

**HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL**



*Municipal Building,  
Kingsway,  
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*29 November 2022*

**TO: MEMBERS OF THE HALTON  
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

*You are hereby summoned to attend an Ordinary Meeting of the Halton Borough Council to be held in the Council Chamber - Town Hall, Runcorn on Wednesday, 7 December 2022 commencing at 6.30 p.m. for the purpose of considering and passing such resolution(s) as may be deemed necessary or desirable in respect of the matters mentioned in the Agenda.*

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*Chief Executive*

**-AGENDA-**

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	RECOMMENDED: That the revisions to the Council's 2022/23 capital programme set out in paragraph 3.2 below, be approved.	

- c) Determination of Council Tax Base 2023-24 - Key Decision  
The Executive Board considered the attached report:

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RECOMMENDED: That

- 1) Council set the 2022/23 Council Tax Base at 36,241 for the Borough and that the Cheshire Fire Authority, the Cheshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Liverpool City Region Combined Authority and the Environment Agency be so notified; and
- 2) Council set the Council Tax Base for each of the Parishes as follows:

<b>Parish</b>	<b>Tax Base</b>
Hale	688
Halebank	528
Daresbury	186
Moore	336
Preston Brook	370
Sandymoor	1,473

**10. MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND PERFORMANCE BOARDS AND THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE BOARD**

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**REPORT TO:** Council

**DATE:** 7 December 2022

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Operational Director – Finance

**PORTFOLIO:** Leader

**SUBJECT:** 2022/23 Revised Capital Programme  
as at 30 June 2022

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

### **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To seek approval to a number of revisions to the Council's 2022/23 capital programme.

**2.0 RECOMMENDED: That the revisions to the Council's 2022/23 capital programme set out in paragraph 3.2 below, be approved.**

### **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 On 15 September 2022 Executive Board received a report of spending against the Council's revenue budget and capital programme as at the end of June 2022. A number of revisions to the 2022/23 capital programme were recommended for approval by Council as outlined below.

3.2 It is proposed to revise the Council's 2022/23 capital programme, to reflect a number of changes in spending profiles and funding as schemes have developed. These are reflected in the revised capital programme presented in Appendix 1. The schemes which have been revised within the programme are as follows

- i. Grants – Disabled Facilities
- ii. Stair Lifts
- iii. Joint Funding RSL Adaptations
- iv. ALD Bungalows
- v. Purchase of 2 adapted Properties
- vi. Millbrow Care Home
- vii. Madeline McKenna
- viii. St Lukes
- ix. St Patricks
- x. Care Homes Refurbishment
- xi. Telehealthcare Upgrade
- xii. Open Spaces Schemes
- xiii. Halton Leisure Centre
- xiv. Runcorn Town Park

- xv. Equality Act Improvement Works
- xvi. Property Improvements
- xvii. Integrated Transport
- xviii. EATF Runcorn Busway
- xix. CRSTS Funded Schemes
- xx. Silver Jubilee Bridge - Major Maintenance Scheme
- xxi. MG Land Acquisition
- xxii. MG Handback Land

3.3 Capital spending at 30 June 2022 totalled £5.550m, which represents 116% of the planned spending of £4.772m at this stage. This represents 16% of the total Capital Programme of £33.860m (which assumes a 20% slippage between years).

#### **4.0 POLICY AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None.

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

5.1 There are no direct implications; however, the capital programme supports the delivery and achievement of all the Council's priorities.

#### **6.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

6.1 There are a number of financial risks within the capital programme. However, the Council has internal controls and processes in place to ensure that spending remains in line with budget.

6.2 In preparing the 2022/23 budget and capital programme, a register of significant financial risks was prepared which has been updated as at 30 June 2022.

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

7.1 None.

#### **8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1072**

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

## Capital Programme as at 30 June 2022

## Appendix 1

Directorate/Department	2022/23 Capital Allocation	Allocation to Date	Actual Spend to 30 June 2022	Total Allocation Remaining	2023/24 Capital Allocation	2024/25 Capital Allocation
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>PEOPLE DIRECTORATE</b>						
Asset Management Data	6	1	1	5	0	0
Capital Repairs	1,155	20	101	1,054	294	0
Asbestos Management	29	4	7	22	0	0
Schools Access Initiative	62	0	0	62	0	0
Basic Needs Projects	278	0	0	278	0	0
Fairfield Primary School	20	0	0	20	283	20
Kitchen Gas Safety	1	0	0	1	0	0
Small Capital Works	124	1	1	123	0	0
SEMH Free School	79	10	10	69	232	0
Cavendish School Extension	443	16	18	425	23	0
High Need Provision unallocated	1,772	0	0	1,772	1,553	0
Grants – Disabled Facilities	650	150	119	531	600	600
Stair Lifts	250	60	48	202	270	270
Joint Funding RSL Adaptations	200	50	24	176	270	270
ALD Bungalows	0	0	0	0	199	0
Purchase of 2 adapted Properties	0	0	0	0	358	0
Millbrow Care Home	1,200	0	0	1,200	0	0
Madeline McKenna	100	10	5	95	0	0
St Lukes	100	10	9	91	0	0
St Patricks	400	100	83	317	0	0
Care Homes Refurbishment	0	0	0	0	1,200	1,200
Telehealthcare Upgrade	400	0	0	400	0	0
<b>TOTAL PEOPLE DIRECTORATE</b>	<b>7,269</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>6,843</b>	<b>5,282</b>	<b>2,360</b>

## Capital Programme as at 30 June 2022...continued

Directorate/Department	2022/23 Capital Allocation	Allocation to Date	Actual Spend to 30 June 2022	Total Allocation Remaining	2023/24 Capital Allocation	2024/25 Capital Allocation
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>ENTERPRISE, COMMUNITY &amp; RESOURCES DIRECTORATE</b>						
Stadium Minor Works	37	10	6	31	30	30
Stadium Decarbonisation Scheme	0	0	117	-117	0	0
Open Spaces Schemes	450	100	78	372	600	600
Upton Improvements	13	0	0	13	0	0
Crow Wood Park	39	10	9	30	0	0
Brookvale Pitch Refurbishment	70	10	10	60	0	0
Halton Leisure Centre	6,296	620	618	5,678	8,000	7,285
Children's Playground Equipment	80	0	0	80	65	65
Landfill Tax Credit Schemes	340	0	0	340	340	340
Runcorn Town Park	256	30	26	230	310	310
Widnes Crematorium						
Replacement Cremator	200	140	139	61	0	0
Spike Island / Wigg Island	1,988	0	0	1,988	0	0
Litter Bins	20	0	0	20	20	20
IT Rolling Programme	700	78	78	622	700	700
3MG	164	3	3	161	0	0
Murdishaw redevelopment	31	0	0	31	0	0
Equality Act Improvement Works	300	13	13	287	300	300
Widnes Market Refurbishment	6	6	6	0	0	0
Broseley House	21	7	7	14	0	0
Solar Farm Extension	11	0	0	11	0	0
Foundary Lane Residential Area	2,117	916	916	1,201	2,117	0
Kingsway Learning Centre						
Improved Facilities	36	0	0	36	0	0
Halton Lea TCF	501	0	0	501	0	0
Property Improvements	213	57	57	156	200	200
Astmoor Regeneration	14	4	4	10	0	0
Runcorn Town Centre Fund	2,089	504	504	1,585	0	0
Woodend, Unit 10 Catalyst	500	15	15	485	0	0
St Paul's Mews	500	500	516	-16	0	0
Runcorn Station Quarter	530	0	0	530	0	0
Bridge and Highway Maintenance	4,473	46	46	4,427	0	0
Integrated Transport	1,553	226	226	1,327	0	0
EATF Runcorn Busway	1,546	279	279	1,267	0	0
CRSTS Funded Schemes	3,306	0	0	3,306	0	0
Street Lighting - Structural Maintenance	853	0	0	853	200	200
Street Lighting - Upgrades	2,530	0	0	2,530	0	0
SUD Green Cycle / Walk Corridors	197	191	191	6	0	0
Runcorn East Connectivity	5,569	145	145	5,424	0	0
Risk Management	495	21	21	474	120	120
Fleet Replacements	5,760	368	368	5,392	1,207	1,147
Silver Jubilee Bridge - Major Maintenance Scheme	321	0	0	321	0	0
Silver Jubilee Bridge - Decoupling / Runcorn Station Quarter	0	0	260	-260	0	0
Silver Jubilee Bridge - Lighting	469	1	1	468	0	0
LCWIP (Local cycling and walking infrastructure plan) / Dukesfield	0	0	425	-425	0	0
MG Land Acquisition	904	15	15	889	0	0
MG Development Costs	40	5	5	35	0	0
MG Handback Land	100	20	20	80	0	0
<b>TOTAL ENTERPRISE, COMMUNITY &amp; RESOURCES DIRECTORATE</b>	<b>45,638</b>	<b>4,340</b>	<b>5,124</b>	<b>40,514</b>	<b>14,209</b>	<b>11,317</b>



## Capital Programme as at 30 June 2022...continued

Directorate/Department	2022/23 Capital Allocation	Allocation to Date	Actual Spend to 30 June 2022	Total Allocation Remaining	2023/24 Capital Allocation	2024/25 Capital Allocation
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL PROGRAMME</b>	<b>52,907</b>	<b>4,772</b>	<b>5,550</b>	<b>47,357</b>	<b>19,491</b>	<b>13,677</b>
Slippage (20%) Carried Forward	-10,581				-3,898	-2,735
Slippage Brought Forward					10,581	3,898
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>42,325</b>	<b>4,772</b>	<b>5,550</b>	<b>36,775</b>	<b>26,174</b>	<b>14,840</b>

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**PORTFOLIO:** Leader

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as at 30 September 2022

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

### **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To seek approval to a number of revisions to the Council's 2022/23 capital programme.

**2.0 RECOMMENDED: That the revisions to the Council's 2022/23 capital programme set out in paragraph 3.2 below, be approved.**

### **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 On 17 November 2022 Executive Board received a report of spending against the Council's revenue budget and capital programme as at the end of September 2022. A number of revisions to the 2022/23 capital programme were recommended for approval by Council as outlined below.

3.2 It is proposed to revise the Council's 2022/23 capital programme, to reflect a number of changes in spending profiles and funding as schemes have developed. These are reflected in the revised capital programme presented in Appendix 1. The schemes which have been revised within the programme are as follows;

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- ii. SEMH Free School
- iii. High Need Provision
- iv. Disabled Facilities Grants
- v. Stair Lifts
- vi. Joint Funded RSL Adaptations
- vii. Millbrow Care Home
- viii. Spike Island/Wigg Island
- ix. Halton Lea Town Centre Fund
- x. Bridge & Highway Maintenance
- xi. Street Lighting Upgrades
- xii. SUD Green Cycle / Walk Corridors
- xiii. Runcorn East Connectivity
- xiv. Fleet Replacements

xv. Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan

3.3 Capital spending at 30 September 2022 totalled £11.626m, which represents 103% of the planned spending of £11.251m at this stage. This represents 38% of the total Capital Programme of £31.777m (which assumes a 20% slippage between years).

#### **4.0 POLICY AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None.

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	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>PEOPLE DIRECTORATE</b>						
Asset Management Data	6	2	2	4	0	0
Capital Repairs	1,155	914	914	241	294	0
Asbestos Management	29	10	10	19	0	0
Schools Access Initiative	62	2	2	60	0	0
Basic Needs Projects	0	0	0	0	278	0
Fairfield Primary School	20	0	0	20	283	20
Kitchen Gas Safety	1	1	1	0	0	0
Small Capital Works	124	38	38	86	0	0
SEMH Free School	237	227	227	10	232	0
Cavendish School Extension	443	31	31	412	23	0
High Need Provision unallocated	0	0	0	0	3,201	0
Grants – Disabled Facilities	600	300	280	320	600	600
Stair Lifts	200	100	94	106	270	270
Joint Funding RSL Adaptations	300	150	152	148	270	270
ALD Bungalows	0	0	0	0	199	0
Purchase of 2 adapted Properties	0	0	0	0	358	0
Millbrow Care Home	400	100	63	337	0	0
Madeline McKenna	100	20	18	82	0	0
St Lukes	100	10	9	91	1,000	0
St Patricks	400	100	100	300	1,000	1,200
Care Homes Refurbishment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Telehealthcare Upgrade	400	100	92	308	0	0
<b>TOTAL PEOPLE DIRECTORATE</b>	<b>4,577</b>	<b>2,105</b>	<b>2,033</b>	<b>2,544</b>	<b>8,008</b>	<b>2,360</b>

Capital Programme as at 30 September 2022...continued

Directorate/Department	2022/23 Capital Allocation	Allocation to Date	Actual Spend to 30 September 2022	Total Allocation Remaining		2023/24 Capital Allocation	2024/25 Capital Allocation
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000
<b>ENTERPRISE, COMMUNITY &amp; RESOURCES DIRECTORATE</b>							
Stadium Minor Works	37	10	9	28		30	30
Stadium Decarbonisation Scheme	0	0	117	-117		0	0
Open Spaces Schemes	450	130	128	322		600	600
Upton Improvements	13	0	0	13		0	0
Crow Wood Park	39	10	10	29		0	0
Brookvale Pitch Refurbishment	70	40	38	32		0	0
Halton Leisure Centre	6,296	950	927	5,369		8,000	7,285
Children's Playground Equipment	80	5	2	78		65	65
Landfill Tax Credit Schemes	340	0	0	340		340	340
Runcorn Town Park	256	110	110	146		310	310
Widnes Crematorium							
Replacement Cremator	200	200	234	-34		0	0
Spike Island / Wigg Island	60	0	0	60		964	964
Litter Bins	20	0	0	20		20	20
IT Rolling Programme	700	123	123	577		700	700
3MG	164	6	6	158		0	0
Murdishaw redevelopment	31	0	0	31		0	0
Equality Act Improvement Works	300	34	34	266		300	300
Widnes Market Refurbishment	6	6	6	0		0	0
Broseley House	21	7	7	14		0	0
Solar Farm Extension	11	0	0	11		0	0
Foundary Lane Residential Area	2,117	932	932	1,185		2,117	0
Kingsway Learning Centre							
Improved Facilities	36	0	0	36		0	0
Halton Lea TCF	388	353	353	35		0	0
Property Improvements	213	169	169	44		200	200
Astmoor Regeneration	14	10	10	4		0	0
Runcorn Town Centre Fund	2,089	952	959	1,130		0	0
Woodend, Unit 10 Catalyst	500	21	21	479		0	0
St Paul's Mews	500	500	515	-15		0	0
Runcorn Station Quarter	530	77	77	453		0	0
Bridge and Highway Maintenance	2,448	471	471	1,977		1,873	0
Integrated Transport	1,553	332	332	1,221		0	0
EATF Runcorn Busway	1,546	564	564	982		0	0
CRSTS Funded Schemes	3,306	628	628	2,678		0	0
Street Lighting - Structural							
Maintenance	853	139	139	714		200	200
Street Lighting - Upgrades	530	52	52	478		2,000	0
SUD Green Cycle / Walk Corridors	349	349	349	0		0	0
Runcorn East Connectivity	1,500	326	326	1,174		4,069	0
Risk Management	495	23	23	472		120	120
Fleet Replacements	2,500	452	452	2,048		4,467	1,147
Silver Jubilee Bridge - Major							
Maintenance Scheme	321	0	0	321		0	0
Silver Jubilee Bridge - Decoupling /							
Runcorn Station Quarter	0	0	325	-325		0	0
Widnes Loops	0	0	13	-13		0	0
Silver Jubilee Bridge - Lighting	469	1	1	468		0	0
LCWIP (Local cycling and walking							
infrastructure plan) / Dukesfield	2,750	1,089	1,089	1,661		0	0
MG Land Acquisition	904	0	-33	937		0	0
MG Development Costs	40	24	24	16		0	0
MG Handback Land	100	51	51	49		0	0
<b>TOTAL ENTERPRISE, COMMUNITY &amp; RESOURCES DIRECTORATE</b>	<b>35,144</b>	<b>9,146</b>	<b>9,593</b>	<b>25,551</b>		<b>26,375</b>	<b>12,281</b>

## Capital Programme as at 30 September 2022...continued

Directorate/Department	2022/23 Capital Allocation	Allocation to Date	Actual Spend to 30 September 2022	Total Allocation Remaining		2023/24 Capital Allocation	2024/25 Capital Allocation
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000		£'000	£'000
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL PROGRAMME</b>	<b>39,721</b>	<b>11,251</b>	<b>11,626</b>	<b>28,095</b>		<b>34,383</b>	<b>14,641</b>
Slippage (20%) Carried Forward	-7,944					-6,877	-2,928
Slippage Brought Forward						7,944	6,877
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31,777</b>	<b>11,251</b>	<b>11,626</b>	<b>20,151</b>		<b>35,450</b>	<b>18,589</b>

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**REPORT TO:** Executive Board

**DATE:** 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Operational Director - Finance

**PORTFOLIO:** Leader

**SUBJECT:** Determination of Council Tax Base 2023/24

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

## 1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The Council is required to determine annually the Council Tax Base for its area and also the Council Tax Base for each of the Parishes.
- 1.2 The Council is required to notify the Council Tax Base figure to the Cheshire Fire Authority, the Cheshire Police & Crime Commissioner, Liverpool City Region Combined Authority and the Environment Agency by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023. The Council is also required to calculate and advise if requested, the Parish Councils of their relevant Council Tax Bases.

## 2.0 RECOMMENDED: That

- (1) Council set the 2023/24 Council Tax Base at 36,241 for the Borough, and that the Cheshire Fire Authority, the Cheshire Police & Crime Commissioner, Liverpool City Region Combined Authority and the Environment Agency be so notified; and
- (2) Council set the Council Tax Base for each of the Parishes as follows:

Parish	Tax Base
Hale	668
Halebank	528
Daresbury	186
Moore	336
Preston Brook	370
Sandymoor	1,473

### **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 3.1 The Council Tax Base is the measure used for calculating Council Tax and is used by both the billing authority (the Council) and the major precepting authorities (Cheshire Fire Authority, Cheshire Police & Crime Commissioner and Liverpool City Region Combined Authority), in the calculation of their Council Tax requirements.
- 3.2 The Council Tax Base figure is arrived at in accordance with a prescribed formula, and represents the estimated full year number of chargeable dwellings in the Borough, expressed in terms of the equivalent of Band 'D' dwellings.
- 3.3 The Council Tax Base is calculated using the number of dwellings included in the Valuation List, as provided by the Valuation Office Agency, as at 17 October 2022. Adjustments are then made to take into account the estimated number of discounts, voids, additions and demolitions during the period 17 October 2022 to 31 March 2023.
- 3.4 The tax base calculation has included an element for the Council Tax Reduction Scheme (the replacement for Council Tax Benefit). The estimated amount of Council Tax Support payable for 2023/24 is converted into the equivalent number of whole properties which are deducted from the total.
- 3.5 The tax base calculation will include an element for Care Leavers Discretionary Discount. The estimated amount of Care Leavers Discount payable for 2023/24 is converted into the equivalent number of whole properties which are deducted from the total.
- 3.6 The tax base calculation will include an element for Foster Carers Discretionary Discount. The estimated amount of Foster Carers Discount payable for 2023/24 is converted into the equivalent number of whole properties which are deducted from the total.
- 3.7 An estimated percentage collection rate is then applied to the product of the above calculation to arrive at the Council Tax Base for the year.
- 3.8 Taking account of all the relevant information and applying a 97.0% collection rate, the calculation for 2023/24 provides a tax base figure of **36,241 for** the Borough as a whole.

- 3.9 Taking account of all the relevant information and applying a 97.0% collection rate, the appropriate Council Tax Base figure for each of the Parishes is as follows

<b>Parish</b>	<b>Tax Base</b>
<b>Hale</b>	<b>668</b>
<b>Halebank</b>	<b>528</b>
<b>Daresbury</b>	<b>186</b>
<b>Moore</b>	<b>336</b>
<b>Preston Brook</b>	<b>370</b>
<b>Sandymoor</b>	<b>1,473</b>

#### **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 None.

#### **5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The Council Tax Base will enable the Council to set the level of Council Tax to be charged for 2023/24.

#### **6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCILS 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 RISK ANALYSIS**

- 7.1 There would be significant loss of income to the Council if the Council Tax Base were not agreed, as it would not be possible to set the level of Council Tax to be charged for 2023/24.

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

- 8.1 None.

**9.0 REASON FOR THE DECISION**

9.1 To seek approval for the Council Tax Base for the Borough and also the Council Tax Base for each of the Parishes.

**10.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

10.1 The Council is required to determine annually the Council Tax Base and to notify the Cheshire Fire Authority, the Cheshire Police & Crime Commissioner, Liverpool City Region Combined Authority, the Environment Agency and Parish Councils.

**11.0 IMPLEMENTATION DATE**

11.1 The Council Tax Base 2023/24 will be implemented from 1st April 2023.

**12.0 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>
Working Papers	Halton Stadium	Stephen Baker

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

To be submitted to the meeting of Full Council to be held on: 7  
December 2022

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in accordance with Standing Order Number 6.

	<b>Name (in capitals)</b>	<b>Signature</b>
<b>Proposer:</b>	<b>Councillor Abbott</b>	<i>Jon Abbott.</i>
<b>Seconder:</b>	<b>Councillor Wallace</b>	<i>Mr P Wallace.</i>

**Government "Access To Work" Programme**

Halton Borough Council" recognizes that many of the 22% of our local population who have a disability are excluded from employment often because they cannot physically get to a workplace or there is a lack of appropriate work place equipment.

HM Government "Access to work" programme enables people with disabilities to access funding to pay for transport to work and equipment in the work place.

However this scheme is millions of pounds under claimed and many local people live in poverty on benefits even though they have the skills and abilities to undertake decent paid employment. This lack of support excludes many local people from the work force.

Halton Borough Council commits itself to publicize and promote "Access to Work" to help tackle this inequality.

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