

HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



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27 February 2024

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

You are hereby summoned to attend an Ordinary Meeting of the Halton Borough Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall on Wednesday, 6 March 2024 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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	a) 7 December 2023	
	b) 18 January 2024	
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9.	MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION OF THE COUNCIL	
	a) St Luke's and St Patrick's Decarbonisation Projects (EXB82 refers)	1 - 4
	RECOMMENDED: That	
	1) the provision of £1.609m of capital funding over a 2 year period, subject to the PSDS bid being successful, or £2.98m if the bid is unsuccessful, be agreed, to enable the decarbonisation works to proceed at both St Luke's & St Patrick's Care Homes; and	
	2) Council be asked to approve this scheme for inclusion within the 2024/25 capital programme.	

<p>b) The Corporate Plan (EXB84 refers)</p> <p>RECOMMENDED: That</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) the report be noted and the Board recommends to Council that the new Corporate Plan be approved; and 2) the Scrutiny Chairs' Group be requested to consider changing the titles of the Policy and Performance Boards to bring them in line with the new Corporate Plan 6 key priorities. 	<p>5 - 18</p>
<p>c) Calendar of Meetings 2024-2025 (EXB85 refers)</p> <p>RECOMMENDED: That Council be recommended to approve the Calendar of Meetings for the 2024/25 Municipal Year.</p>	<p>19 - 22</p>
<p>d) Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2024/25 (EXB86 refers)</p> <p>RECOMMENDED: That Council be recommended to adopt the policies, strategies, statements, prudential and treasury indicators outlined in the report.</p>	<p>23 - 48</p>
<p>e) Capital Strategy 2024/25 (EXB87 refers)</p> <p>RECOMMENDED: That Council be recommended to approve the 2024/25 Capital Strategy, as presented in the Appendix.</p>	<p>49 - 64</p>
<p>f) Budget 2024/25 (EXB89 refers)</p> <p>RECOMMENDED: That Council</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) adopt the resolution set out in Appendix A, which includes setting the budget at £149.496m, the Council Tax requirement of £64.039m (before Parish, Police, Fire and LCR Combined Authority precepts) and the Band D Council Tax for Halton of £1,758.89; 2) approve the capital programme set out in Appendix F; 3) approve the introduction of a Council Tax Premium of 100% to properties where there is no resident and which are substantially furnished (typically referred to as second homes) from 01 April 2025, subject to legislation being enacted; and 4) approve the Use of Capital Receipts Strategy set out in Appendix H. 	<p>65 - 104</p>

g) 2023/24 Revised Capital Programme

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h) Pay Policy Statement 2024 – 2025

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

a) Children, Young People and Families

b) Employment, Learning, Skills and Community

c) Health

d) Safer

e) Corporate Services

11. COMMITTEE MINUTES

a) Development Management

12. MATTERS FOR NOTING

a) Recommendation from Mayoral Committee

The Mayoral Committee considered a Part II item making a recommendation on the appointment of Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the 2024/25 Municipal Year.

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

1) Councillor Kevan Wainwright be appointed as the Mayor; and

2) Councillor Martha Lloyd Jones be appointed as the Deputy Mayor.