is monitored so they use less fuel.

- Installed EV chargers at Council locations and throughout residential areas.
- Increased the number of trees and woodland we have in the Borough which improve the character of an area and provide environmental benefits to reduce carbon and encourage natural habitats. We also manage 11 nature reserves in the Borough.
- Supported the delivery of various housing retrofit schemes in partnership with registered social landlords and Energy Project Plus, and undertaken affordable warmth campaigns and approved numerous eco-funding and Eco-Flex applications.

# Future Key Actions

<b>BUILDINGS</b>	<b>Action to be taken</b>	<b>Time frame for Delivery</b>	<b>Council Lead</b>
<b>B1</b>	Carry out decarbonisation works at the DCBL Stadium, inclusive of LED lighting, increased insulation, and electrification of heat and hot water via installation of ASHP's.	Completion by Spring 2022.	Divisional Manager Property
<b>B2</b>	Commission decarbonisation feasibility studies to all buildings in phases and subject to funding to develop a decarbonisation work programme required.	Initial 6 studies to be completed by Spring 2022. All feasibility studies completed by 31.3.27.	Divisional Manager Property
<b>B3</b>	Create a MicroGrid energy network between The DBCL Stadium, Lowerhouse Lane Depot, The Municipal Building & the proposed New Halton Leisure Centre, subject to funding.	Completion by 31.3.24	Assistant to the Chief Executive & Divisional Manager Property
<b>B4</b>	Undertake decarbonisation works at various buildings on a phased rolling basis, subject to funding.	Phase 1 buildings completion by 31.3.26. Phase 2 buildings completion by 31.3.30. Phase 3 buildings completion by 31.3.34. Phase 4 buildings completion by 31.3.38.	Divisional Manager Property

<b>B5</b>	Irrespective of B4 above, develop an LED Lighting retrofit programme to Corporate buildings on a phased basis, subject to funding. Initial phase has commenced to the Municipal Building, Runcorn Town Hall and Rutland House.	Completion of initial phase by 31.3.23. Completion of further phases by 31.3.32.	Divisional Manager Property
<b>B6</b>	Irrespective of B4 above, develop a Solar/PV installation programme to suitable Corporate buildings on a phased basis, subject to funding.	Completion by 31.3.32.	Divisional Manager Property
<b>B7</b>	Ensure carbon reduction is a key feature of the design and construction of the new Halton Leisure Centre	Completion by 31.9.24.	Divisional Manager Property
<b>B8</b>	As part of the Council's approach to hybrid working undertake a building rationalisation review	March 2023	Divisional Manager Property

<b>FLEET TRANSPORT</b>	<b>Action to be taken</b>	<b>Time frame for Delivery</b>	<b>Council Lead</b>
<b>F1</b>	Undertake feasibility studies for charging infrastructure and the introduction of low carbon emission vehicles at all Council sites that operate fleet vehicles / plant & machinery.	December 2023.	Divisional Manager Transport
<b>F2</b>	Continue the rollout of EV charging infrastructure.	2022/2026.	Divisional Manager Transport
<b>F3</b>	In line with the current vehicle replacement cycle, phase out combustion engine fleet assets.	2022/2035 Subject to alternatively fuelled asset availability, charging infrastructure and funding.	Divisional Manager Transport

<b>HOMES &amp; REGENERATION</b>	<b>Action to be taken</b>	<b>Timeframe for Delivery</b>	<b>Council Lead</b>
H1	Implement the strategy for decarbonisation of existing homes, prioritising the approximately 7,700 most energy inefficient homes and those households experiencing or at risk of fuel poverty.	2030	Green Growth Officer
H2	Develop a strategy to accelerate delivery of Net Zero new build homes within the Borough ahead of UK Government targets and introduction of new Future Homes Standards, including use of Council land to deliver a demonstration project.	2025	Green Growth Officer
H3	The Council will work with partners to explore establishing a Green Growth Business Alliance – to secure the local economic benefits from the transition to Net Zero.	2023	Business Improvement & Growth Team
H4	Explore options to address Empty /void homes.	2022 - 2040	Operational Director Regeneration

<b>ENVIRONMENT SERVICES</b>	<b>Action to be taken</b>	<b>Time frame for Delivery</b>	<b>Council Lead</b>
ES1	To explore opportunities to help develop the Borough's 'green infrastructure' through the creation of a diverse forest in Halton - The Big Halton Forest Project. The ambition is to plant at least one tree per person in the Borough by 2030 - circa 130,000 trees.	2022-2030.	Divisional Manager - Environment Services
ES2	To seek appropriate funding required to provide the necessary resources and finances to realise each ambition of The Big Halton Forest Project and the delivery of Actions ES3-ES5.	2022-2029	Divisional Manager - Environment Services
ES3	Appoint Project Lead Officer. Establish project parameters and develop a Project Action Plan.	2022-2023	Divisional Manager - Environment Services
ES4	Commission studies to identify potential suitable sites, including public and private locations through consultation with landowners, and carry out other	2022-2030	Divisional Manager - Environment Services

	studies including, but not limited to, ecological surveys.		
ES5	Create package of deliverable schemes that meet project targets and ambitions with a range of tree planting that best suits each particular situation.	2022-2030	Divisional Manager - Environment Services
ES6	Habitat loss caused by any new development within the Borough will be mitigated to ensure that there will be an overall increase in biodiversity post-development.	Ongoing	Divisional Manager - Environment Services
ES7	To introduce initiatives and services to achieve a target to re-use or recycle 60% of municipal waste by 2030, and 65% of municipal waste by 2035.	2022-2035	Divisional Manager - Environment Services

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT	Action to be taken	Timeframe for Delivery	Council Lead
PL1	Through the Local Plan, the Council will seek to support the deployment of low carbon solution will seek to build and expand on this. (Halton Local Plan Policy GR5). Develop guidance for developers.	Summer 2023	Divisional Manager Planning
PL2	Through the Local Plan, the Council will support the protection enhancement and expanding infrastructure (including but not exclusively, parks and open spaces, amenity green space and cycle and pedestrian routes). (Halton Local Plan Policy CS21). Develop guidance for developer.	Summer 2023	Divisional Manager Planning
PL3	Through the Local Plan, the Council will seek to ensure that development will only be permitted where there is no flood risk (Halton Local Plan policy HE9). Develop guidance for developer.	Summer 2023	Divisional Manager Planning



<b>EDUCATION, INCLUSION &amp; PROVISION.</b>	<b>Action to be taken</b>	<b>Time frame for Delivery</b>	<b>Council Lead</b>
<b>E1</b>	To continue working with colleagues in Transport Co-ordination to promote the Council's Home to School Travel & Transport Policy ensuring sustainable modes of transport are the preferred choice.	Reviewed Annually	Interim Operational Director: Education, Inclusion and Provision
<b>E2</b>	To work with the Department for Education (DfE) on delivery of the Social, Emotional & Mental Health Free School (secondary provision) in Widnes to reduce the need for pupils to attend out-borough provision with the associated transport implications.	September 2023	Divisional Manager Inclusion
<b>E3</b>	To work in conjunction with colleagues in Property Services to identify a rolling programme of capital works to support Halton's schools in reducing their overall carbon footprint, including the replacement of lights to LED fittings as part of electrical rewiring works.	September 2030	Capital Programme Officer
<b>E4</b>	To work in conjunction with colleagues in Property Services to replace single glazing windows in Halton schools with double glazing windows.	August 2026	Capital Programme Officer
<b>E5</b>	Undertake a programme of roof replacement works in Halton schools, including the provision of insulation in roof spaces where appropriate.	Ongoing	Capital Programme Officer
<b>E6</b>	To develop existing programmes of sustainable modes of travel to school.	Ongoing	Road Safety Co-ordinator

<b>PUBLIC HEALTH</b>	<b>Action to be taken</b>	<b>Time frame for Delivery</b>	<b>Council Lead</b>
PH1	Examine carbon emissions from public health service work to identify areas for improvements in terms of decarbonisation and increasing sustainability.	March 2023	Consultant in Public Health; Public Health registrar; Foundation Doctors
PH2	Advocate for and work towards reducing carbon footprint within programmes and services e.g. through building localisation of products and workforce into service contractual arrangements, procurements and commissioning; developing sustainability-related scoring criteria for commissioning and procurement; developing mechanisms for monitoring sustainability performance within internal service delivery and external contract management.	Ongoing	Consultant in Public Health; commissioning leads; service delivery leads; contract managers
PH3	Integrate systematic consideration of climate change impact and sustainability within public health planning, commissioning and service delivery (e.g. impact assessments).	March 2023	Consultant in Public Health; Public Health registrar; commissioning and service delivery leads
PH4	Oversight of the ECO Flex funding scheme (partly efforts to tackle fuel poverty)  1): Define and approve future revisions to local eligibility criteria for Energy Company Obligation flexible eligibility (ECO Flex), jointly with Liverpool City Region local authorities; ensuring funding is	April 2022	Consultant in Public Health

	available to target vulnerable and energy inefficient households.		
PH5	Oversight of the ECO Flex funding scheme (partly efforts to tackle fuel poverty)  2): Review and approve applications for ECO funding according to eligibility criteria,	Ongoing	Consultant in Public Health
PH6	Building Healthy Homes: continued oversight and regulation of home standards for the private rented sector.	Ongoing	Environmental Health Team
PH7	Continued air quality monitoring, data sharing, licensing and advocacy; continued management of air quality issues and working to meet air quality standards.	Ongoing	Environmental Health Team
PH8	Advocate for health-in-all policy making and prioritisation of public health across the council; specifically promoting systematic consideration of public health implications and health impacts of the council's sustainability actions, and promoting targeting of areas/groups in need and alleviation rather than exacerbation of health inequalities.	March 2023	Consultant in Public Health; Climate Change Advisory Group public health representative(s); commissioning leads
PH9	Build awareness and understanding within the council and more widely of the public health implications of climate change and the potential co-benefits to health and wellbeing from adaptation and mitigation sustainability actions.	December 2022	Consultant in Public Health; Public Health registrar; Public Health Intelligence Team

	<p>This will be done through advocacy, data/information collection &amp; sharing, supporting climate literacy training, and development of a joint strategic needs assessment (JSNA) on local public health impacts of climate change and adaptation/mitigation actions. The JSNA will feed into the borough-wide climate change strategy, ensuring prioritisation of health and crucially will involve identifying evidence-based public health actions and interventions for climate change adaptation and mitigation.</p>		
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<b>PROCUREMENT</b>	<b>Action to be taken</b>	<b>Time frame for Delivery</b>	<b>Council Lead</b>
PR1	Environment – Social Value Donation to parks/open spaces of trees/shrubs/ bench or playground equipment.	2022-2025	Procurement Manager
PR2	Minimise Waste – introduce Eco-friendly products within contract specifications where relevant and proportionate i.e. catering and cleaning materials.	2022-2025	Procurement Manager
PR3	Locally Based Supply Chain - Increase value thresholds to support local trading opportunities to SME's and VCSE's.	2022-2025	Procurement Manager
PR4	Influence the supply chain to improve sustainability in the supply of goods and services ensuring that relevant Social, Environmental and economic issues are considered where appropriate.	2022-2025	Procurement Manager
PR5	Consider the carbon impact of any purchasing decisions, ensuring products can be recyclable at the end of their life cycle wherever possible.	2022-2025	Procurement Manager

<b>TRAINING/EMBEDDING CLIMATE CHANGE INTO COUNCIL POLICIES</b>	<b>Action to be taken</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Council Lead</b>
<b>T1</b>	Develop a carbon reduction/climate change training programme for elected members, key officers and staff.	Commence Autumn 2023	Learning and Development Manager
<b>T2</b>	Incorporate requirement to carbon reduction in the development of Service Business Plans.	Ongoing	Learning and Development Manager
<b>T3</b>	As existing policies are reviewed, carbon reduction and alignment with the Council's climate change declaration be reviewed.	Ongoing	All Operational Directors
<b>T4</b>	The impact of climate change be assessed for all Council Capital Projects and external funding bids.	Ongoing	All Operational Directors
<b>T5</b>	Corporate Plan review to include climate emergency as part of the review of priorities.	2022	Management Team

# Monitoring and Evaluation

Implementation of the Action Plan will be overseen by the Council's Climate Change Advisory Group and actions will be monitored by key officers identified in the Plan.

Progress will be reported quarterly to the Lead Portfolio Holder. Annual Progress reports will be made to the Executive Board and appropriate Policy and Performance Board, as part of the Council's Performance reporting framework. This process will set out progress against each action, review its appropriateness and revise actions as appropriate.

Implementation of the Plan will require significant financial resources. This will be required at a time when the Council continues to face significant financial pressures. However, The Council will look to be innovative with its existing resources.

During the lifetime of the plan, the Council will explore alternative funding opportunities and investments to support the delivery of the actions contained within the Plan. The Council's External Funding Team will prioritise sourcing additional funding to help deliver the priority climate change initiatives. The Team will also promote 'green' funding opportunities to external partners.

# Partnerships

We recognise in the longer term the need to working with partners, local business and our communities to tackle carbon emissions in the wider Borough. There are already many communities, business and organisations that are exploring greener ways of working and living.

We recognise there is much more to do and as we develop our internal actions, we will seek to strengthen partnerships, and support and influence people and organisations to develop ideas around the climate change agenda.

## Housing

The Council are in a good position for future delivery, with a number of established and newer partnerships formed. These are focussed on working collectively, both locally and across the City-Region, to secure investment in local housing stock to reduce carbon emissions and support residents to reduce impact of fuel poverty and help them warm their homes.

Since early 2021, the Council has held a monthly meeting with social housing providers to plan and coordinate retrofit housing energy improvement projects within the Borough. More recently, the Council has entered into a service level agreement with Energy Projects Plus, a local fuel poverty and environmental charity, to provide residents with free, impartial support to warm homes and reduce energy costs.

## Business

Investment in the transition to Net Zero in Halton (and indeed across the Country) present a significant economic and business growth opportunity. The Council's Business Improvement and Growth Team already works with different sector businesses to help them to have the right networks, skills and accreditations to secure contracts and supply chain opportunities; and are talking to training providers to develop Halton's workforce with the skills and knowledge in green technologies to deliver Net Zero. In recognition of the likely acceleration in pace to Net Zero and associated economic



opportunities, the Council will work with partners including Halton Chamber and Riverside College to explore establishing a Green Growth Business Alliance.

### Community Partnerships

Whilst the Council recognises it is well placed as community leader to shape and influence carbon reduction within the borough, it recognises that partners and local residents also play a significant role in reducing carbon production across the borough.

Whilst this Plan focus predominantly on the Council activities during the lifetime of the plan, it will seek to explore the development of a Climate Change Community Partnership. To include representatives from colleges, housing providers, faith and voluntary groups, etc.

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board
<b>DATE:</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2022
<b>REPORTING OFFICER:</b>	Operational Director – Policy, Planning and Transportation
<b>PORTFOLIO:</b>	Environment and Urban Renewal
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Local Centres Trader Survey - 2022 Update
<b>WARDS:</b>	All

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 The report presents the initial findings from the updated survey of local centres undertaken by the Planning Service in 2022.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the report be noted.**

## **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 3.1 The Planning Service undertakes periodic surveys of the Borough's town, district and local centres. Surveys of the local centres have been completed in 1994/5, 1999, 2007, 2010, 2013 and 2014. The 2014 review informed the identification and boundaries for the local centres shown on the Policies Map in the newly adopted Delivery and Allocations Local Plan. The full results of that review were set out in the Local Centres report:

- 3.2 <https://www3.halton.gov.uk/Documents/planning/planning%20policy/eip/EL047.pdf>

- 3.3 The surveys take the form of a 'facia survey', where each centre is visited and the following information recorded:

- Trader mix
- Type of goods / services sold
- Floor space
- Quality of shopfronts and buildings.

- 3.4 A survey has been completed in 2022 and the attached paper (appendix A) sets out the results of the preliminary analysis.

## **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The survey forms part of the periodic series of surveys to monitor and identify any trends affecting local shopping and service provision across

the borough. The results extend the time series, which will be used to inform a future review of the Local Plan.

4.2 The newly adopted Local Plan put in place policies to provide a degree of protection for such uses.

4.3 Policy HC1 Vitality and Viability of Centres (paras 10 – 12)

Local Centres

*10. Within the Local Centres identified in policy CS(R)5 the primary retail role of the centre will be safeguarded. Other uses will be supported where they complement the existing role of these centres, provided that the proposal:*

*a. meets the retail needs of residents within the local neighbourhood; and*

*b. would not reduce the number of retail units in any local centre to below 50% of the units used for commercial purposes.*

*11. Additional or replacement convenience retail units (up to 280 sqm net) within or immediately adjacent to a defined Local Centre will be supported.*

Individual Shops

*12. Individual shops, not specifically defined on the Policies Map, will be safeguarded for retail purposes, unless it is demonstrated that the existing use and/or any other retail use is no longer viable within that specific location.*

**5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no financial implications. Survey work and analysis has been performed in-house by officers as part of normal collection and review of information relevant to the planning function.

**6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

**6.1 Children and Young People in Halton**

Data report – no implications identified.

**6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton**

Data report – no implications identified.

**6.3 A Healthy Halton**

Data report – no implications identified.

**6.4 A Safer Halton**

Data report – no implications identified.

**6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal**

Data report – no implications identified.

**7.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 Data report – no implications identified. The data has been collected and is being analysed in-house as part of the normal planning function.

**8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 Data report – no implications identified.

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

<b>Document</b>	<b>Place of Inspection</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>
Halton Delivery and Allocations Local Plan	<a href="https://www3.halton.gov.uk/Documents/planning/planning%20policy/newdalp/DALP-%20Adopted%20%28Links%29%20Web%20v1-2.pdf">https://www3.halton.gov.uk/Documents/planning/planning%20policy/newdalp/DALP-%20Adopted%20%28Links%29%20Web%20v1-2.pdf</a>	Alasdair Cross, Planning & Transport Strategy
Halton Local Centres Study 2014	<a href="https://www3.halton.gov.uk/Documents/planning/planning_policy/eip/EL047.pdf">https://www3.halton.gov.uk/Documents/planning/planning_policy/eip/EL047.pdf</a>	Alasdair Cross, Planning & Transport Strategy

**APPENDIX A****Local Centres Survey 2022 – Preliminary Results**

The Planning Service has undertaken periodic surveys of the local, district and town centres, recording:

- Trader mix
- Type of goods / services sold
- Floor space
- Quality of shopfronts and buildings.

This paper sets out the results from the 2022 survey and changes recorded since the previous survey in 2014. These two surveys straddle the Covid pandemic lockdown periods, which undoubtedly had an effect on the figures, although the previous survey was 8 years ago.

Since 2014, two new local centres have been built at Sutton Park and Sandymoor in Runcorn and the remaining phase of Upton Rocks local centre has been completed adding additional units.

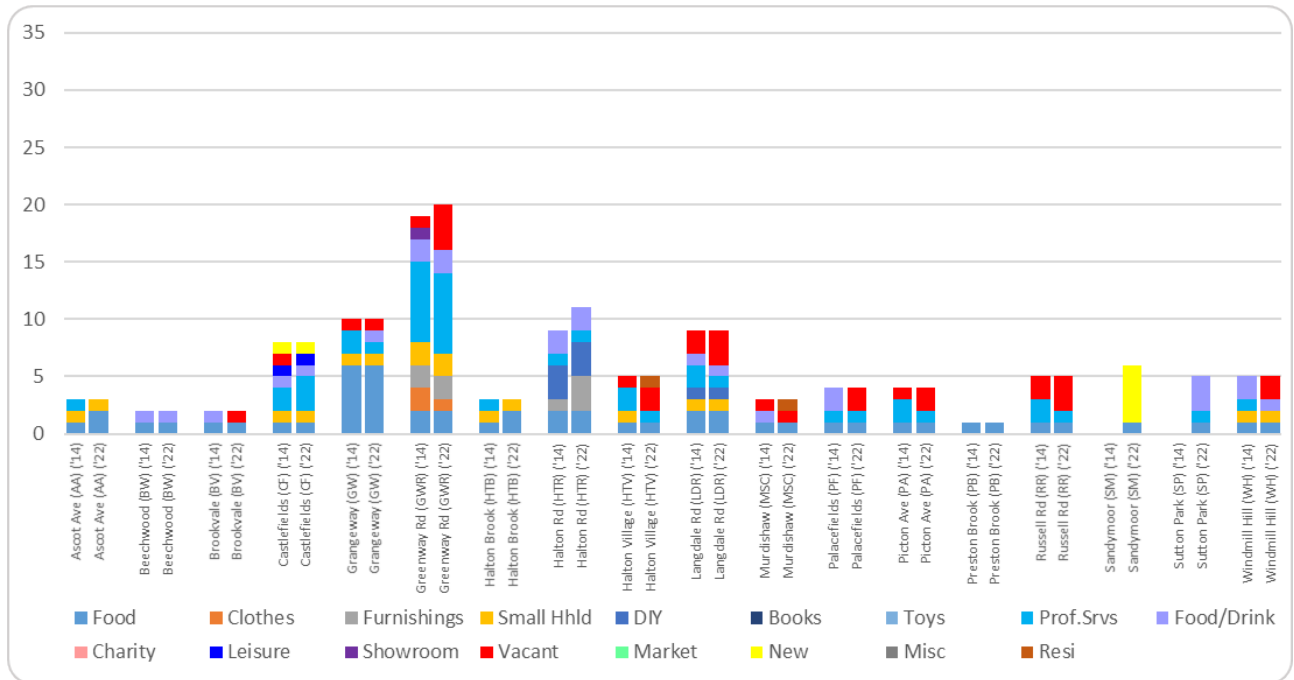
**1. Trader Mix (Goods Category)**

- 1.1. Overall, the largest change has been the increase in the number of vacant units, up 23 between 2014 and 2022. This reflects trends seen nationally in shopping habits such as an increase in online retail use, as well as the impact of the pandemic, especially on personal services like hair and beauty.
- 1.2. The Runcorn centres of Murdishaw, Halton Village and Russel Road have higher vacancy rates (60%+), with Brookvale, Palacefields and Picton Ave at 50%. In Widnes, Beechers and Hale Road have the highest proportion of vacancies, whilst a number of previous retail units in West Bank, Liverpool Road and Warrington Road have been converted to residential.
- 1.3. There has been a loss of 14 hair and beauty / tanning salons (AA03, FW10, FW31, HG04, HG06, HTV03, LDR08, LVR01, LVR31, LVR36, MR10, PA04, QA10, RR03), and 5 bookmakers (Coral – GW11, HLR08; Moorfield Racing- MR08, M Cook – WH06 and William Hill – WR14), though additions elsewhere result in a net loss of only 9 professional service units across the borough.
- 1.4. There has been a loss of 4 clothes stores, Rainbows (FW26), Bella Bella (FW25), Poppy's (GWR08) and Dance Sensations (QA19), leaving just two bridal shops, Wife to Be (GWR14) and Paris Bridal (HG09) and Jingo Designs (LVR23) trading in clothes items within the defined local centres.
- 1.5. Five hot-food takeaways have closed (BV02, HLR01, MSC02, PF01 and WH04), whilst three pubs are now vacant, The Tricorn (PF04), Main Top Hotel (WB11)

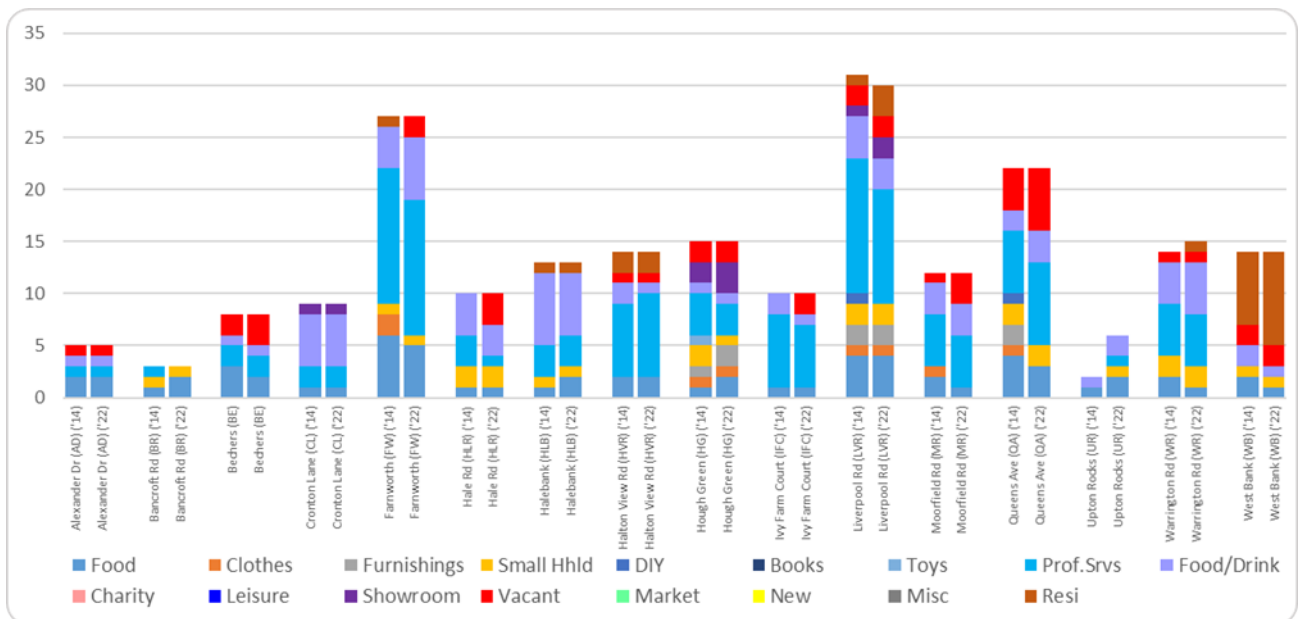
and The Castle (WR12). The survey covers the defined local centres so a number of public houses and individual shops outside of the defined centres are not included in this data. The newly adopted Local Plan however does contain policies HC6 and HC1(12) seeking to provide a degree of protection for such uses.

- 1.6. There has been a net gain of 2 units selling food & convenience goods, however there were losses of Beechers Post Office (BE02), Kings Butchers (FW27), Nutrition Asylum Supplements (LVR30), Simply Food & Drink (MR06), Beer Bellies (QA03), Your Local (QA20), D.Bentham Corner Shop (WB14) and St.Annes Food & Wine (WR10).

Units by Goods Category 2014 & 2022 (Runcorn)



Units by Goods Category 2014 & 2022 (Widnes)





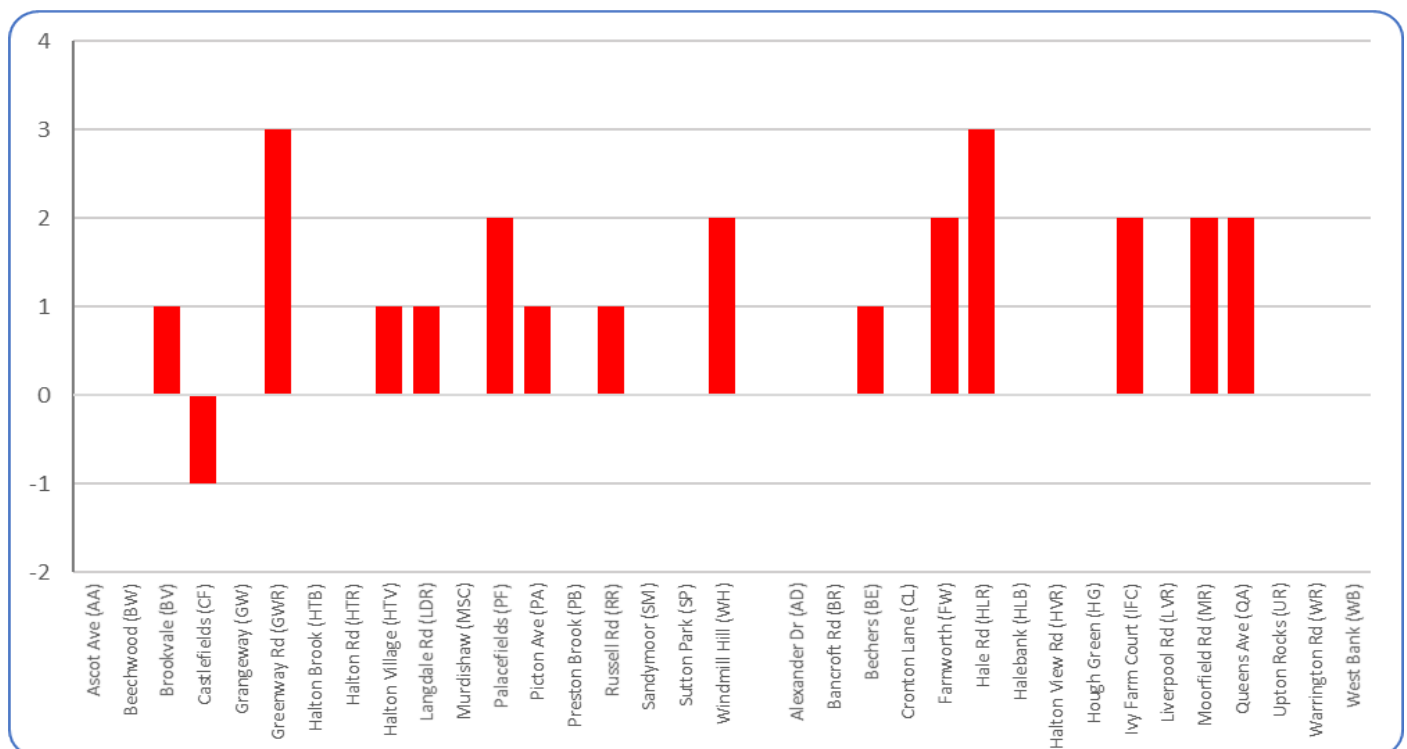




## 2. Vacancy Rates and Change to / from Other Uses

- 2.1. As stated above, there has been an overall increase in the number of vacant units between the two surveys. The number of vacant units by centre is shown in the charts above, however the chart below shows the net change by centre.
- 2.2. Greenway Road and Hale Road show the highest increases with 3 units each followed by Palacefields, Windmill Hill, Farnworth, Liverpool Road, Moorfield Rd and Queens Avenue.

### Net change if vacant units 2014~2022 by centre



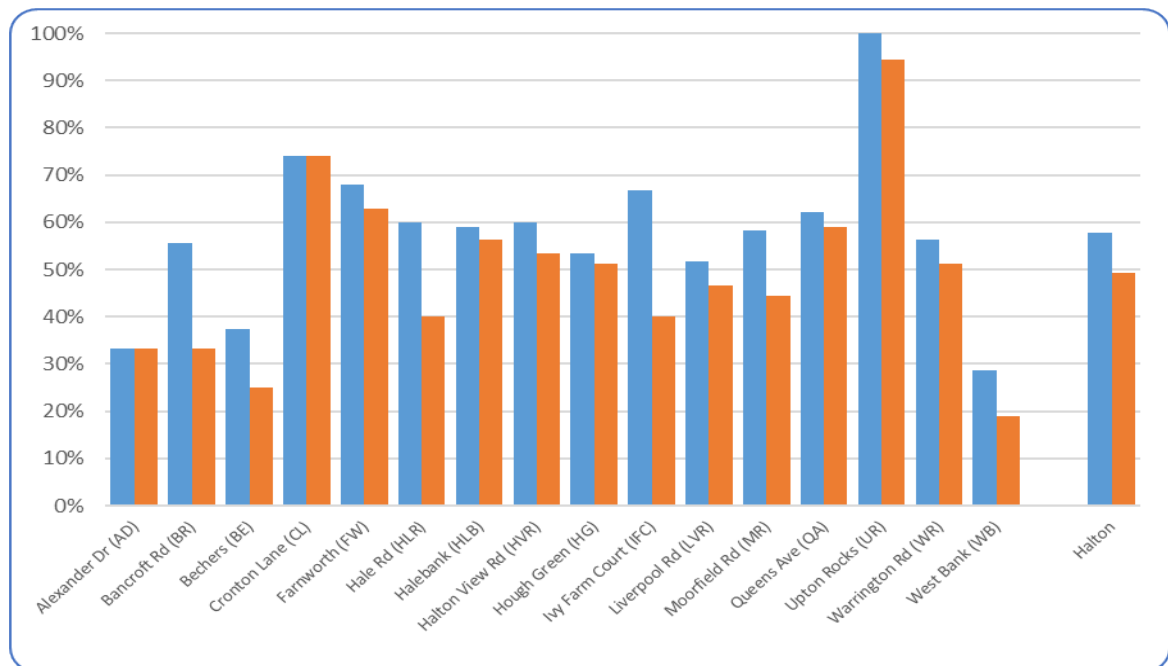
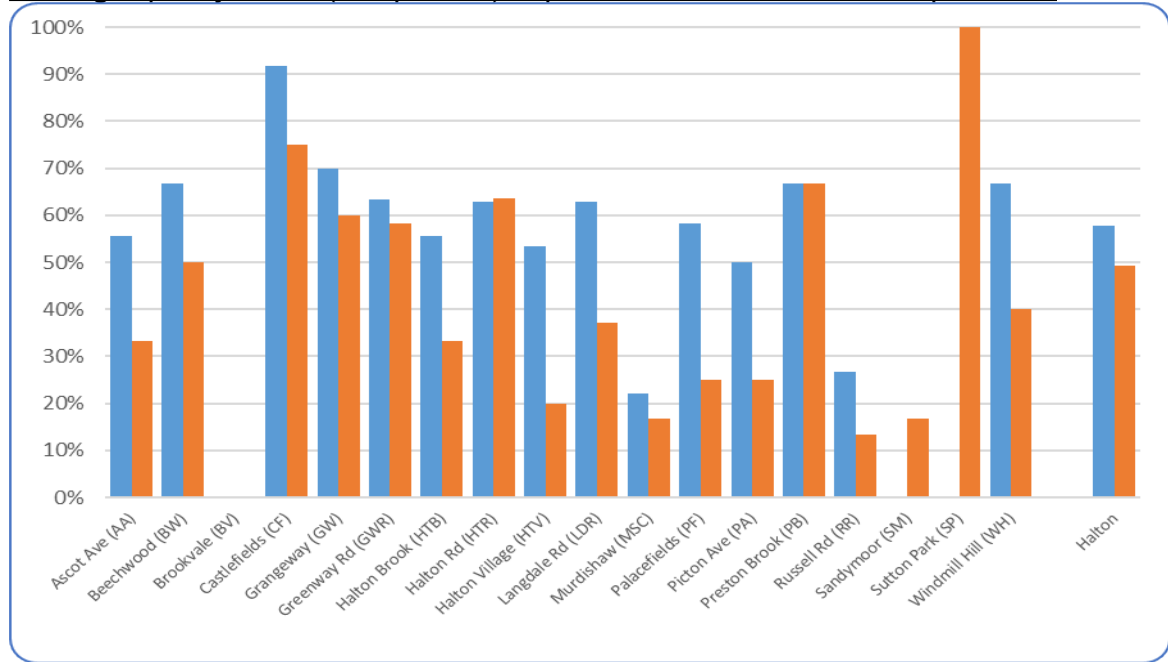
- 2.3. The data allows us to look at the changes between uses of individual units between the surveys to identify the nature of the uses that at closing / changing use.
- 2.4. Of the current 39 vacant units 4 were formally food / convenience stores with 18 being financial / professional (includes hairdressers etc) and 10 food and drink.
- 2.5. The data shows that 16 of the vacant units at the last survey in 2014, 3 have been brought back into use for (Cat 1) food/convenience goods, 7 for (Cat 8) financial and professional and 2 for (Cat 9) food and drink, whilst 3 have been converted to residential. A further 4 former (Cat 1 + Cat 8) units have also been converted to residential.



### 3. Shopfront quality

- 3.1. An assessment of the quality of shopfronts classifies them as being in either 'excellent', 'good', 'average' or 'poor' condition. Whilst this is a subjective assessment, it provides a proxy for business / landlord investment in the fabric of each unit and confidence in the centres. Vacant units are not assessed, so count as a zero score for the purposes of this assessment.
- 3.2. Overall, there has been a reduction in the average quality of shopfronts across the borough with an average score of 1.48 (out of 3) or 49% as compared to 1.73 or 58% previously. Ignoring vacant units, the quality of active shopfronts has actually improved slightly from 1.78 to 1.84.

Average quality score (Shopfronts) expressed as % of maximum possible.



UNIT Ref	Centre Name	Trader		Goods Cat		Use Class		Shopfront Quality	
		2014	2022	2014	2022	2014	2022	2014	2022
AA01	Ascot Avenue (AA)	Ascot Stores (General Store)	Ascot Stores (General Store)	1	1	A1	A1	Average	Average
AA02	Ascot Avenue (AA)	Neptune Fish Bar	Ascot Fish Bar	4	4	A5	A5	Good	Good
AA03	Ascot Avenue (AA)	Cut Above / Beauty Box Studio	Ascot Stores (Storage)	8	1	A1	A1	Good	Not Assessed
AD01	Alexander Drive (AD)	Jackie's Barbers (3)	KT's Hair & Beauty (3)	8	8	A1	A1	Average	Average
AD02	Alexander Drive (AD)	Golden Flower (5)	Golden Flower (5)	9	9	A5	A5	Average	Average
AD03	Alexander Drive (AD)	Vacant (formerly Newsagents) (64a ) Montgomery Rd	Vacant (formerly Newsagents) (64a Montgomery Rd)	13	13	Vacant	Vacant	Average	Average
AD04	Alexander Drive (AD)	Ditton Deli (101a) Hale Road	Ditton Deli (101a) Hale Road	1	1	A1	A1	Average	Average
AD05	Alexander Drive (AD)								
AD06	Alexander Drive (AD)								
AD07	Alexander Drive (AD)	Best One (9-11)	Best One (9-11)	1	1	A1	A1	Average	Average
BE01	Bechers (BE)	Cutting Edge (35)	Cutting Edge (35)	8	8	A1	A1	Average	Average
BE02	Bechers (BE)	Martins newsagents (36)	Martins newsagents (36)	1	1	A1	A1	Average	Average
BE03	Bechers (BE)	Londis (37)	Best-one (37)	1	1	A1	A1	Average	Average
BE04	Bechers (BE)	Post Office (38)	Vacant (38)	1	13	A1	Vacant	Average	Not Assessed
BE05	Bechers (BE)	Vacant	Vacant (39)	13	13	Vacant	Vacant	Poor	Not Assessed
BE06	Bechers (BE)	Upton Fish Bar (40)	Upton Fish Bar (40)	9	9	A5	A5	Average	Average
BE07	Bechers (BE)	Vacant (4 )	Vacant (4 )	13	13	Vacant	Vacant	Good	Not Assessed
BE08	Bechers (BE)	NHS Dentist (5)	NHS Dentist (5)	8	8	B1a	B1a	Good	Good
BE09	Bechers (BE)								
BV01	Brookvale (BV)	Jesani Stores (Unbranded outside)	Brookvale Local	1	1	A1	A1	Poor	Poor
BV02	Brookvale (BV)	Unbranded	Vacant	9	13	A5	Vacant	Poor	Not Assessed
BW01	Beechwood (BW)	The Beechwood Deli	Best-One	1	1	A1	A1	Good	Good
BW02	Beechwood (BW)	The Beechwood	The Beechwood	9	9	A4	A4	Good	Average
CF14	Castlefields (CF)	McColl's	McColl's	1	1	A1	A1	Excellent	Excellent
CF15	Castlefields (CF)	Rendells Hairdressing	Rendells Hairdressing	8	8	A1	A1	Excellent	Good
CF16	Castlefields (CF)	Vacant	Vacant	15	15	Vacant	Vacant	Excellent	Not Assessed
CF17	Castlefields (CF)	Vacant	Houghton & Son	13	8	Vacant	A2	Good	Good
CF18	Castlefields (CF)	Munchbox	Castlefields Fish Bar	9	9	A5	A5	Good	Good
CF19	Castlefields (CF)	Boots	Boots	4	4	A1	A1	Excellent	Excellent
CF20	Castlefields (CF)	Castlefields Health Centre	Castlefields Health Centre	8	8	D1	D1	Excellent	Excellent
CF21	Castlefields (CF)	Castlefields Community Centre	Castlefields Community Centre	11	11	D2	D2	Excellent	Excellent
CL01	Cronton Lane (CL)	Pauls Barber shop (4)	Pauls Barber shop (4)	8	8	A1	A1	Good	Good
CL02	Cronton Lane (CL)	Nisa & Post Office (6-8)	GOlocal extra & Post Office (6-8)	1	1	A1	A1	Good	Good
CL03	Cronton Lane (CL)	Cronton Fish Bar (10)	Cronton Fish Bar (10)	9	9	A5	A5	Good	Good
CL04	Cronton Lane (CL)	Krispy Bites (12)	Pizza Casa (12)	9	9	A5	A5	Good	Good

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		2014	2022	2014	2022	2014	2022	2014	2022
CL05	Cronton Lane (CL)	Cronton Lane Bakery (12b)	Cronton Lane Bakery (12b)	9	9	A1	A1	Excellent	Excellent
CL06	Cronton Lane (CL)	Upton Rocks Pharmacy	Upton Rocks Pharmacy	9	9	A1	A1	Good	Good
CL07	Cronton Lane (CL)	Pesto (217 Birchfield Road)	Pesto (217 Birchfield Road)	9	9	A4	A4	Excellent	Excellent
CL08	Cronton Lane (CL)	Macadamia Hair Spa (190 )	Macadamia Hair Spa (190 )	8	8	A1	A1	Excellent	Excellent
CL09	Cronton Lane (CL)	Lunts Heath Garage - Shell	Lunts Heath Garage - Shell	12	12	SG	SG	Average	Average
FW01	Farnworth (FW)								
FW02	Farnworth (FW)								
FW03	Farnworth (FW)								
FW04	Farnworth (FW)								
FW05	Farnworth (FW)								
FW06	Farnworth (FW)								
FW07	Farnworth (FW)	The Mens Room (86)	Mens Cuts (86)	8	8	A1	A1	Good	Good
FW08	Farnworth (FW)	Bargain Beers (88)	Bargain Booze (88)	1	1	A1	A1	Average	Average
FW09	Farnworth (FW)	Panache (84)	Panache (84)	8	8	A1	A1	Excellent	Excellent
FW10	Farnworth (FW)	The Nail Base (84a) 1st Floor	Vacant (84a) 1st Floor	8	13	A1	Vacant	Excellent	Not Assessed
FW11	Farnworth (FW)	Luxor (67-67a) 2 floors	Luxor (67-67a) 2 floors	8	8	A1	A1	Good	Good
FW12	Farnworth (FW)	Solar Energy Solutions (69)	Solar Energy Solutions (69)	8	8	A2	A2	Good	Good
FW13	Farnworth (FW)	Residential (71)	Irelands - Deli & Bistro (71)	17	9	C3	C3	Good	Good
FW14	Farnworth (FW)	Coral (73)	Coral (73)	8	8	A2	A2	Good	Good
FW15	Farnworth (FW)	Saffron Restuarant & Takeaway (94-94a)	Saffron Restuarant & Takeaway (94-94a)	9	9	A5	A5	Good	Good
FW16	Farnworth (FW)								
FW17	Farnworth (FW)	Waterfields (96)	Waterfields (96)	1	1	A1	A1	Excellent	Excellent
FW18	Farnworth (FW)	The Cutting Room (98a)	The Cutting Room (98a)	8	8	A1	A1	Good	Good
FW19	Farnworth (FW)	A Fresh (98)	A Fresh (98)	8	8	A1	A1		Good
FW20	Farnworth (FW)	Co op (100)	McColl's (100)	1	1	A1	A1	Excellent	Excellent
FW21	Farnworth (FW)	Farnworth Dry Cleaners	Farnworth Dry Cleaners	8	8		SG	Good	Good
FW22	Farnworth (FW)	Peel House Fish Bar (165)	Fung Wah (165)	9	9	A5	A5	Average	Average
FW23	Farnworth (FW)	Dentist (163)	LJ Clinic (163)	8	8	D1	D1	Good	Good
FW24	Farnworth (FW)	Paul's Farnworth Fish Bar (51)	Paul's Farnworth Fish Bar (51)	9	9	A5	A5	Good	Good
FW25	Farnworth (FW)	M & S Late Shop (45)	M & S Late Shop (45)	1	1	A1	A1	Average	Average
FW26	Farnworth (FW)	Rainbows (43)	Victoria Podiatry (43)	2	8	A1	A1	Average	Good
FW27	Farnworth (FW)	Kings Butchers (41)	Shake, Waffle N' Roll (41)	1	9	A1	A1	Good	Good
FW28	Farnworth (FW)	GL Stylist (39)	GL Beauty Shop (39)	8	8	A1	A1	Good	Good
FW29	Farnworth (FW)	The Sandwich Bar (37)	The Sandwich Bar (37)	1	1	A1	A1	Good	Good
FW30	Farnworth (FW)	Rowlands (11) Farnworth St	Rowlands (11) Farnworth St	4	4	A1	A1	Excellent	Excellent
FW31	Farnworth (FW)	Crimpers Hair Design (13) Farnworth St	Vacant (13) Farnworth St	8	13	A1	Vacant	Good	Not Assessed

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		2014	2022	2014	2022	2014	2022	2014	2022
FW32	Farnworth (FW)	The Griffin PH	The Griffin PH	9	9	A4	A4	Good	Good
FW34	Farnworth (FW)	Clare's Barbers (165a)	The Barbers Shop (165a)	8	8	A1	A1	Good	Good
FW35	Farnworth (FW)	Bella Bella (46 Farnworth St)	Glamour (46 Farnworth St)	2	8	A1	A1	Good	Good
GW01	Grangeway (GW)	Co-Operative Stores	Co-Operative Stores	1	1	A1	A1	Excellent	Good
GW02	Grangeway (GW)	Quigleys Bakery	Quigleys Bakery	1	1	A1	A1	Good	Good
GW03	Grangeway (GW)								
GW04	Grangeway (GW)	Co-Operative Pharmacy	Well Pharmacy	4	4	A1	A1	Good	Good
GW05	Grangeway (GW)	Bargain Booze	SG Booze	1	1	A1	A1	Good	Good
GW06	Grangeway (GW)	SG Stores	SG Stores	1	1	A1	A1	Good	Good
GW07	Grangeway (GW)	Mirror Image Hair & Beauty	Mirror Image Hair & Beauty	8	8	A1	A1	Good	Good
GW08	Grangeway (GW)	The Grange PO / Martins Newsagents	The Grange PO / Martins Newsagents	1	1	A1	A1	Good	Good
GW09	Grangeway (GW)	Vacant (former The Cherry Tree PH)	Mr Pizza	13	9	Vacant	A5	Good	Good
GW10	Grangeway (GW)	Heron Frozen Food	Heron Frozen Food	1	1	A1	A1	Good	Good
GW11	Grangeway (GW)	Coral Bookmakers	Vacant	8	13	A2	Vacant	Good	Not Assessed
GWR01	Greenway Road (GWR)	Funky Little Fancies (74)	Funky Little Fancies (74)	4	4	A1	A1	Average	Average
GWR02	Greenway Road (GWR)	Greenway Laundrette (76a)	Greenway Laundrette (76a)	8	8	SG	SG	Good	Good
GWR03	Greenway Road (GWR)	Ralf loves Daisy (72)	Roxies Hair & Beauty (72)	8	8	A1	A1	Good	Good
GWR04	Greenway Road (GWR)	Frodsham Carpets 78-80 (merged with adjacent unit)	Frodsham Carpets 78-80 (merged with adjacent unit)	3	3	A1	A1	Good	Good
GWR05	Greenway Road (GWR)	Frodsham Carpets 78-80	Frodsham Carpets 78-80	3	3	A1	A1	Good	Good
GWR06	Greenway Road (GWR)	Gilberts (82)	Vacant (82)	8	13	A1	Vacant	Good	Not Assessed
GWR07	Greenway Road (GWR)	Elaine Dillon Hair Salon (92)	Essencia by Sarah (92)	8	8	A1	A1	Excellent	Excellent
GWR08	Greenway Road (GWR)	Poppys (93)	Glitter & Glam Flowers (93)	2	4	A1	A1	Excellent	Good
GWR09	Greenway Road (GWR)	Exquiste Flowers (106)	Vacant (106)	4	13	A1	Vacant	Good	Not Assessed
GWR10	Greenway Road (GWR)	Bonton Tattoo (110)	Elizabeth George Studio (110)	8	8	A1	A1	Good	Good
GWR11	Greenway Road (GWR)	Premier (114)	Premier (114)	1	1	A1	A1	Good	Good
GWR12	Greenway Road (GWR)	Jubilee B & B (15-16)	Jubilee B & B (15-16)	0	0	C1	C1	Good	Good
GWR13	Greenway Road (GWR)	Dentist (13)	Dentist (13)	8	8	D1	D1	Good	Good
GWR14	Greenway Road (GWR)	Wife to Be Bridal Boutique (136-136a)	Wife to Be Bridal Boutique (136)	2	2	A1	A1	Excellent	Excellent
GWR15	Greenway Road (GWR)	Lion Hotel PH (100)	Lion Hotel PH (100)	9	9	A4	A4	Excellent	Excellent
GWR16	Greenway Road (GWR)	Vacant	Vacant	13	13	Vacant	Vacant	Poor	Poor
GWR17	Greenway Road (GWR)	Betta snax 94a Shaw St	Betta snax 94a Shaw St	9	9	A5	A5	Good	Good

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		2014	2022	2014	2022	2014	2022	2014	2022
GWR18	Greenway Road (GWR)	New Street Barbers (4 New Street )	Evolution Dental Surgery (4 New Street )	8	8	A1	A1	Average	Average
GWR19	Greenway Road (GWR)	Surrey Street Wines & Spirits (88-86 Surrey St)	Surrey Street Wines & Spirits (88-86 Surrey St)	1	1	A1	A1	Average	Average
GWR20	Greenway Road (GWR)	Surrey Street Garage	Garage Demolished - Vacant Plot	12	13	SG	Vacant	Average	
GWR21	Greenway Road (GWR)		Hair by Richard (136)		8		A1		Excellent
HG01	Hough Green (HG)	Presentation Trophies (449)	Sport & Wellness Clinic (449)	7	8	A1	A1	Good	Good
HG02	Hough Green (HG)	Buttilious ( 453)	Buttilious ( 453)	9	9	A1	A1	Good	Good
HG03	Hough Green (HG)	Presentation Florist ( 455)	Presentation Florist ( 455)	4	4	A1	A1	Good	Good
HG04	Hough Green (HG)	Viva Sun Beds (457)	Vacant (457)	8	13	A1	Vacant	Average	Not Assessed
HG05	Hough Green (HG)	Complete Bathrooms and Kitchens (459)	Complete Bathrooms and Kitchens (459)	3	3	A1	A1	Good	Good
HG06	Hough Green (HG)	Joannes unisex salon (461)	Vacant (461)	8	13	A1	Vacant	Good	Not Assessed
HG07	Hough Green (HG)	Co-Op (442)	Co-Op (442)	1	1	A1	A1	Good	Good
HG08	Hough Green (HG)	Vacant (224 Ditchfield Road)	Convenience Store & Post Office (224 Ditchfield Road)	13	1	Vacant	A1	Poor	Average
HG09	Hough Green (HG)	Paris Bridal (226 Ditchfield Rd)	Paris Bridal (226 Ditchfield Rd)	2	2	A1	A1	Good	Good
HG10	Hough Green (HG)	Vacant (464-466)	DMR Motors (464-466)	13	12	Vacant	SG	Average	Good
HG11	Hough Green (HG)	Moar & Butler Funeral Directors (458)	Moar & Butler Funeral Directors (458)	8	8	A1	A1	Good	Good
HG12	Hough Green (HG)	Impressions Hair, Nails and Beauty (421-423)	Beauty Salon (421-423)	8	8	A1	A1	Good	Good
HG13	Hough Green (HG)	De Silva Autos	MGs Tyres	12	12		SG	Average	Average
HG14	Hough Green (HG)	MGS Tyres	MGS Tyres	12	12		SG	Good	Average
HG15	Hough Green (HG)	Sensations (468-470)	Hough Green Carpet Centre (468-470)	4	3	A1	A1	Average	Good
HLB01	Halebank (HLB)								
HLB02	Halebank (HLB)	Residential (Former PO)	Residential (Former PO)	17	17	C3	C3	Good	Good
HLB03	Halebank (HLB)	Just Cuts (360)	Just Cuts (360)	8	8	A1	A1	Good	Good
HLB04	Halebank (HLB)	Men Lee (375)	Men Lee (375)	9	9	A5	A5	Average	Average
HLB05	Halebank (HLB)	Space Beauty (405)	Belle (405)	8	8	A1	A1	Good	Good
HLB06	Halebank (HLB)	Inhale Ink (421)	Babaks Turkish Barber Shop (421)	8	8	A1	A1	Good	Good
HLB07	Halebank (HLB)	The Gold Mine Bar & Grill (419)	The Gold Mine Bar & Grill (419)	9	9	A4	A4	Good	Good
HLB08	Halebank (HLB)	Co-op (447)	Co-op (447)	1	1	A1	A1	Excellent	Good
HLB09	Halebank (HLB)	Chi-Nar Garden Restaurant	Chi-Nar Garden Restaurant	9	9	A3	A3	Average	Average
HLB10	Halebank (HLB)	Harry's Fish Bar (488)	Hale Road Fish Bar (488)	9	9	A5	A5	Good	Good
HLB11	Halebank (HLB)	Denise's off Licence (1)	TKM Convenience Store (1)	9	1	A1	A1	Average	Average
HLB12	Halebank (HLB)	Mersey View PH	Mersey View PH	9	9	A4	A4	Average	Average

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		2014	2022	2014	2022	2014	2022	2014	2022
HLB13	Halebank (HLB)	Strachan's Chemist (445)	Strachan's Chemist (445)	4	4	A1	A1	Good	Good
HLB14	Halebank (HLB)	Rosie's Sandwich Bar (423)	Lunchbox Cafe (423)	9	9	A3	A3	Good	Good
HLR01	Hale Road (HLR)	Food 4 U (218)	Vacant (218)	9	13	A5	Vacant	Good	Not Assessed
HLR02	Hale Road (HLR)	Noble House (216)	Noble House (216)	9	9	A5	A5	Good	Good
HLR03	Hale Road (HLR)	Silky Bouquets Ltd (214)	Silky Bouquets Ltd (214)	4	4	A1	A1	Good	Good
HLR04	Hale Road (HLR)	CK2 Hair Salon (212)	Studio 212 Hair Salon (212)	8	8	A1	A1	Average	Average
HLR05	Hale Road (HLR)	Millennium Indian Take Away (210)	Millennium Indian Take Away (210)	9	9	A5	A5	Good	Good
HLR06	Hale Road (HLR)	Laundrette (1)	Vacant (1)	8	13	SG	Vacant	Average	Not Assessed
HLR07	Hale Road (HLR)	Bargain Booze (3)	Bargain Booze (3)	9	9	A1	A1	Good	Good
HLR08	Hale Road (HLR)	Coral (5-7)	Vacant (5-7)	8	13	A2	Vacant	Good	Not Assessed
HLR09	Hale Road (HLR)	Ditton Pharmacy (203 ) Hale Road	Ditton Pharmacy (203 ) Hale Road	4	4	A1	A1	Excellent	Good
HLR10	Hale Road (HLR)	Premier - St Michael News & off Licence (201 Hale Road)	Best-one (201 Hale Road)	1	1	A1	A1	Average	Average
HTB01	Halton Brook (HTB)	Spar	ABI Mini Mart	1	1	A1	A1	Poor	Poor
HTB02	Halton Brook (HTB)								
HTB03	Halton Brook (HTB)								
HTB04	Halton Brook (HTB)								
HTB05	Halton Brook (HTB)	Wise Pharmacy	Wise Pharmacy	4	4	A1	A1	Good	Good
HTB06	Halton Brook (HTB)	Hillcrest Supper Bar (20)	Hillcrest Supper Bar (20)	9	9	A5	A5	Average	Average
HTB07	Halton Brook (HTB)	Brook Image and Hair Beauty Salon	Brook Community Training	8	8	A1	A1	Good	Average
HTB08	Halton Brook (HTB)	Vacant (formerly The B'rma Star)	Vacant (formerly The B'rma Star)	13	13	Vacant	Vacant	Poor	Not Assessed
HTR01	Halton Road (HTR)	Dolphin Supper Bar (Fish and Chips)	Dolphin Supper Bar (Fish and Chips)	9	9	A5	A5	Good	Good
HTR02	Halton Road (HTR)								
HTR03	Halton Road (HTR)								
HTR04	Halton Road (HTR)	The Cooperative Food	The Cooperative Food	1	1	A1	A1	Good	Good
HTR05	Halton Road (HTR)	The Halfway House Pub	The Halfway House Pub	9	9	A4	A4	Average	Average
HTR06	Halton Road (HTR)	Tocco Beauty Salon (149-151)	Tocco Beauty Salon (149-151)	1	1	A1	A1	Good	Good
HTR07	Halton Road (HTR)	William Hill (123)	William Hill (123)	8	8	A1	A1	Excellent	Excellent
HTR08	Halton Road (HTR)	Bridge Timber & DIY	Bridge Timber & DIY	5	5	B8	B8	Good	Good
HTR09	Halton Road (HTR)	Floorstyle (Carpet)	Floorstyle (Carpet)	3	3	A1	A1	Good	Good
HTR10	Halton Road (HTR)	Ringway Plumbing	Ringway Plumbing	5	5	A1	A1	Good	Good
HTR11	Halton Road (HTR)	Webbs Builders Merchants / Garden Centre	Webbs Builders Merchants / Garden Centre	5	5	A1	A1	Average	Average
HTR12	Halton Road (HTR)		NYK Kitchens & Bedrooms		3		A1		Good
HTR13	Halton Road (HTR)		O'Neill Signs		3		A1		Good
HTV01	Halton Village (HTV)	Haircare (117)	Haircare (117)	8	8	A1	A1	Good	Good
HTV02	Halton Village (HTV)	Village Store (111)	Village Store (111)	1	1	A1	A1	Average	Average



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		2014	2022	2014	2022	2014	2022	2014	2022
HTV03	Halton Village (HTV)	Village Salon (71)	Vacant (71)	8	13	A1	Vacant	Excellent	Not Assessed
HTV04	Halton Village (HTV)								
HTV05	Halton Village (HTV)	Vacant (67) Possible change to residential	Residential (67)	13	17	Vacant	C3	Average	Not Assessed
HTV06	Halton Village (HTV)	Lighting Shop (65)	Vacant (65)	4	13	A1	Vacant	Average	Not Assessed
HVR01	Halton View Road (HVR)	Londis (23)	Londis (23)	1	1	A1	A1	Average	Average
HVR02	Halton View Road (HVR)	Sihouette (31)	Sihouette (31)	8	8	A1	A1	Good	Good
HVR03	Halton View Road (HVR)	Residential (41)	Residential (41)	17	17	C3	C3	Good	Good
HVR04	Halton View Road (HVR)	Vacant (51)	Dollylocks (51)	13	8	Vacant	A1	Poor	Average
HVR05	Halton View Road (HVR)	Jennor & Co (Unit 7, 55-61)	Reign Hair & Beauty (Unit 7, 55-61)	8	8	A2	A2	Good	Good
HVR06	Halton View Road (HVR)	Residential	Residential	17	17	C3	C3	Good	Not Assessed
HVR07	Halton View Road (HVR)	Curry King	Curry King	9	9	A5	A5	Good	Good
HVR08	Halton View Road (HVR)	Reflections	Beau Couture	8	8	A1	A1	Good	Good
HVR09	Halton View Road (HVR)	Spar Post Office	Spar Post Office	1	1	A1	A1	Good	Good
HVR10	Halton View Road (HVR)	Can not locate Unit (remove from future survey)	Can not locate Unit (remove from future survey)	0	0	0	0	Not Assessed	Not Assessed
HVR11	Halton View Road (HVR)	Kirstys sandwich Bar (72)	Vacant (72)	9	13	A1	Vacant	Excellent	Good
HVR12	Halton View Road (HVR)	Sophisticutz Hair Salon	Colour Me Hair Salon	8	8	A1	A1	Excellent	Good
HVR13	Halton View Road (HVR)	Ellie D's Tattoos (3 Christie St)	M.L.C Nails & Beauty (3 Christie St)	8	8	A1	A1	Good	Good
HVR14	Halton View Road (HVR)	Top Cuts Barber Shop (3a Christie St)	Top Cuts Barber Shop (3a Christie St)	8	8	A1	A1	Good	Good
HVR15	Halton View Road (HVR)	Ultimate Podiatry Clinc	Ultimate Podiatry Clinc	8	8	D1	D1	Good	Good
IFC01	Ivy Farm Court (IFC)	Hale News (8)	Hale News (8)	1	1	A1	A1	Good	Good
IFC02	Ivy Farm Court (IFC)	Doctors Surgery (6-7)	Vacant (6-7)	8	13	D1	Vacant	Good	Not Assessed
IFC03	Ivy Farm Court (IFC)	Doctors Surgery (6-7)	Wignalls Estate Agents (6-7)	8	8	D1	D1	Good	Good
IFC04	Ivy Farm Court (IFC)	tea (café) (5)	Vacant (5)	9	13	A3	Vacant	Good	Not Assessed
IFC05	Ivy Farm Court (IFC)								
IFC06	Ivy Farm Court (IFC)	Event Hair & Beauty (4)	LaHives Glam Squad (4)	8	8	A1	A1	Good	Good
IFC07	Ivy Farm Court (IFC)	Hale Pharmacy (3)	Hale Pharmacy (3)	8	8	A1	A1	Good	Good
IFC08	Ivy Farm Court (IFC)	Hale Pharmacy (2) Storage	Hale Pharmacy (2) Storage	8	8	A1	A1	Good	Not Assessed
IFC09	Ivy Farm Court (IFC)	Hale Pharmacy (1) Storage	Hale Pharmacy (1) Storage	8	8	A1	A1	Good	Not Assessed
IFC10	Ivy Farm Court (IFC)	Village Post Office & Store 61 High Street	Village Post Office & Store 61 High Street	8	8	A1	A1	Good	Good

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		2014	2022	2014	2022	2014	2022	2014	2022
IFC11	Ivy Farm Court (IFC)	Wellington PH	Wellington PH	9	9	A4	A4	Good	Good
LDR01	Langdale Road (LDR)	Langdale Express (52)	Langdale Express (52)	1	1	A1	A1	Good	Good
LDR02	Langdale Road (LDR)	Tocco Beauty (50)	Vacant (50)	4	13	A1	Vacant	Good	Not Assessed
LDR03	Langdale Road (LDR)	Golden River (Fish & Chips / Chinese)	Langdale Fish Bar	9	9	A5	A5	Good	Good
LDR04	Langdale Road (LDR)	Flowers of Runcorn (46)	Flowers of Runcorn (46)	4	4	A1	A1	Good	Good
LDR05	Langdale Road (LDR)	Vacant (44)	Shannen's Pampered Pooches (44)	13	8	Vacant	A1	Average	Average
LDR06	Langdale Road (LDR)	Household Stores (42)	Household Stores (42)	5	5	A1	A1	Good	Good
LDR07	Langdale Road (LDR)	The Snap Shop - 1 hr Photo (40)	Vacant (40)	8	13	A1	Vacant	Excellent	Not Assessed
LDR08	Langdale Road (LDR)	Hair Lounge (38)	Vacant (38)	8	13	A1	Vacant	Good	Not Assessed
LDR09	Langdale Road (LDR)	Vacant (former KPT Food and Wine) (36a)	KPT Food and Wine (36a)	13	1	Vacant	A1	Average	Average
LVR01	Liverpool Road (LVR)	Hair Kingdom (228)	Candy Club (228)	8	1	A1	A1	Excellent	Good
LVR02	Liverpool Road (LVR)	Tastee (226)		9		A5	#N/A	Excellent	
LVR03	Liverpool Road (LVR)	Pansie Potters	Vacant	4	13	A1	Vacant	Excellent	Not Assessed
LVR04	Liverpool Road (LVR)	P Tec Computers ( 224a)	P-Tec Computers ( 224a)	3	3	A1	A1	Good	Good
LVR05	Liverpool Road (LVR)	Cohen's Pharmacy (222a)	Cohen's Chemist (222a)	4	4	A1	A1	Good	Good
LVR06	Liverpool Road (LVR)	Chestnut Lodge (222)	Chestnut Lodge (222)	1	1	A1	A1	Good	Good
LVR07	Liverpool Road (LVR)								
LVR08	Liverpool Road (LVR)	F Dooley & Son (220 - 220a)	F Dooley & Son (220 - 220a)	8	8	A1	A1	Excellent	Good
LVR09	Liverpool Road (LVR)								
LVR10	Liverpool Road (LVR)	The Lodge (218)	Cuppoccino's (218)	9	9	A1	A1	Poor	Good
LVR11	Liverpool Road (LVR)	Tattoo & Body Piercing (216)	Tattoo & Body Piercing (216)	8	8	A1	A1	Poor	Average
LVR12	Liverpool Road (LVR)	Booze & Food (214)	Booze n' Food (214)	1	1	A1	A1	Poor	Average
LVR13	Liverpool Road (LVR)	Pauls Barber Shop (212)	Golden Scissors (212)	8	8	A1	A1	Good	Good
LVR14	Liverpool Road (LVR)	Vacant (210)	Vacant (210)	13	13	Vacant	Vacant	Not Assessed	Not Assessed
LVR15	Liverpool Road (LVR)	Chesnut Lodge Supper Bar (208)	Chesnut Lodge Supper Bar (208)	9	9	A5	A5	Average	Average
LVR16	Liverpool Road (LVR)	Premier Bathrooms & Kitchens (206 )	Ace Blinds (206 )	3	3	A1	A1	Average	Good
LVR17	Liverpool Road (LVR)	Residential (204)	Residential (204)	17	17	C3	C3	Not Assessed	Not Assessed
LVR18	Liverpool Road (LVR)	Assured Mortgage Services (202a - 204a)	Assured Mortgage Services (202a - 204a)	8	8	A2	A2	Good	Good
LVR19	Liverpool Road (LVR)								
LVR20	Liverpool Road (LVR)	Widnes Glass (182)	Widnes Glass (182)	5	12	A1	A1	Good	Good

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		2014	2022	2014	2022	2014	2022	2014	2022
LVR21	Liverpool Road (LVR)	Jazz Rumours Hair Shop (172)	Jazz Rumours Hair Shop (172)	8	8	A1	A1	Good	Good
LVR22	Liverpool Road (LVR)	Wendys Unisex barbers (160)	Wendys Unisex Barbers (160)	8	8	A1	A1	Average	Average
LVR23	Liverpool Road (LVR)	Printed T-Shirts (158a)	Jingo Designs (158a)	2	2	A1	A1	Average	Average
LVR24	Liverpool Road (LVR)	Sharon Rotherham (134)	Link 88 Beauty Bar (134)	8	8	A2	A2	Good	Good
LVR25	Liverpool Road (LVR)	The Ball Hotel PH (173)	The Ball Hotel PH (173)	9	9	A4	A4	Good	Good
LVR26	Liverpool Road (LVR)	The Coop	The Co-op	1	1	A1	A1	Good	Good
LVR27	Liverpool Road (LVR)	Glen Andrews Car Sales (231)	Glen Andrews Car Sales (231)	12	12		SG	Good	Good
LVR30	Liverpool Road (LVR)	Nutrition Asylum Supplements (164)	Residential (164)	1	17	A1	C3	Average	Not Assessed
LVR31	Liverpool Road (LVR)	Hannah Olivia's Nail and Hair Design (162)	Residential (162)	8	17	A1	C3	Average	Not Assessed
LVR32	Liverpool Road (LVR)	Post Office (236)	Post Office (236)	8	8	A1	A1	Average	Average
LVR33	Liverpool Road (LVR)	Vacant (next door to Post Office)	Hair Kingdom	13	8	Vacant	A1	Average	Average
LVR34	Liverpool Road (LVR)	Osteopathy - Physiotherapy (184)	Osteopathy - Physiotherapy (184)	8	8	D1	D1	Good	Good
LVR35	Liverpool Road (LVR)	Chestnut Lodge Dental Surgery (192)	Chestnut Lodge Dental Surgery (192)	8	8	D1	D1	Good	Good
LVR36	Liverpool Road (LVR)	Touch of Bronze (158)	New & Used (158)	8	4	A1	A1	Good	Average
MR01	Moorfield Road (MR)	Cinnamon Coffee and Deli Bar (12a)	Cinnamon Coffee and Deli Bar (12a)	9	9	A3	A3	Good	Good
MR02	Moorfield Road (MR)	Bronz Bodz (14)	Bronz Bodz (14)	8	8	A1	A1	Good	Good
MR03	Moorfield Road (MR)								
MR04	Moorfield Road (MR)	Martins (12 Chorley s Lane )	McColls (12 Chorley s Lane )	1	1	A1	A1	Good	Good
MR05	Moorfield Road (MR)	Cam Lee (124)	Cam Lee (124)	9	9	A5	A5	Good	Good
MR06	Moorfield Road (MR)	Simply Food & Drink ( 122)	Vacant ( 122)	1	13	A1	Vacant	Good	Not Assessed
MR07	Moorfield Road (MR)								
MR08	Moorfield Road (MR)	Moorfield Racing (118 )	Vacant (118 )	8	13	A1	Vacant	Good	Not Assessed
MR09	Moorfield Road (MR)	All Safe Security Ltd (120)	Signs and Graphics (120)	12	8	A1	A1	Good	Good
MR10	Moorfield Road (MR)	Joanne Claire (116)	Vacant (116)	8	13	A1	Vacant	Good	Not Assessed
MR11	Moorfield Road (MR)	Vacant (114)	Grand Design Weddings & Events (114)	13	8	Vacant	A1	Average	Average
MR12	Moorfield Road (MR)	Happy Dogs Grooming Parlour (112 )	Happy Dogs Grooming Parlour (112 )	8	8	A1	A1	Poor	Average
MR13	Moorfield Road (MR)	Glitz and Glam (110)	Polished Hair, Nails & Beauty (110)	8	8	A1	A1	Good	Good
MR14	Moorfield Road (MR)	Crows Nest PH (109)	Crows Nest PH (109)	9	9	A4	A4	Good	Good

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		2014	2022	2014	2022	2014	2022	2014	2022
MSC01	Murdishaw (MSC)	Co-Operative Stores	Co-Operative Stores	1	1	A1	A1	Average	Average
MSC02	Murdishaw (MSC)	Fish & Chips (Unbranded unit)	Vacant	9	13	A5	Vacant	Average	Not Assessed
MSC03	Murdishaw (MSC)	Vacant plot (formerly the Jolly Brewer - now demolished)	Residential	13	17	Vacant	C3	Poor	
PA01	Picton Avenue (PA)	General Store	GO-local	1	1	A1	A1	Good	Good
PA02	Picton Avenue (PA)	Vacant	Vacant	13	13	Vacant	Vacant	Average	Not Assessed
PA03	Picton Avenue (PA)	Gents Hair (76)	Gents Hair (76)	8	8	A1	A1	Average	Average
PA04	Picton Avenue (PA)	JK Cappelli Hair	Vacant	8	13	A1	Vacant	Good	Not Assessed
PB01	Preston Brook (PB)								
PB02	Preston Brook (PB)	Spar	Spar	1	1	A1	A1	Good	Good
PB03	Preston Brook (PB)								
PF01	Palacefields (PF)	Chip Shop (Unbranded)	Vacant	9	13	A5	Vacant	Average	Not Assessed
PF02	Palacefields (PF)	Spar	Spar	1	1	A1	A1	Average	Average
PF03	Palacefields (PF)	Finesse Hair & Beauty	Finesse Hair & Beauty	8	8	A1	A1	Good	Good
PF04	Palacefields (PF)	The Tricorn	Vacant	9	13	A4	Vacant	Excellent	Not Assessed
QA01	Queens Avenue (QA)	Tanning Studio (39 & 108A)	Youth Ditton Hub (39 & 108A)	3	8	A1	A1	Good	Average
QA02	Queens Avenue (QA)	Tanning Studio (39)	Tanning Studio (39)	3	8	A1	A1	Good	Good
QA03	Queens Avenue (QA)	Beer Bellies Off Licence (37)	Vacant (37)	1	13	A1	Vacant	Good	Good
QA04	Queens Avenue (QA)	Foodbank, Charity and Advice Office (35)	Vacant (35)	8	13	A2	Vacant	Good	Good
QA05	Queens Avenue (QA)	Fluff a Dog (33)	Grillionaire (33)	8	9	A1	A1	Good	Average
QA06	Queens Avenue (QA)	Vacant (31)	Adorable Dog Grooming (31)	13	8	Vacant	A1	Good	Good
QA07	Queens Avenue (QA)	Queens Avenue Pet Shop (29)	Vacant (29)	4	13	A1	Vacant	Good	Good
QA08	Queens Avenue (QA)	Halton Credit Union (27)	Vacant (27)	5	13	A1	Vacant	Good	Good
QA09	Queens Avenue (QA)	Sayers (25)	Sayers (25)	1	1	A1	A1	Good	Good
QA10	Queens Avenue (QA)	Beazley and Beazley (23)	Halton Haven Hospice (23)	8	4	A2	A2	Good	Good
QA11	Queens Avenue (QA)	Vacant (21)	The Queens Pantry (21)	13	1	Vacant	A1	Good	Good
QA12	Queens Avenue (QA)	Elegance (19)	Gloss - Beauty & Aesthetics (19)	8	8	A1	A1	Good	Good
QA13	Queens Avenue (QA)	Nicholson's Pharmacy (17)	Nicholson's Pharmacy (17)	4	4	A1	A1	Good	Good
QA14	Queens Avenue (QA)	Queens Avenue Convenience Store (15) (not open at time of survey)	GoLocal (15)	1	1	A1	A1	Good	Good
QA15	Queens Avenue (QA)	Elliot Family Butchers (13)	Hills Butchers (13)	9	9	A1	A1	Good	Good
QA16	Queens Avenue (QA)	Vacant (11)	Vacant (11)	13	13	Vacant	Vacant	Average	Average
QA17	Queens Avenue (QA)	Harry's Fish Bar (9)	Harry's Fish Bar (9)	9	9	A5	A5	Good	Good

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		2014	2022	2014	2022	2014	2022	2014	2022
QA18	Queens Avenue (QA)	Vacant (7)	Community Learning Centre (7)	13	8	Vacant	D2	Average	Average
QA19	Queens Avenue (QA)	Dance Sensations (5)	Community Learning Centre (5)	2	8	A1	A1	Good	Good
QA20	Queens Avenue (QA)	Your Local Newsagents (3)	Vacant (3)	1	13	A1	Vacant	Average	Average
QA21	Queens Avenue (QA)	Xpressions Salon (1)	Xpressions Salon (1)	8	8	A1	A1	Good	Good
QA22	Queens Avenue (QA)	Ladbrokes	BetFred	8	8	A2	A2	Good	Good
RR01	Russell Road (RR)	Vacant (former Shape N Style (98a))	Vacant (98a)	13	13	Vacant	Vacant	Poor	Not Assessed
RR02	Russell Road (RR)	Vacant (98)	Vacant (98)	13	13	Vacant	Vacant	Average	Not Assessed
RR03	Russell Road (RR)	Bliss Beauty and Tanning (96)	Vacant (96)	8	13	A1	Vacant	Average	Not Assessed
RR04	Russell Road (RR)	Shape N Style (94)	Shape N Style (94)	8	8	A1	A1	Average	Average
RR05	Russell Road (RR)	KK Food & Wine (92)	KK Food & Wine (92)	1	1	A1	A1	Average	Average
SM01	Sandymoor (SM)		Vacant		15		New		Not Assessed
SM02	Sandymoor (SM)		Vacant		15		New		Not Assessed
SM03	Sandymoor (SM)		Vacant		15		New		Not Assessed
SM04	Sandymoor (SM)		Vacant		15		New		Not Assessed
SM05	Sandymoor (SM)		Vacant		15		New		Not Assessed
SM06	Sandymoor (SM)		Co-op		1		A1		Excellent
SP01	Sutton Park (SP)		Subway		9		A1		Excellent
SP02	Sutton Park (SP)		Perky Grinders		9		A3		Excellent
SP03	Sutton Park (SP)		Vets4Pets		8		A1		Excellent
SP04	Sutton Park (SP)		The Queen of Hearts PH		9		A4		Excellent
SP05	Sutton Park (SP)		Aldi		1		A1		Excellent
UR01	Upton Rocks (UR)	Morrisons Local	Co-op	1	1	A1	A1	Excellent	Excellent
UR02	Upton Rocks (UR)	The Observatory (Hungry Horse)	The Observatory (Hungry Horse)	9	9	A4	A4	Excellent	Excellent
UR03	Upton Rocks (UR)		Subway		9		A1		Good
UR04	Upton Rocks (UR)		Barnardo's		4		A1		Excellent
UR05	Upton Rocks (UR)		Bargain Booze		1		A1		Excellent
UR06	Upton Rocks (UR)		White Cross Vets		8		A1		Excellent
WB01	West Bank (WB)	Golden Bridge (90)	Golden Bridge (90)	9	9	A5	A5	Good	Good
WB02	West Bank (WB)	Vacant (86)	Residential (86)	13	17	Vacant	C3	Average	Not Assessed
WB03	West Bank (WB)	West Bank Village Store (82-84)	West Bank Village Store (82-84)	1	1	A1	A1	Good	Good
WB04	West Bank (WB)	Public House (Demolished) now residential (73-75)	Public House (Demolished) now residential (73-75)	17	17	C3	C3	Not Assessed	Not Assessed
WB05	West Bank (WB)	Residential	Residential	17	17	C3	C3	Not Assessed	Not Assessed
WB06	West Bank (WB)	Residential (66)	Residential (66)	17	17	C3	C3	Not Assessed	Not Assessed
WB07	West Bank (WB)	Residential (64)	Residential (64)	17	17	C3	C3	Not Assessed	Not Assessed
WB08	West Bank (WB)	Residential ( 62)	Residential ( 62)	17	17	C3	C3	Not Assessed	Not Assessed
WB09	West Bank (WB)	Vacant (40)	Lols Lounge (40)	13	13	Vacant	Vacant	Poor	Average

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		2014	2022	2014	2022	2014	2022	2014	2022
WB10	West Bank (WB)	Adj 38 (residential)	Adj 38 (residential)	17	17	C3	C3	Good	Good
WB11	West Bank (WB)	Main Top Hotel (17)	Vacant (17)	9	13	A4	Vacant	Good	Not Assessed
WB12	West Bank (WB)	Residential (21)	Residential (21)	17	17	C3	C3	Good	Not Assessed
WB13	West Bank (WB)	West Bank Pharmacy (8a)	West Bank Pharmacy (8a)	4	4	A1	A1	Poor	Average
WB14	West Bank (WB)	D.Bentham Corner Shop (121)	Residential (121)	1	17	A1	C3	Average	Not Assessed
WH01	Windmill Hill (WH)								
WH02	Windmill Hill (WH)	Co-operative Store	Co-operative Store	1	1	A1	A1	Excellent	Good
WH03	Windmill Hill (WH)	Wise Pharmacy	Wise Pharmacy	4	4	A1	A1	Excellent	Good
WH04	Windmill Hill (WH)	Fish & Chips (unbranded unit)	Vacant	9	13	A5	Vacant	Poor	Not Assessed
WH05	Windmill Hill (WH)	The Windmill P.H.	The Windmill P.H.	9	9	A4	A4	Good	Good
WH06	Windmill Hill (WH)	M Cook Bookmakers	Vacant (now part of Public House)	8	13	A2	Vacant	Good	Not Assessed
WR01	Warrington Road (WR)	Oaks 'n' Grill (196-200)	Alev Restaurant (196-200)	9	9	A3	A3	Good	Good
WR02	Warrington Road (WR)	Mama Mia (200b)	Mobys Tandori (200b)	9	9	A5	A5	Average	Average
WR03	Warrington Road (WR)	Vacant	Mr Chippy	13	9	Vacant	A5	Poor	Average
WR04	Warrington Road (WR)	About Flowers (202)	About Flowers (202)	4	4	A1	A1	Excellent	Excellent
WR05	Warrington Road (WR)	Sunbeds Direct (202a)	Sunbeds Direct (202a)	8	8	A1	A1	Good	Good
WR06	Warrington Road (WR)	Wise Pharmacist (204)	Wise Pharmacist (204)	4	4	A1	A1	Good	Good
WR07	Warrington Road (WR)	William Hill (206)	William Hill (206)	8	8	A2	A2	Good	Good
WR08	Warrington Road (WR)	Halton View Vet centre (208)	Halton View Vet centre (208)	8	8	D2	D2	Good	Good
WR09	Warrington Road (WR)	The Raj (210)	Chutney Blue (210)	9	9	A3	A3	Average	Average
WR10	Warrington Road (WR)	St Anne Food & Wine (212)	Claire & Co (212)	1	8	A1	A1	Average	Average
WR11	Warrington Road (WR)	Costcutter Supermarket & Petrol Station	Londis Supermarket & Texaco Petrol	1	1	A1	A1	Good	Good
WR12	Warrington Road (WR)	The Castle	Vacant	9	13	A4	Vacant	Good	Not Assessed
WR13	Warrington Road (WR)	Franks Barber Shop (192)	Franks Barber Shop (192)	8	8	A1	A1	Good	Good
WR14	Warrington Road (WR)	William Hill (281)	Residential (281)	8	17	A2	C3		Not Assessed
WR16	Warrington Road (WR)	#N/A	The Coffee Shop	#N/A	9	#N/A	A3	#N/A	Good

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board
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<b>PORTFOLIO:</b>	Environment and Urban Renewal
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Delivery and Allocations Local Plan – Preliminary Development Update
<b>WARDS:</b>	All

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 The report presents the initial findings from the annual monitoring of housing and employment development against DALP targets.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the report be noted.**

## **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 3.1 Council adopted the Delivery and Allocations Plan in March of this year. The Plan covers the period from 2014~2037.
- 3.2 The Plan sets out a number of development targets for the provision of housing and the supply of land for employment and retail development, including,
- Housing = 8,050 net dwelling gain at an average of 350 per annum.
  - Employment = 180 hectares to be made available
- 3.3 The annual monitoring of granted planning permissions and construction starts and completions (April~March) has been completed and this report presents some of the interim findings together with some updated demographic projections (Appendix A).

## **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 These surveys forms part of the routine monitoring of progress on the delivery of the development plan policies. Should the monitoring identify that the Plan was not being successfully delivered this may trigger the need for an early full or partial review (as appropriate).

## **5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 There are no financial implications. .

**6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES****6.1 Children and Young People in Halton**

Data report – no implications identified.

**6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton**

Data report – no implications identified.

**6.3 A Healthy Halton**

Data report – no implications identified.

**6.4 A Safer Halton**

Data report – no implications identified.

**6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal**

Data report – no implications identified.

**7.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 Data report – no implications identified. The data has been collected and is being analysed in-house as part of the normal planning function.

**8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 Data report – no implications identified.

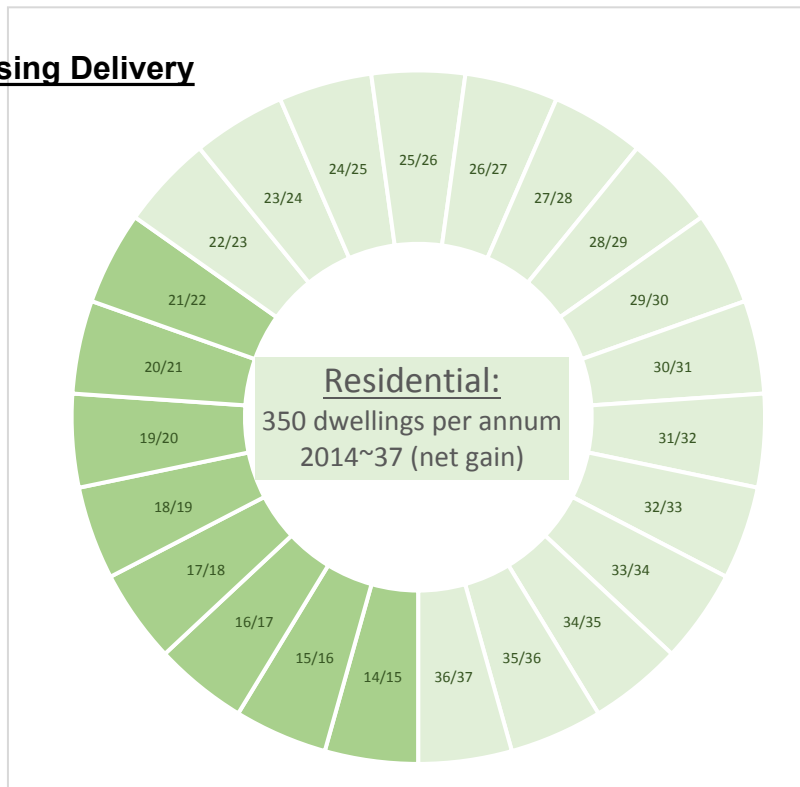
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<b>Document</b>	<b>Place of Inspection</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>
Halton Delivery and Allocations Local Plan	<a href="https://www3.halton.gov.uk/Documents/planning/planning%20policy/newdalp/DALP-%20Adopted%20%28Links%29%20Web%20v1-2.pdf">https://www3.halton.gov.uk/Documents/planning/planning%20policy/newdalp/DALP-%20Adopted%20%28Links%29%20Web%20v1-2.pdf</a>	Alasdair Cross, Planning & Transport Strategy



## **Halton Delivery and Allocations Local Plan – Delivery**

### **1. Housing Delivery**



1.1. The DALP policy sets out a housing requirement for 8,050 net dwelling gain (2014~37) at an average rate of 350 dwellings per annum. To date 3,479 additional dwellings have been delivered.

1.2. The chart above shows that we are 8 years into the 23 year plan period, and if delivery was exactly on target we would have delivered around 2,800 dwellings (green shading). To date we have delivered 3,479 additional dwellings showing delivery is running slightly ahead of target.

1.3. Delivery has slowed considerably over the last two years. In the last year only 14 units (gross) were completed in Widnes, 10 (net) after subtracting 4 losses. This reflects the fact that all of the land allocations in Widnes from the 2005 UDP had been built out.

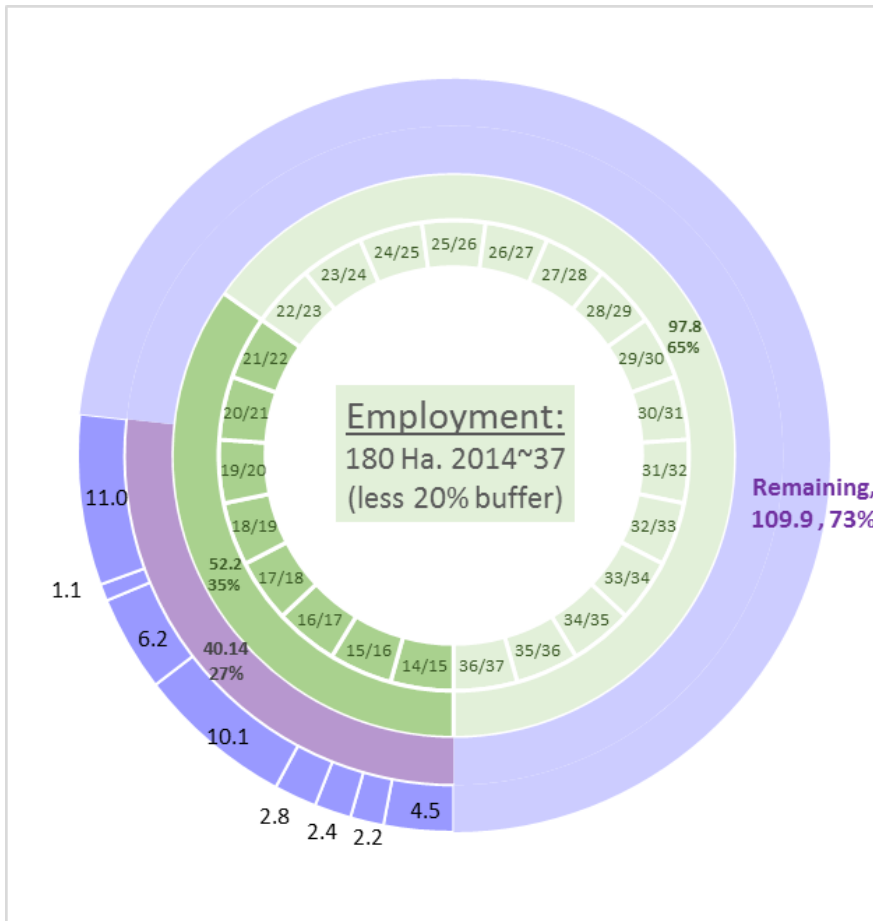
<b>2021/22</b>	<b>Gross Dwelling Gain</b>	<b>Losses from demolitions / Conversions</b>	<b>Net Dwelling Gain</b>	
Runcorn	144	2	142	93%
Widnes	14	4	10	7%
<b>Halton</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>100%</b>

**2. Employment Land and Jobs**

2.1. The DALP policy sets out a requirement for land to be made available for employment purposes of 180 Ha. (gross) over the plan period.

2.2. Over the plan period to date, a total of 40 Ha of employment development has been completed at an average rate of 5 ha per annum. The latest years figure boosted considerably by Marshall’s development on the former site of Bayer Crop Science off Gorsey Lane.

Hectares	Office	R&D	Lgt Ind	Manf.	Distribution		E(g),B2, B8	Sui Generis	Mixed Use	TOTAL
	E(g)(i)	E(g)(ii)	E(g)(iii)	B2	B8 Small	B8 Large				
2014/15	0	0	0.03	0.4	0.98	0	0	3.09	0	4.5
2015/16	0.02	1.39	0	0	0.69	0	0	0.05	0	2.15
2016/17	0	0	0	0	0.81	0	0	1.56	0	2.37
2017/18	0.57	0	0	1.37	0.82	0	0	0	0	2.76
2018/19	0.65	0	0.04	5.66	0	3.74	0	0	0	10.09
2019/20	0.01	0	0	0.05	1.45	2.43	2.25	0	0	6.19
2020/21	0.07	0	0	0	1.02	0	0	0	0	1.09
2021/22	1.28	0	0	0	0	8.75	0.96	0	0	10.99
<b>Total 2014-2022</b>	<b>2.60</b>	<b>1.39</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>7.48</b>	<b>5.77</b>	<b>14.92</b>	<b>3.21</b>	<b>4.70</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40.14</b>
<b>Annual Average</b>	<b>0.33</b>	<b>0.17</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>0.94</b>	<b>0.72</b>	<b>1.87</b>	<b>0.40</b>	<b>0.59</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5.02</b>



2.3. The chart above shows that we are 8 years into the 23 year plan period, and if delivery was exactly on target we would have delivered around 52 Ha. of employment development (green shading). To date we have delivered around 40 ha. showing take-up is running slightly behind target.

2.4. As at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 there was 129 Ha. of identified available employment land across 52 sites.

### Floorspace

2.5. The development to date totals slightly over 150,000 SqM or 1.6 million square feet of new floorspace. Of this 53,339 SqM or 574,000 square feet was delivered last year.

Sq.M	E(g)(i)	E(g)(ii)	E(g)(iii)	B2	B8 Small	B8 Large	E(g), B2,B8	SG	Mixed Use	SqM
2014/15	895		329	3,136				6,441		10,801
2015/16	435	5,421		41	1,419			478		7,794
2016/17			316	2,247	1,328			2,638		6,529
2017/18	1,704	1,950		4,851	9,504					18,009
2018/19	2,160			10,244		10,653				23,057
2019/20	91			567	1,560	9,660	9,219	144		21,241
2020/21	6,706			1,119			2,597			10,422
2021/22	3,937			3,069	3,684	37,160	5,489			53,339
<b>Total 2014-2022</b>	<b>15,928</b>	<b>7,371</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>25,274</b>	<b>17,495</b>	<b>57,473</b>	<b>17,305</b>	<b>9,701</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>151,192</b>
<b>Annual Average</b>	<b>1,991</b>	<b>921</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>3,159</b>	<b>2,187</b>	<b>7,184</b>	<b>2,163</b>	<b>1,213</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,899</b>

### Jobs

2.6. Government's Homes England produced standard assumptions for the level of jobs density for differing forms of employment development. These assumptions are expressed as the average area of floorspace per employee. No standard assumptions are available for sui generis uses.

2.7. Whilst accepting that there can be significant differences between jobs densities within similar sectors the average figures can be applied to calculate a reasonable figure for the number of jobs that the additional floorspace could be expected to support.

Notional Jobs	E(g)(i)	E(g)(ii)	E(g)(iii)	B2	B8 Small	B8 Large	E(g), B2,B8	SG	Mixed Use	TOTAL
<i>SqM/Job</i>	12	50	47	36	70	95	70			
2014/15	75	-	7	87	-	-	-			169
2015/16	36	108	-	1	20	-	-			166
2016/17	-	-	7	62	19	-	-			88
2017/18	142	39	-	135	136	-	-			452
2018/19	180	-	-	285	-	112	-			577
2019/20	8	-	-	16	22	102	132			279
2020/21	559	-	-	31	-	-	37			627
2021/22	328	-	-	85	53	391	78			936

<b>Total 2014-2022</b>	<b>1,327</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>702</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,293</b>
<b>Annual Average</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>412</b>

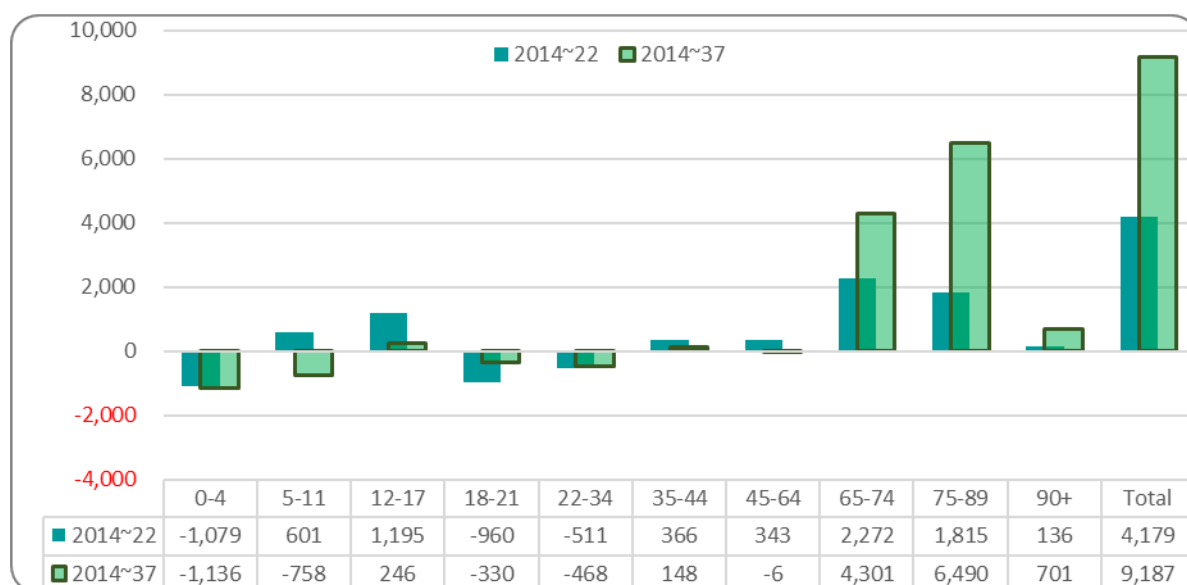
2.8. The new floorspace provided over the plan period to date could support around 3,300 jobs.

### 3. Population Change

3.1. Sub-National Population Projections are issued by the Office for National Statistics every two years. These projections look at trends over the preceding 5 years and project forward 25 years.

3.2. They provide an estimate of the demographic changes likely to occur over the Delivery and Allocations Plan plan period.

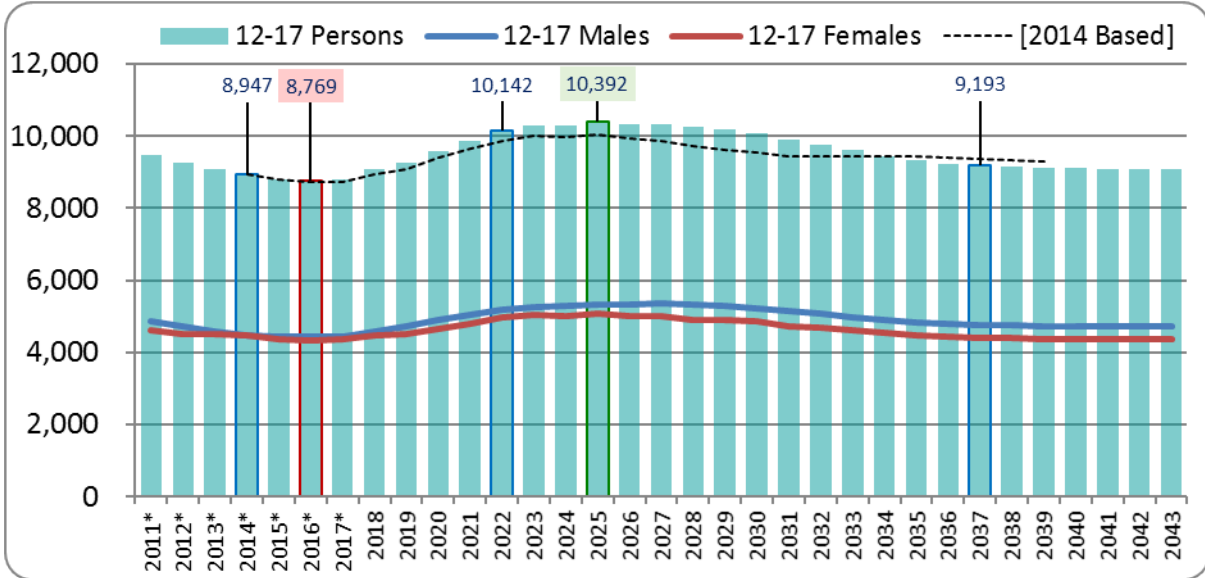
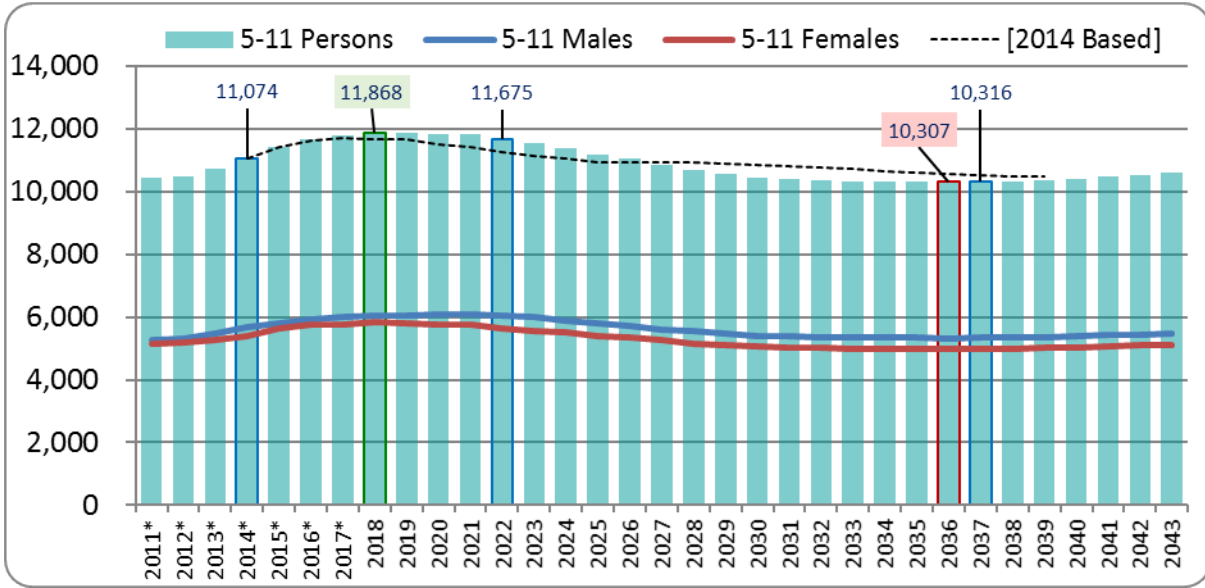
#### Projected population change over DALP Plan Period.



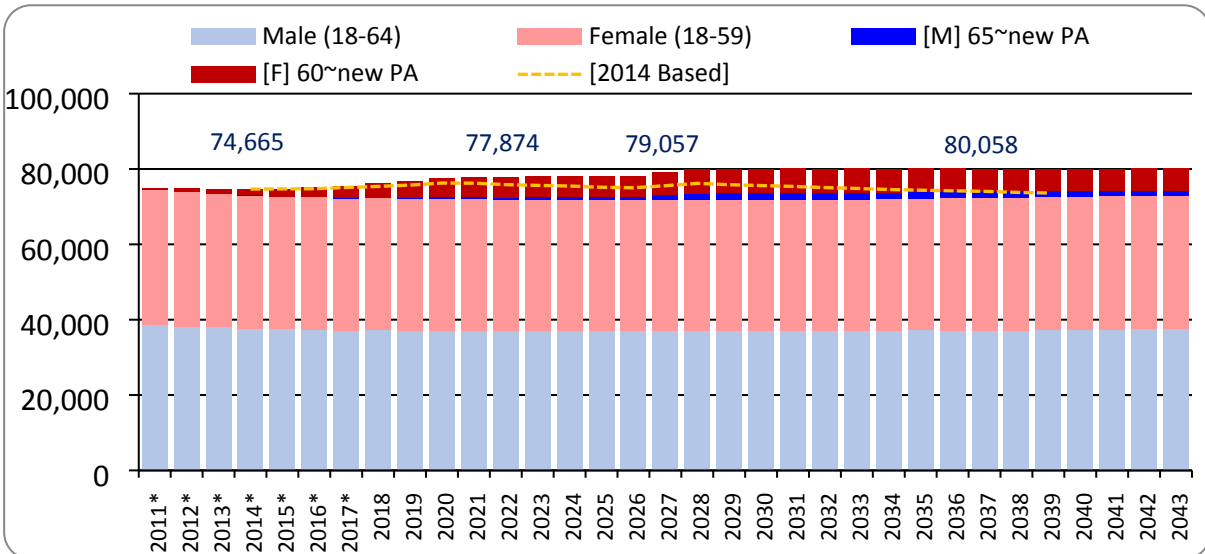
3.3. The chart shows figures from the latest (2018 based) projections and show that population of the borough is now expected to grow by over 9,000 during the plan period. This is almost double the rate expected in the 2014 based figures.

3.4. 45% of the projected growth in total population between 2014 and 2037 has occurred by 2022. Growth is not spread evenly across all age ranges.

3.5. The population of primary and secondary school age was projected to have grown by 600 and 1,200 respectively over the first 8 years of the plan period however the number of primary school age are projected to have peaked in 2018 and to decline to 750 less than their 2024 figure by 2037. Secondary age numbers are expected to rise by a further 250, peaking in 2025 and then falling back to end the plan period only slightly higher than in 2014.



3.6. The population of working age is projected to have increased by 3,200 over the plan period to date, with a further growth of 2,184 projected by 2037.



**REPORT TO:** Environment & Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board

**DATE:** 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Operational Director – Community and Environment

**PORTFOLIO:** Environment and Urban Renewal

**SUBJECT:** Working Party Review of Coppicing Works

**WARD(S):** Borough-wide

## **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an update on progress with work of the Working Party that was established to review the Council's coppicing works programme.

## **2. RECOMMENDATION: That:**

- 2.1 Members of the Board receive and comment upon the report.**

## **3. SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 3.1 Coppicing is a pruning technique where a tree or shrub is cut to ground level, resulting in regeneration of new stems from the base. It is a popular conservation practice for the benefits it offers to wildlife and to the trees themselves. Trees naturally retrench (shedding their branches to extend their lifespan) and coppicing can be an excellent way of simulating this to increase the life of the tree. It also increases biodiversity, as greater amounts of light can reach the ground, allowing other species to grow there. Many of these species are food sources for butterflies and other insects, which in turn provide food for birds, bats and mammals.
- 3.2 Management of the Council's structure planting (tree and shrub plantations where this type of management is applied) is currently being carried out in accordance with horticultural best practice standards and in accordance with a specification that was set out within a grounds maintenance contract established in the late 1990's.
- 3.3 In March 2022, it was agreed that a Working Party would be established to undertake a review of the Council's coppicing works

programme. The Working Party consists of Councillor Mike Fry as Chair, and Councillors Angela Ball, Tony McDermott, Bob Gilligan, Andrea Wall and Noel Hutchinson.

- 3.4 Since the establishment of the Working Party, a number of discussions have been held between The Chair, Councillor Fry, and the Divisional Manager for Environment Services and evidence has begun being gathered to help inform the work of the Working Party. At the time of writing this report evidence was still being gathered and, as a result, the Working Party had not met, however, the first meeting of the Working Party is scheduled to take place on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022. This meeting will establish the scope of the review and a further progress report on the work of the Working Party will be presented to Members at the next meeting of the Board in September.

#### **4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There are no policy implications associated with this report.

#### **5. OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 There are no financial or other implications arising from this report.

#### **6. IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

##### **6.1 Children and Young People in Halton**

No direct impact

##### **6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton**

No direct impact

##### **6.3 A Healthy Halton**

No direct impact

##### **6.4 A Safer Halton**

No direct impact

##### **6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal**

No direct impact

#### **7. RISK ANALYSIS**

- 7.1 None identified at this time.

**8. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 There are no equality or diversity issues as a result of this report.

**9. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

9.1 There are no background papers associated with this report.