

HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL



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26 November 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, 3 December 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. Armitage'.

Interim Chief Executive

-AGENDA-

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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.	
	c) Determination of Council Tax Base 2026/27 (EXB61 refers)	11 - 14
	Executive Board considered the attached report.	
	RECOMMENDED: That Council be recommended to approve:	

- 1) setting the 2026/27 Council Tax Base at 37,115 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) setting the Council Tax Base for each of the Parishes as follows:

Parish	Tax Base
Hale	675
Halebank	540
Daresbury	424
Moore	338
Preston Brook	368
Sandymoor	1,739

- d) 2025/26 Councilwide Spending as at 30 September 2025 (EXB62 refers)

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Executive Board considered the attached report.

RECOMMENDED: That

- 1) all spending continue to be limited to only absolutely essential items;
- 2) Executive Directors identify reductions to their directorate forecast outturn net spend position and urgently implement them;
- 3) Council be asked to agree to submit an application for Exceptional Finance Support to cover the deficit position for the year, as recommended within the Medium Term Financial Strategy report elsewhere on the agenda; and
- 4) future reports be submitted for information to all Council Boards.

- e) Approval of the Borough Wide Housing Strategy - Key Decision (EXB66 refers)

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Executive Board considered the attached report.

RECOMMENDED: That Council

- 1) note the progress on the production and consultation of the draft Housing Strategy for Halton 2026 – 2031 (Appendix A) and supporting evidence document (Appendix B);

2) provides delegated approval to the Executive Director Environment and Regeneration, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Environmental Sustainability to agree any final revisions to the draft Housing Strategy; and

3) be recommended to approve the revised Housing Strategy.

f) Absence of a Member

Under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, permission is sought for Councillor McDonough to be granted a period of absence from attending Council meetings for a period of 6 months, concluding on 3 June 2026, due to personal reasons.

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

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- a) Local Economy
- b) Health and Social Care
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- d) Environment and Regeneration
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- a) Regulatory
- b) Appointments

13. APPOINTMENTS TO AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE BOARD, HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE POLICY AND PERFORMANCE BOARD, OUTSIDE BODIES AND SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATOR

RECOMMENDED: That Council approve the following appointments detailed below:

Audit and Governance Board – Councillor Hughes
Health and Social Care Policy and Performance Board – Councillor Wallace
Scrutiny Co-Ordinator – Councillor McDermott

Outside Bodies:

National Association British Market Authorities - Councillor Gilligan
Manchester Port Health Authority – Councillor Gilligan
Catalyst Museum – Councillor Carol Plumpton Walsh
Sankey Canal Restoration Society (SCARS) – Vacant