

HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



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14 October 2025

**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, 22 October 2025 commencing at 6.30 p.m. for the purpose of considering and passing such resolution(s) as may be deemed necessary or desirable in respect of the matters mentioned in the Agenda.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Roy', is positioned above the title of the signatory.

Interim Chief Executive

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	a) External Auditor's Annual Report 2024/25	3 - 76
	Council is asked to consider the attached report.	
	1) the contents of the Auditor's Annual Report 2024/25 shown in the Appendix 2 be noted;	
	2) the three Statutory Recommendations highlighted within the Auditor's Annual Report 2024/25 be noted; and	
	3) the Council's responses to the Statutory Recommendations as detailed in Appendix 1, be approved.	
	b) 25/26 Councilwide Spending as at 31 July 2025 (Minute EXB 32 refers)	77 - 142

Executive Board considered the attached report.

RECOMMENDED: That

- 1) Executive Directors continue to implement the approved 2025/26 saving proposals as detailed in Appendix 3;
 - 2) Executive Directors continue to identify areas where they can further reduce their directorate's spending or generate income, in order to ensure the Council wide forecast outturn overspend position for the year remains within budget;
 - 3) the report be shared with each Policy and Performance Board, in order to ensure they have a full appreciation of the councilwide financial position, in addition to their specific areas of responsibility; and
 - 4) Council be asked to approve the revisions to the capital programme set-out in paragraph 3.24 and incorporated within Appendix 4.
- c) DCBL Stadium - New PAVA System and Structural Steel Maintenance Works and Pitch Replacement (Minute EXB 40 refers)

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Executive Board considered the attached report.

RECOMMENDED: That

- 1) the Capital works identified in the report in sections 3.3 to 3.6 be approved;
- 2) consideration be given to the options outlined in paragraph 5.4 below regarding how the annual capital financing costs might be funded;
- 3) Council be asked to add works to the capital programme and include a financial contribution of £1.325m, subject to further work to establish detailed costs, and to proceed with an option to include the implementation of a PAVA system and undertake steel repairs to four stands only. This is to ensure the ongoing safety of the public when using the premises. A decision on options relating to the pitch to be deferred; and

4) approval of the detailed costs and the option to be undertaken, be delegated to the Executive Director Environment and Regeneration, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Employment Learning, Skills and Community and the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety.

d) Public Surveillance Infrastructure (Minute EXB27 refers)

Executive Board considered the attached report.

RECOMMENDED: That

1) Council be asked to approve inclusion in the capital programme, a scheme of works and £500k investment to address CCTV infrastructure, software and hardware as outlined in the body of the report; and

2) authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Environment and Regeneration in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services to prepare tender documents to procure this work.

e) Licensing Act 2003 - Statement of Licensing Policy

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Council is asked to consider the attached report.

RECOMMENDED: That Council

1) adopt the Statement of Licensing Policy attached to this report to come into effect immediately following the expiry of the current policy on 6 January 2026; and

2) directs that the Director – Legal and Democratic Services publishes the Statement of Licensing Policy in accordance with section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003

f) Joint Health Scrutiny Arrangements - Cheshire & Merseyside: Stage 1 Delegation (EXB * refers)

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Executive Board considered the attached report.

RECOMMENDED: That Council

1) the report be noted; and

2) approves the proposal for Stage 1 delegation as outlined.

11. MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND PERFORMANCE BOARDS AND THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE BOARD

a) Children, Young People and Families

- b) Local Economy
- c) Health and Social Care
- d) Housing and Safer
- e) Environment and Regeneration
- f) Corporate and Inclusion
- g) Audit & Governance Board

12. COMMITTEE MINUTES

- a) Development Management
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- d) Taxi Licensing Sub Committee
- e) Appointments