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Environment and Regeneration Policy and Performance Board

Wednesday, 18 June 2025 6.30 p.m.
Civic Suite, Town Hall, Runcorn

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Chief Executive

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Councillor Bill Woolfall (Chair)	Labour
Councillor Peter Lloyd Jones (Vice-Chair)	Labour
Councillor Valerie Hill	Labour
Councillor Noel Hutchinson	Labour
Councillor Kath Loftus	Labour
Councillor Tony McDermott	Labour
Councillor Stef Nelson	Labour
Councillor Louise Nolan	Labour
Councillor Carol Plumpton Walsh	Labour
Councillor Gareth Stockton	Liberal Democrats
Councillor Kevan Wainwright	Labour

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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, 12 February 2025 at the Civic Suite, Town Hall, Runcorn

Present: Councillors Woolfall (Chair), P. Lloyd Jones (Vice-Chair), Hughes, Hutchinson, K. Loftus, Ryan and Thornton

Apologies for Absence: Councillor L. Nolan, Skinner, Stockton and Wall

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: S. Burrows, A. Plant, R. Taylor and F. Harris

Also in attendance: None

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

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EUR21 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2024 having been circulated were signed as a correct record.

EUR22 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

It was confirmed that no public questions had been received.

EUR23 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.

EUR24 BUILDING SAFETY LEVY

Members of the Board received a report from the Executive Director – Environment and Regeneration, which provided an update on the new Government initiatives and associated regulatory burdens.

It was noted that the purpose of the Building Safety Levy (BSL) was to introduce a charge imposed on developers of new residential buildings to fund the remediation of unsafe buildings, particularly those with cladding issues, post Grenfell. The Levy would ensure that developers bear the cost of fixing building safety issues and would be introduced in Spring 2025.

The report and the accompanying presentation described how the BSL would work, the exemptions inclusions and discounts and how the charges would be collected and paid to the Department.

It was agreed that a copy of the presentation slides would be circulated to Members after the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Board receive a presentation

Executive Director
Environment &
Regeneration

EUR25 HALTON LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (LDS)

The Board considered a report of the Executive Director, Environment and Regeneration, on the proposed update to the Local Development Scheme (LDS). This needed to be submitted to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government by 6 March 2025. The LDS informed work required to maintain a Local Plan, in line with National Policy.

Halton's Local Plan consisted of the adopted Delivery and Allocations Local Plan (2022) and the Joint Waste Plan (2013). The statutory Local Development Plan was the set of Local Plans that together formed the statutory basis to determine whether or not planning permission should be granted.

The LDS underpinned Halton's Delivery and Allocations Local Plan, which provided a timetable of works to be undertaken in 2025/26.

Once the LDS had been approved by the Executive Board, it would be made available on the Council's website.

RESOLVED: That the Board endorse the draft Local Development Scheme and agree its submission to Executive Board for approval.

Executive Director
Environment &
Regeneration

EUR26 PEST CONTROL – REVIEW OF FEES AND CHARGES

The Board received a report from the Director of

Public Health regarding a review of fees and charges for Pest Control services. The report set out the services undertaken by the Environmental Health Team which comprised the control of rats in the Borough. This included the provision of rat treatments to domestic premises, which was currently free of charge. However, it was proposed to introduce a charge to cover these costs with effect from April 2025. The team also provided treatments for nuisance pests such as mice, ants and wasps, however, there was a charge for this service.

Members were advised of the risks of introducing a fee, however, in response to the Council's budget position, a number of proposals had been put forward for consideration and one such proposal was to introduce a charge for the provision of rat treatments on domestic properties.

It was noted that all Cheshire and Merseyside local authorities had retained an in-house pest control service and most now charge for rat treatments, although some still offered a free service. A breakdown of this information was included in section 3.8 of the report.

The cost of rat treatments by a private contractor would range between £120-£240. The actual cost of providing an average rat treatment in Halton had been calculated as £45.60 (including VAT). The Council currently received over 2,500 requests for rat treatments each year and this number had increased gradually year on year.

Members were asked to consider a proposal to introduce a fee of £45.60, with effect from April 2025 for all rat treatments on domestic properties and noted that:

- There would be no reductions or concessions, as applying a means test to the service would significantly increase administration costs;
- The proposal would disproportionately impact low-income households;
- The proposed fee had been set as low as possible and was considerably less than using a private contractor;
- Removal of free rat treatments was likely to lead to an increase in enforcement work for the Environmental Health Team;
- There was a risk that a reduction in rat treatments would lead to an increase in rat activity in the Borough; and
- A full list of fees and charges for domestic pest control was set out in section 5.6 of the report.

Members noted and discussed the report and further to questions, the following additional information was provided:

- Residents affected by rat problems from neighbouring properties e.g. derelict buildings, would not have to pay for treatments. However, the Council would take legal action against the owner of the problematic premises and this would incur charges to the Council;
- 95% of rat treatments were provided to domestic properties; a small amount of work was for schools or Council buildings. Going forward new job codes would be created to ensure the impact of the proposal could be measured; and
- 75% of rat problems were currently reported via the Council's website and 25% went through the Contact Centre. If a means tested benefit was applied, those affected would have to go through the Contact Centre and therefore, this would add work to the Contact Centre, which in turn would apply hidden costs.

Some Members of the Board expressed their concerns about the proposed charges and the impact this would have on low income households, as well as the health and safety implications for all residents of the Borough. It was also suggested that some people who have rat problems also use bird feeders, which can attract rats, and therefore, Members asked if some educational information could be made available to the public.

Following discussions, the Board agreed that recommendation (1) of the report be amended to "endorse the proposal to introduce a new fee that recovers the full cost of rat treatments on domestic properties, with the exception for those in receipt of benefits (subject to proof)".

They also requested that a further update report be brought back to the Board in November 2025.

RESOLVED: That the Board:

- 1) endorse the proposal to introduce a new fee that recovers the full cost of rat treatments on domestic properties, with the exception for those in receipt of benefits (subject to proof); and
- 2) recommend that the proposal is taken forward by Executive Board and Council, as part of the budget setting process for 2025/26.

Director of Public Health

EUR27 PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORTS FOR
QUARTER 3 OF 2024/25

The Board received the Performance Monitoring Report for Quarter 3 of 2024/25.

The key priorities for development of improvement in 2024/25 were agreed by Members and included in Directorate Plans for the various function areas reported to the Board as detailed below:

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

The reports 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.

RESOLVED: That the Performance Management report for quarter 3 of 2024/25 be received.

EUR28 COUNCILWIDE SPENDING AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2024

The Board received a copy of a report, which was presented to the Council's Executive Board on 16 January 2025. The report outlined the Council's overall revenue and capital spending position as at 30 November 2024, together with the latest 2024/25 outturn forecast. The report also described the reasons for key variances from budget.

The Executive Board had requested that a copy of the report be shared with each Policy and Performance Board for information, to ensure that all Members had a full appreciation of the Councilwide financial position, in addition to their specific areas of responsibility.

It was noted that Environment and Regeneration was the only Directorate still working within budget.

RESOLVED: That the Councilwide financial position as outlined in the report be noted.

Meeting ended at 7.16 p.m.

REPORT TO: Environment & Regeneration Policy & Performance Board

DATE: 18 June 2025

REPORTING OFFICER: Chief Executive

SUBJECT: Public Question Time

WARD(S) Boroughwide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE 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 RECOMMENDATION: 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**

4.1 None identified.

5.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None identified.

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

6.1 **Improving Health, Promoting Wellbeing and Supporting Greater Independence**

None identified.

6.2 **Building a Strong, Sustainable Local Economy**

None identified.

6.3 **Supporting Children, Young People and Families**

None identified.

6.4 **Tackling Inequality and Helping Those Who Are Most In Need**

None identified.

6.5 **Working Towards a Greener Future**

None identified.

6.6 **Valuing and Appreciating Halton and Our Community**

None identified.

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 None.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 None identified.

9.0 **CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 None identified.

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

None under the meaning of the Act.

REPORT TO: Environment & Regeneration Policy & Performance Board

DATE: 18 June 2025

REPORTING OFFICER: Chief Executive

SUBJECT: Executive Board Minutes

WARD(S) Boroughwide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE 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.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Improving Health, Promoting Wellbeing and Supporting Greater Independence

None.

6.2 Building a Strong, Sustainable Local Economy

None.

6.3 Supporting Children, Young People and Families

None.

6.4 Tackling Inequality and Helping Those Who Are Most In Need

None.

6.5 **Working Towards a Greener Future**

None.

6.6 **Valuing and Appreciating Halton and Our Community**

None.

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 None.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 None.

9.0 **CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 None.

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

None under the meaning of the Act.

APPENDIX 1

Extract of Executive Board Minutes relevant to the Environment & Regeneration Policy and Performance Board**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 16 JANUARY 2025**

EXB77	WASTE MANAGEMENT UPDATE
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The Board considered a report of the Executive Director Environment and Regeneration, that provided an update on the progress in developing Plans and Strategies in relation to the collection and recycling of Halton's waste.

At a previous meeting of the Board held on 16 March 2023, Members approved the principles set out in a LCR Zero Waste 2040 Strategic Framework to reduce waste related carbon emissions (Minute EXB94 refers). A Zero Waste Strategy had now been developed for the LCR and a copy was attached at Appendix 1. The Board was requested to endorse the draft strategy document and were advised that a final branded version would be produced.

Members were also advised that from 1 April 2026, all Councils across England would be legally required to offer a food waste collection service to all households in their area. The service must be provided on a weekly basis, be separate and preferably treated by anaerobic digestion. Attached to the report attached as Appendix 2 was a report produced by a specialist waste management consultancy who were appointed by the LCR Waste Partnership to develop a Strategy to meet the requirements for a food waste collection.

The report also sought approval to support the principals of, in the longer term, the purchase of green gas powered vehicles to collect the food waste. Liverpool City Region Waste Partnership would explore this approach further. In June 2024 DEFRA allocated capital monies to Council's to fund the vehicle and caddy purchasing requirement for food waste collection. Halton was allocated £1.019m. Procurement was now at an advanced stage and approval was sought to purchase the vehicles and caddies.

The Board noted that in January 2024, DEFRA announced that revenue resource transitional funding would be provided to Waste Collection Authorities from the 2024/25 financial year to implement the weekly food waste collection. Further allocations would be provided in 2026. The allocations to Halton were not known at this stage.

A further report would be brought to the Board on the proposals for the processing/treatment of collected food waste.

RESOLVED: That the Board

- 1) endorse the Zero Waste Strategy for the Liverpool City Region (attached as Appendix 1);
- 2) give delegated authority to the Executive Director – Environment and Regeneration, in consultation with the Executive Board Member for Environment and Urban Renewal, to agree the final branded version of the Zero Waste Strategy for the Liverpool City Region;
- 3) support a proposal to transition to a circular food waste system for the Liverpool City Region by:
 - i. Supporting the principles of local circularity and green powered vehicles over the longer term
 - ii. acknowledging the high level business case to support such an approach
 - iii. endorsing the further exploration of this approach by the Liverpool City Region Waste Partnership; and
- 4) approve the capital spend associated with the procurement of food waste receptacles and collection vehicles using monies allocated to the Council by DEFRA for that purpose.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 25 FEBRUARY 2025

EXB91	HALTON LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (LDS)
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In December 2024, the Deputy Prime Minister wrote to all Local Planning Authorities requesting an updated Local Development Scheme (LDS) be sent to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) by 6 March 2025. The LDS informs work which was required to maintain a Local Plan, in line with National Policy.

The Board considered a request to delegate powers to the Director for Planning and Transport, in consultation with Portfolio Holders for Environment and Urban Renewal and Climate Change, to make editorial changes to the Local Development Scheme work plan prior to submission to the MHCLG.

RESOLVED: That the Board

- 1) note the report;
- 2) approve the schedule of work within the LDS; and
- 3) give delegated powers to the Director of Planning and Transport, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Urban Renewal, for the final approval before submission on the 6 March 2025.

EXB95	PART 2 ITEM: COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER FOR LAND AT SCI-TECH DARESBUY – KEY DECISION
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The Board considered a report of the Executive Director, Environment and Regeneration, which sought approval to exercise the Council's powers of compulsory purchase to enable the delivery of the extension to the Sci-Tech Daresbury campus and to enable the development of delivery land and interests to provide the subject site with vacant possession.

Reason(s) for Decision

A decision is required to enable the Council to agree to make use of its powers of compulsory purchase to acquire the land necessary to enable the delivery of the Sci-Tech Daresbury masterplan.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

The compulsory purchase of land is considered the best course of action to ensure that the land is available for the delivery of the scheme.

Implementation Date

Quarter 2 of 25/26

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the report be noted;
- 2) Council updates the Capital Programme to reflect the costs of the Scheme;
- 3) the Director – Legal and Democratic Services is authorised to make the Halton Borough Council (Sci-Tech Daresbury) Compulsory Purchase Order 2025 ("Order) pursuant to section 226 (1) (a) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and all other enabling powers, for the purposes of site assembly necessary to deliver the Scheme, and that the recommendations set out in paragraphs 2.3.2 – 2.3.10 of the report be approved;
- 4) the Executive Director, Environment and Regeneration, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, to: continue, in partnership with the Sci-Tech Daresbury Joint Venture, to negotiate with third parties alongside the progression of the CPO and, agree the terms of any acquisition, relocation or accommodation works required or the amount of any compensation payable with the JV as a result of the Order, including compensation for disturbance and upon possession of any land within the Order, to take the necessary steps to clear, secure or ensure such land as is necessary; and
- 5) the Director – Legal and Democratic Services, in consultation with the Director – Economy, Enterprise and Property, is authorised to:

- enter into other agreements with interested parties including agreements for the withdrawal of blight notices and/or the withdrawal of objections to the CPO including where appropriate seeking the exclusion of land or rights from the CPO, making provision for the payment of compensation and/or for relocation.
- Agree minor modifications to the Order or the Order Map to secure confirmation of the Order.

EXB96	PART 2 ITEM: FOUNDRY LANE RESIDENTIAL
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The Board considered a report of the Executive Director, Environment and Regeneration, which provided an update on the Foundry Lane Residential scheme and sought approval:

- For the acquisition of the land required for Phase 2; and
- To accept the additional funding from Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (LCRCA) and enter into a new/addendum Grant Funding Agreement (GFA) to support the acquisition and development.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) authority be given to the Director Economy Enterprise and Property, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, to conclude the legal and funding arrangements for the acquisition of the Phase 2 required land;
- 2) authority be given to the Director Economy Enterprise and Property, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, to enter a new Grant Funding Agreement with LCRCA; and
- 3) the inclusion of the aforementioned items in the Capital Programme be approved.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 13 MARCH 2025

N.B. Councillors Thompson and Wharton declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in the following item of business as they are a Non-Executive Director of Mersey Gateway Crossings Board and left the meeting for the duration of the item. Councillor Nelson declared a Disclosable Other Interest as a member of the Environmental Trust Board.

COUNCILLOR HARRIS IN THE CHAIR

EXB106	MERSEY GATEWAY
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The Board considered a report of the Director, Legal and Democratic Services, which recommended that the Council enter into a new provision of services contract

with Mersey Gateway Environmental Trust. The Trust was set up as the long-term vehicle for the Environment Mitigation Plan to deliver lasting benefits associated with the Project and related environmental initiatives. On 19 November 2015, Mersey Gateway Crossings Board Ltd appointed the Trust to carry out the responsibility for the environmental services.

The Trust, the Board and the Council were now proposed to enter the second phase of the Environmental Services Contract to maintain the environmental monitoring and environmental improvement of the Mersey estuary through the implementation of the Trust's charitable objectives that were agreed in the Project Agreement. The report highlighted the reflected changes in the proposed agreement for the following Scheme Titles:

- Business Operation;
- Environmental Monitoring;
- Wigg Island; and
- Saltmarsh

RESOLVED: That the Board

- 1) give authority for the Council to enter into a new contract for the provision of services by Mersey Gateway Environment Trust; and
- 1) authorises the Director, Legal and Democratic Services to take all necessary steps to bring the contract into effect by 1 April 2025.

EXB107	HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION SPD AND CLIMATE CHANGE AND ADAPTATION SPD
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The Board considered a report of the Executive Director, Environment and Regeneration, which sought approval to adopt the following Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs):

- Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) SPD; and
- Climate Change and Adaptation SPD

Once agreed, the SPDs would be sent to the Secretary of State as part of the adoption process, made publicly available and used as a material consideration in planning decisions in addition to the Local Plan.

RESOLVED: That the adoption of the Supplementary Planning Documents is approved.

EXB108	ADDITIONAL HIGHWAY GRANT ALLOCATIONS
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The Board considered a report of the Executive Director, Environment and Regeneration, that sought approval to accept capital funding from the Liverpool City

Region Combined Authority (LCRCA) in compliance with Council Standing Orders. The Council had received from the LCRCA a grant of £1,233,766 for the Runcorn Busway and expected funding of £995,895.90 for Local Highways Maintenance Funding Allocations. The LCRCA had requested formal grant acceptance for the highway funding in advance of receipt to ensure funding expenditure could start as soon as possible.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the grants for Runcorn Busway and the Local Highway Maintenance Funding 2025/26 are formally accepted;
- 2) delegated powers are provided to the Director Planning and Transport, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder Environment and Urban Renewal, to deal with the Grant Funding Agreement(s) described in the report; and
- 3) delegated powers are provided to the Director Planning and Transport, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder Environment and Urban Renewal, to deal with any matters relating to procurement and the operation and delivery of these agreements.

EXB109	ROADSIDE MEMORIALS
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The Board considered a report of the Executive Director, Environment and Regeneration, that sought approval to formally adopt a new Roadside Memorial Policy. It was noted that several local authorities had established policies and protocol relating to the placement and removal of roadside floral tributes and other memorials placed at the scene of fatal road crashes, and other fatalities adjacent to the highway.

The purpose of the policy would be to provide a formal framework which would enable the management of roadside memorials in a way which best served the community. A copy of the policy was attached at Appendix A to the report.

RESOLVED: That the Board adopt the policy contained in Appendix A.

EXB113	PART 2 ITEM: ASTMOOR MASTERPLAN UPDATE
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The Board considered a report which provided an update on progress in delivering the Astmoor Masterplan.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) authority is delegated to the Director for Economy, Enterprise and Property, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Urban Renewal, to continue the negotiations to enable the disposal of the land identified in the report; and

- 2) Council amends the Capital Programme to include the Astmoor Masterplan capital receipt as set out in paragraph 3.13.

EXB114	PART 2 ITEM: RUNCORN WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT
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The Board considered a report of the Executive Director, Environment and Regeneration, which sought approval to progress delivery of the Runcorn Waterfront development. Delivery being enabled through entering into a Development Agreement with Halton Housing for the disposal of Council Land to unlock this regeneration and housing renewal project within Runcorn Town Centre.

The Board discussed the recent developments which were ongoing in Runcorn Town Centre and it was agreed that a report would be brought to the next meeting together with all the current and future developments in the area.

RESOLVED: That the Board

- 1) note the progress being made to realise the Runcorn Waterfront development;
- 2) approves delegated authority to Director of Economy, Enterprise and Property in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Urban Renewal, to agree final details of the terms of the Development Agreement with Halton Housing for disposal of Council Land to enable delivery of the Runcorn Waterfront development; and
- 3) authorises the Director of Economy, Enterprise and Property to arrange for all required documentation for the transactions to be completed to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services.

REPORT TO:	Environment and Regeneration Policy and Performance Board
DATE:	18 th June 2025
REPORTING OFFICER:	Executive Director Environment and Regeneration
PORTFOLIO:	Environment and Urban Renewal
SUBJECT:	Annual Report for 24/25
WARD(S)	Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To receive the Annual Report for 2024/25.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: that the report be noted.

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 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.
- 3.2 During the Municipal Year 2024/25 the board met on three occasions.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S

The report has no direct implications on:

- Improving Health, Promoting Wellbeing and Supporting Greater Independence
- Building a Strong, Sustainable Local Economy
- Supporting Children, Young People and Families

- Tackling Inequality and Helping Those Who Are Most In Need
- Working Towards a Greener Future
- Valuing and Appreciating Halton and Our Community

7.0 Risk Analysis

7.1 None identified.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 None identified.

9.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

9.1 None identified.

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

‘None under the meaning of the Act.’

ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25

ENVIRONMENT AND URBAN RENEWAL POLICY AND PERFORMANCE BOARD

**Councillor Bill
Woolfall
Chair**

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 further progress towards tackling climate change, enhancing sustainable travel choices, improving housing standards, and enhancing environmental quality. I am proud the Board continues to shape and champion project such as these.

MEMBERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Board is comprised of eleven Councillors: -

Councillor Bill Woolfall (Chair)
Councillor Peter Lloyd Jones (Vice Chair)
Councillor Colin Hughes
Councillor Noel Hutchinson
Councillor Kath Loftus
Councillor Louise Nolan
Councillor Mike Ryan
Councillor Aimee Skinner
Councillor Gareth Stockton
Councillor Sharon Thornton
Councillor Andrea Wall

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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)
- Waste Management and Waste Strategy
- Environment Services, Parks & Countryside, Cemeteries & Crematoria
- All aspects of the Council's Planning Policies that comprise the Development Plan
- Economic Regeneration, Business Development and Tourism Strategies
- Major Schemes
- Derelict / Contaminated Land Strategy
- Biodiversity
- Climate Change
- Transportation Policies (Local Transport Plan)
- Housing Strategic Policy Area renewal, availability, choice and mix.
- Urban renewal aspects of the Sustainable Community Strategy and Corporate Plan
- Physical Environment including powers and duties of Lead Local Flood Authorities,
- Regulatory Services
- Natural Environment

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

The Board met 3 times during the Municipal Year 2024/25:

- 18th September 2024
- 13th November 2024
- 12th February 2025

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

ENVIRONMENT

Regeneration in Halton

A presentation was provided by the Deputy Leader on the Runcorn Town Plan and the seven projects contained in the plan. Further information was received on the emerging proposals for the Runcorn Long Term Plan Funding that was announced earlier in the year.

The presentation also included key regeneration sites in Widnes such as the Town Centre, Kingsway Quarter, Widnes Waterfront, the Multi Modal Gateway 3MG, HBC Field including the recently designated Freeport.

Town Deal Programme Update

An overview was provided on the programme including funding allocation and spend and progress on projects, such as Reconnecting Runcorn Programme; Runcorn Station Quarter (Elite House; Unlock Runcorn – landscaping and visitor centre and canal boat trip experience; Brindley Theatre Enhancements; Creative and Digital Skills Centre; Town Centre New Homes – High Street and Rutland Street; Health and Education Hub and High Street Connectivity).

Houses in Multiple Occupation and the Private Rental Sector

An update was provided on the progress of the Houses of Multiple Occupancy (HMO) action plan that had been endorsed by the board in February 2023. An update was provided on the development of policies relating to the wider private rental sector.

Stray Dog Collection and Kennelling Service

The Council's current contractor had provided a kennelling service for the Council for over 10 years, but they did not want to renew their contract when it expired on 31st May 2024. The Council had 12 weeks' notice and was unable to procure a new contract under the tender process. Acorn Kennels in Shropshire were identified as a potential provider, and steps were taken to ensure that they would offer a suitable service. Any dogs that could not be returned to their owner would be taken to the licenced kennels in Shropshire which had a 5-star rating by their Local Authority. As the Kennels are some distance from Halton changes had to be made to the fees charged to attempt to reduce the number of dogs that had to be taken to the kennels. By law, an owner must reclaim their dog within 7 days after this period the Council can gift the dog to an organisation that would be able to look after the dog. Acorn Kennels offer a rehoming service so after the 7-day period any unclaimed dogs would be gifted to them with the expectation that as many dogs as possible would be found a new home.

Council Fly Posting and Banner Advertisements

The Council has powers available under Section 224 and 225 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to control fly posting and banner advertisements. Officers had been notified that there had been a proliferation of banner advertisements being fixed to highway furniture that could potentially cause highway safety issues and effect the amenity of the area. An overview was provided on the powers and the purposes and implications in the event of them being exercised. Due to limited resources officers would focus on being proactive in areas where it was affecting the amenity of the area. Officers would work with colleagues in other departments to carry out this work and at least 14 hours a month would be allocated to tackle this problem and take enforcement action.

Environmental Fund Update

Following the agreed planning permission for the Runcorn Thermal Power Station (TPS) in 2008 the plant became subject to a legal agreement under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. The agreement contained the provision that the owner of the plant agreed to pay the Council an annual lump sum for every tonne of fuel received and processed. The fund has been in operation since 2015 and to date had generated £6,909,919.76. A list of the projects that had benefitted from this fund was provided.

Pest Control – Review of Fees and Charges

Environmental Health provide a service for nuisance pests such as mice, ants and wasps for a fee. They also provide provision for rat treatments to domestic residents free of charge. A proposal was made to charge for the treatment of rats in the borough from April 2025, the proposed amount was £45.60, a private contractor could cost £120-240. The Council received over 2,500 requests for rat treatments each year and the number increased each year.

URBAN RENEWAL

Building Safety Levy

Update provided on the new Government initiatives and associated regulatory burdens. The purpose the Building Safety Levy was to introduce a charge imposed on developers of new residential buildings to fund the remediation of unsafe buildings particularly those with cladding issues post Grenfell. The Levy ensures that the developers bear the cost of fixing building safety issues, it would be introduced in Spring 2025.

Halton Local Development Scheme

Proposed update on the Local Development Scheme submission was required to be made to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government by 6th March 2025. The Local Development Scheme informed of the work required to maintain a Local Plan in line with National Policy.

Halton's Local Plan consisted of the adopted Delivery and Allocations Local Plan (2022) and the Joint Waste Plan (2013). The statutory Local Development Plan was the set of Local Plans that together formed the statutory basis to determine whether planning permission should be granted.

The Local Development Scheme underpinned Halton's Delivery and Allocations Plan that provided a timetable of works to be undertaken 25/26.

TRANSPORT

Local Transport Plan 4

An overview was provided on the draft Local Transport Plan 4 (LTPF4) and the consultation process. The aim of the plan was to provide transport choices that are safe, inclusive, affordable and low carbon. The plan would address the gaps in the current transport network that needed to be challenge. To decarbonise transport by 2040 there is significant change to the way we travel and transport freight and goods.

The plan has five goals and eight core principles plus details of policy approaches and the proposed interventions across the range of transport challenges.

Halton Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan

Update on the completion of a Halton specific Local Cycling and Walking infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) document. Travel patterns and proposed cycle networks and walking routes of the borough explained. Schemes identified in the document that were nearing completion or ready to bring forward are: Runcorn Daresbury - completed, Runcorn Busway, Silver Jubilee Bridge to Sandy Lane / Knowsley boundary – completed, Wilmere Lane / Birchfield Road.

The LCWIP document sets out the structure and the strategic direction and allows the development and delivery of a planned active travel network for Halton over a ten-year period for its resident's workers and visitors. The routes would offer safe and convenient alternatives for walking and cycling and had been prioritised based on elements such as new connectivity to new developments; existing population; employment services; air quality issues and deliverability. Helping to also reduce transport emissions and health improvements.

Department for Transport Statistical Update 2023

Road Safety statistics released by the Department for Transport (DfT) through the publication of the 2023 Comprehensive Annual Report, showed full details of the number of traffic collisions and casualties in 2023 and compared figures from the previous years. Overall, there had been a small rise in the number of casualties, in contrast to the national picture there had been a slight decrease and traffic flow had been comparable for the first time since the pandemic.

Halton had achieved its performance targets set by the DfT; there were 158 road traffic collisions involving personal injury within Halton which was one more than the previous year. The incidents had resulted in 195 casualties a 4% increase on the 2022 figure but 22% below 2019 when traffic levels were comparable.

The Road Safety team would continue to cover road traffic collision reduction schemes, road safety education, training, and publicity as well as engaging with the Cheshire Police to target effective enforcement action.

Information was provided on the following safety initiatives:

- Gyroscopic Red Light Camera.
- Speed Camera A562 (Speke Road)
- “Smiley” Speed Indicative Device / sign (SiDs)
- Mobile Speed Camera Sites
- Collision sites
- Speed limit reduction.
- Safer Active Travel
- Road Safety Audits
- Education
- Halton 2025/26 Programme

Petition for Regent Road to become one way.

A petition containing 43 signatures requesting Regent Road be made a one-way street as a measure to reduce traffic flows and increase public safety was received. The petition was submitted during a time when a section of Appleton Village between Regent Road and Deacon Road had been closed for an extended period to allow for emergency utility works, and this had impacted on traffic to migrate onto adjacent roads including Regent Road.

Following the receipt of the petition activity was monitored on Regent Road and the surrounding areas and the findings had been explained.

Miscellaneous

Council Wide Spending as of 30 November 24

Information presented to Executive Board on 16th January 2025 was provided, outlining the Council’s overall revenue and capital spending position as of 30th November 2024 together with the latest 24/25 outturn forecast. Reasons were provided for the key variances from budget. The only directorate operating within budget was the Environment & Regeneration Directorate.

DURING 2025/26 THE BOARD PLANS TO FOCUS ON:

Key themes started in 2024/25 will run on into the coming year.

- Responding to Climate Change
- Refreshing the Council's Housing Strategy
- Improving performance indicators with negative trends.

The board is also considering topics on:

- Tackling Industrial Odour
- Brownfield Land Strategy
- Tackling Fly Tipping

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REPORT TO:	Environment and Regeneration Policy and Performance Board
DATE:	18 th June 2025
REPORTING OFFICER:	Executive Director Environment and Regeneration
PORTFOLIO:	Environment and Urban Renewal
SUBJECT:	Authority Monitoring Report's (AMRs) – Housing & Employment
WARD(S)	Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 Local planning authorities are required to publish information at least annually that shows progress with local plan preparation, reports any activity relating to the duty to cooperate, any information collected which relates to indicators in the plan, and any policies which are not being implemented.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Board endorse the draft AMRs so that the documents can be made publicly available and published on the Councils website.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Housing and Employment AMR's provide greater detail and analysis for each topic area covering the period 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024, with background information back to 2014.
- 3.2 This document must be updated annually in order to provide up to date information. The AMR monitors the performance of the adopted Local Plan (March 2022), reviewing the success of planning policies using various indicators, including Housing and Employment numbers.
- 3.3 Regulation 34 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 sets out what information the reports must contain. Appendix F (Monitoring Framework) of the DALP set out the targets that have been developed to measure the direct effects of the policies on achieving the targets.
- 3.4 The Delivery and Allocations Local Plan sets out housing supply and locational priorities for the borough. The adopted plan states that there will be a minimum of 8,050 net additional homes to be provided

between 2014 and 2037 at an average rate of 350 dwellings per annum. The Housing report shows that in the period 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024 362 net houses were completed, with 126 of these being affordable. There are also 111 units currently under construction. `

- 3.5 The DALP also allocates land for business and industry to support Halton's economy. The DALP states that over the lifetime of the Local Plan, 2014 to 2037, the council will provide approximately 180 ha of land for employment purposes. In the period 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024 Employment land completions monitoring recorded the take up of 5.75 ha of employment land and 0 ha of SG all of which was taken up in Key/ Urban Regeneration Areas in Widnes.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Members wish to ensure that Housing and Employment policies are performing effectively and the DALP strategies are being met.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Annual Monitoring Reports will need to be updated annually, which will impact on staff resources.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S

6.1 Improving Health, Promoting Wellbeing and Supporting Greater Independence

The Employment and Housing AMR's support the above by providing additional information to support Children, Young people and Families by its policies and strategies to encourage affordable quality housing and strong job prospects and opportunities for young people.

6.2 Building a Strong, Sustainable Local Economy

The Employment and Housing AMR's support the above by providing additional information to develop a suitable housing market and sustainable local economy.

6.3 Supporting Children, Young People and Families

The Employment and Housing AMR's are a statutory document that helps review the policies in the local plan. This is intended to assist in the delivery of the Local Plan.

6.4 Tackling Inequality and Helping Those Who Are Most In Need

The Employment and Housing AMR's supports the above by providing additional information to the local plan to ensure the next local plan has all of the information to best protect the environment and mitigate climate change.

6.5 Working Towards a Greener Future

The Employment and Housing AMR supports the above by providing additional information to monitor whether the council is hitting their requirements for employment and housing, and therefore addressing the inequalities outlined in the local plan.

6.6 Valuing and Appreciating Halton and Our Community

The Employment and Housing AMR helps monitor the delivery of affordable homes and the enhancement of the communities in which we will live and work.

7.0 Risk Analysis

7.1 There are no legal or financial risks arising from this report.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 There are no equality and diversity implications arising from this report.

9.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Promotes sustainable development.

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

‘None under the meaning of the Act.’



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2024



Halton Borough Council**Authority Monitoring Report****Housing 2024****(Base date 31st March 2024)****June 2024****Version History**

Version	Revisions	Lead(s)	Author(s)	Checked	
v1			KB	RT	15/07/2024
v2	Update Report with DALP Monitoring Indicators		KB		25/11/2024

Summary of Key Findings

2024 Headline findings and observations

- **366 gross completions** – 126 of these were affordable homes (34%) (Compared to 85 (23%) gross in 2022/23)
- 2 demolitions
- 3 losses from conversion
- 3 losses from change of use
- **358 net completions** (Compared to 362 net completions in 2022/23)
- **111 units currently under construction** (Compared to 264 under construction in 2022/23)

2023/24 Completions by developer type, dwelling type and bedroom capacity

	Houses							Flat, Maisonettes, Apartments					Total
	1 Bed	2 Bed	3 Bed	4 Bed	5 Bed	5+ Bed	ALL	1 Bed	2 Bed	3 Bed	4/+ Bed	ALL	Total
RSL *	6	23	23	6	0	0	58	48	20	0	0	68	126
Private Sector	0	26	99	79	0	2	206	14	20	0	0	34	240
Affordable via S106	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All	6	49	122	85	0	2	264	62	40	0	0	102	366

* Registered Social Landlords (Housing Associations etc.)

	1 Bed	2 Bed	3 Bed	4 Bed	5 Bed	5+ Bed	ALL
All tenures / All Dwelling Types	68	89	122	85	0	2	366
	19%	24%	33%	23%	0%	1%	100%

In the Registered Provider (RSL) sector and the Private sector the majority of new build housing has been 2 Bed Flats.

2023/24	Halton	
Net completions April 2023 to March 2024	358	a
Dwellings under construction @ 31st March 2024	111	b
Local Plan annualised target	350	c
Surplus/deficit against the Local Plan annualised average 2023/24	+8	c-a

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I. Scope and Policy Context

- I.1 It is essential that Halton Council have an up-to-date statutory development plan in order to provide robust planning for the Borough. The Halton Delivery and Allocations Local Plan (DALP) was adopted in March 2022. The Plan sets out the long-term spatial vision, strategic priorities and policies for future development in the borough to 2037, including the quantity and location of new homes, employment provision, shops, facilities and other services, transport and other infrastructure provision, climate change mitigation and adaption and the conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment.
- I.2 The DALP sets out the planning policies and land allocations to guide decisions on the location, scale and type of development and changes in the way land and buildings are used.
- I.3 This Report will refer to the following Policy requirements set out within Policy CS(R)3 of the DALP regarding housing supply and locational priorities:
- A minimum of 8,050 net additional homes to be provided between 2014 and 2037 at an average rate of 350 dwellings per annum.
 - To achieve at least 30% of new housing on previously developed land (PDL) over the plan period (including conversions).
 - To ensure efficient use of land, a minimum density of 30 dwellings per hectare will be sought. In more accessible locations, densities of 40 dph or greater should be achieved.
 - To maintain a 5-year supply of deliverable housing land across the borough
 - On sites of 10 or more dwellings, with the exception of brownfield sites, the mix of new property types delivered should contribute to addressing identified needs with an affordable housing requirement of 20% on Strategic Housing Sites and 25% on Greenfield Development (Policy CS(R)13).
- I.4 This report also provides data on longer term take-up rates for housing within Halton Borough since 2004.
- I.5 It seeks to inform and monitor the performance for residential completions in Halton and to report on key areas of performance of the previous financial year, namely:
- gross and net dwellings completed.
 - proportion of dwellings completed on previously developed (brownfield) land.
 - completions by house type and bed spaces.
 - delivery of affordable units.
 - density of housing completions.

2. Housing Delivery

- 2.1. 153,800 dwellings were completed in the UK during the financial year 2023/24, a decrease of 12% compared with the same time last year. This is 40% below the peak of 2007. The majority of Met and Shire Counties which includes Merseyside and Lancashire have seen a decrease of completions with the exception of Greater Manchester which shows an increase of around 9% compared to last year. West Midlands have also seen an increase of 11% completions compared with last year.¹

Housing Completions

- 2.2. The number of completions in Halton this year has remained similar to last year with 366 dwellings (gross) completed in the 12-month monitoring period in 2023/24 - 355 dwellings in Runcorn and only 11 in Widnes (Appendix A). Dwellings lost through demolition and conversion amount to 8 homes, resulting in a net figure of 358 dwellings.

Table 1 - Dwelling Completions and Losses in Halton (April 2003 – March 2024)			
Halton	Gross Dwelling Gain	Losses from demolitions / conversions	Net Dwelling Gain
2003/04	616	439	177
2004/05	504	108	396
2005/06	744	7	737
2006/07	561	143	418
2007/08	547	234	313
2008/09	398	5	393
2009/10	225	111	114
2010/11	261	90	171
2011/12	325	8	317
2012/13	343	27	316
2013/14	262	35	227
2014/15	507	11	496
2015/16	484	4	480
2016/17	703	5	698
2017/18	380	11	369
2018/19	601	4	597
2019/20 *	603	3	600
2020/21 *	132	35	97
2021/22	159	7	152
2022/23	368	6	362
2023/24	366	8	358
Total	9,089	1,301	7,788
Average	433	62	371

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/live-tables-on-house-building>

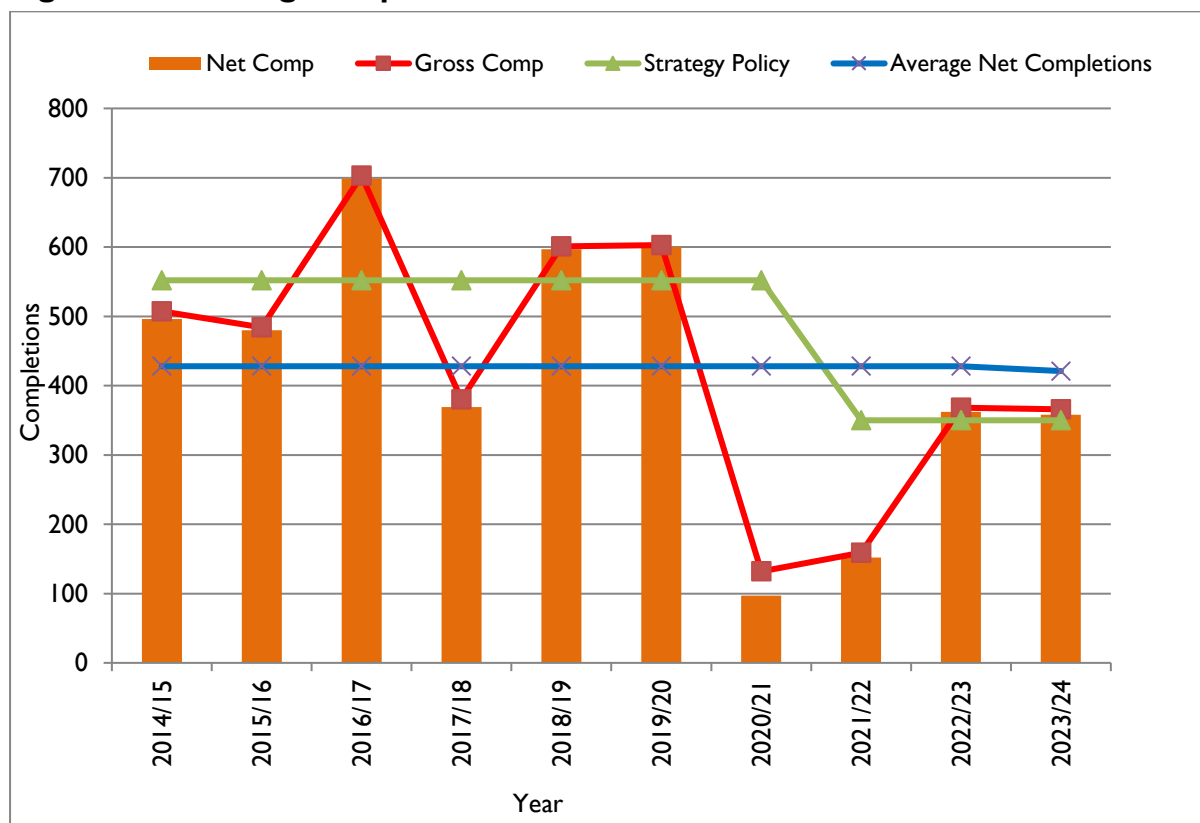
**Table I - Dwelling Completions and Losses in Halton
(April 2003 – March 2024)**

Halton	Gross Dwelling Gain	Losses from demolitions / conversions	Net Dwelling Gain
2014/15 to 2023/24 (Total)	4,303	94	4,209
2014/15 to 2023/24 (Average)	430	9	421

* The 2019/20 figure covers a 16 month period (suggesting a 12 month figure of $(603/16) \times 12 = 452$)

* The 2020/21 figure only covers a 8 month period (suggesting a 12 month figure of $(132/8) \times 12 = 198$)

Figure I – Dwelling Completions in Halton 2014 – 2024

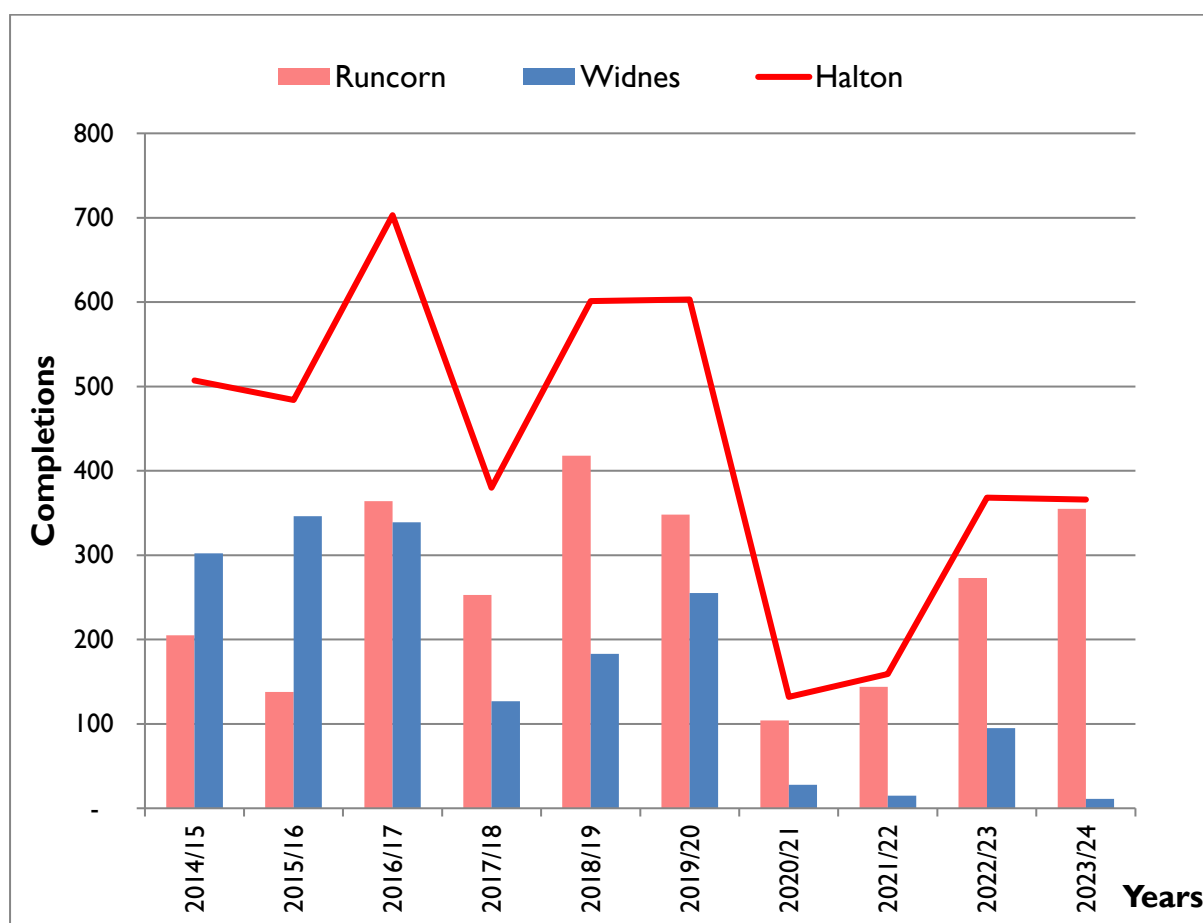


Location

- 2.3. DALP (Policy CS(R)3) sets out how Halton will change over the coming years and where and when development will happen, the policy states that new development within the Borough should deliver 8,050 new homes within the plan period at an average of 350 net new homes each year until 2028. There have been 4,209 net dwellings completed within Halton since 2014, an average of 421 dwellings each year.
- 2.4. Since 2014, 2,546 net dwellings have been completed in Runcorn and 1,663 in Widnes, leaving 3,841 net more homes to be built in Halton to 2037 (an average of 295 homes each year).
- 2.5. Figure 2 shows the split between Runcorn and Widnes, again showing a much larger split in dwellings completed in Runcorn with similar proportions in total completions in Halton compared over the last few years.

Table 2 - Completed Housing Development in Runcorn & Widnes 2023/24

2023/24	Gross Dwelling Gain	Losses from demolitions / Conversions	Net Dwelling Gain	
Runcorn	355	5	350	98%
Widnes	11	3	8	2%
Halton	366	8	358	100%

Figure 2 – Dwelling Completions in Halton 2014 – 2024 by Town

Monitoring Framework

2.6. The DALP's Monitoring Framework contains a number of indicators with targets which sets out how we will measure how successful the policies within the Plan are being implemented. The delivery of housing development from 2014 on previously developed land is recorded in table 3 below.

Brownfield / Greenfield Split

2.7. National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) encourages the re-use of previously developed land. DALP (Policy CS3) states that an average of 30% of new residential development is to be built on previously developed land over the plan period. In

2023/24, 44% of completions were on Brownfield sites, an increase compared to 34% of completions the previous year.

Figure 3 – Percentage of Housing Completions in Halton by Land Type 2014 - 2024

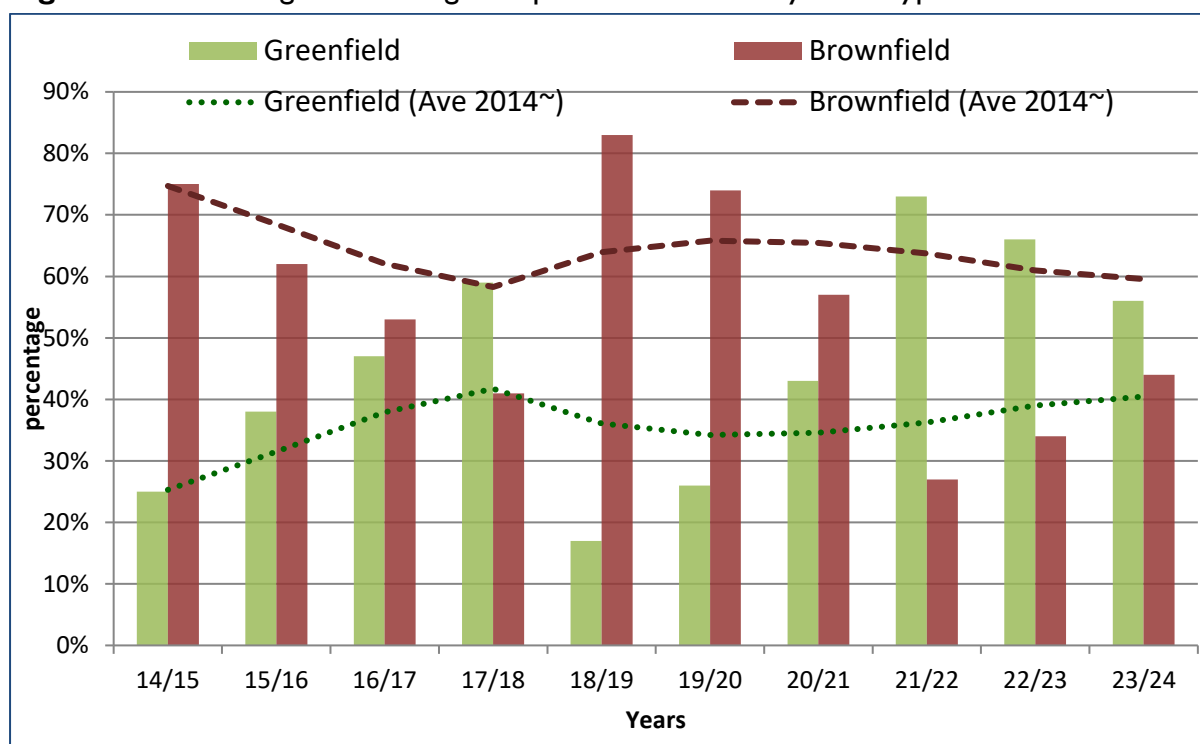


Table 3 – Housing Completions in Halton by Land Type 2014 - 2024

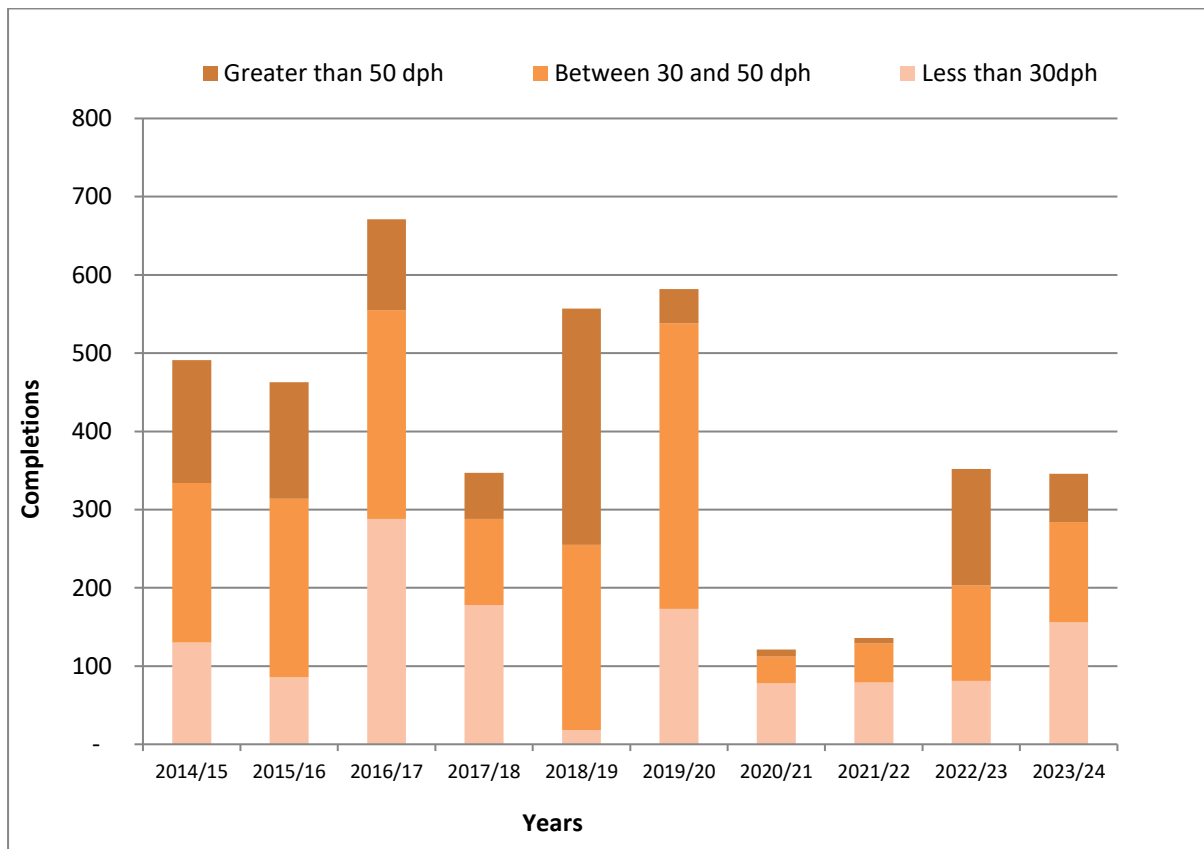
Halton	Greenfield	GF%	Brownfield	PDL%	Gross Dwellings	Net Dwellings	Losses
2014/15	128	25%	378	75%	506	495	11
2015/16	184	38%	300	62%	484	480	4
2016/17	330	47%	373	53%	703	698	5
2017/18	223	59%	157	41%	380	369	11
2018/19	100	17%	501	83%	601	597	4
2019/20	156	26%	447	74%	603	600	3
2020/21	57	43%	75	57%	132	97	35
2021/22	116	73%	43	27%	159	152	7
2022/23	242	66%	126	34%	368	362	6
2023/24	204	56%	162	44%	366	358	8
Total	1740		2562		4302	4208	94
Average	174	40%	256	60%	430	421	9

Density

2.8. Policy CS(R)3 of the DALP sets a target minimum density of 30dph, rising to a minimum density of 40dph in proximity to Town and Local Centres or Transport Interchanges. The percentage of new housing developments at a density of less than 30 dwellings per hectare has risen noticeably to 45%, compared to 23% in 2022/23.

Table 4: Density of Completions on Housing Sites (of 5 or more dwellings) 2014 - 2024

Year	Less than 30dph	Between 30 and 50 dph	Greater than 50 dph	Halton Sites	% less 30	% 30_50	% grt 50
2014/15	130	204	157	491	26%	42%	32%
2015/16	86	228	149	463	19%	49%	32%
2016/17	288	267	116	671	43%	40%	17%
2017/18	178	110	59	347	51%	32%	17%
2018/19	18	237	302	557	3%	43%	54%
2019/20	173	365	44	582	30%	63%	8%
2020/21	78	34	9	121	64%	28%	7%
2021/22	79	50	7	136	58%	37%	5%
2022/23	81	122	149	352	23%	35%	42%
2023/24	156	128	62	346	45%	37%	18%

Figure 4 - Density of Completions on Housing Sites (of 5 or more dwellings) 2014 - 2024

Housing Mix

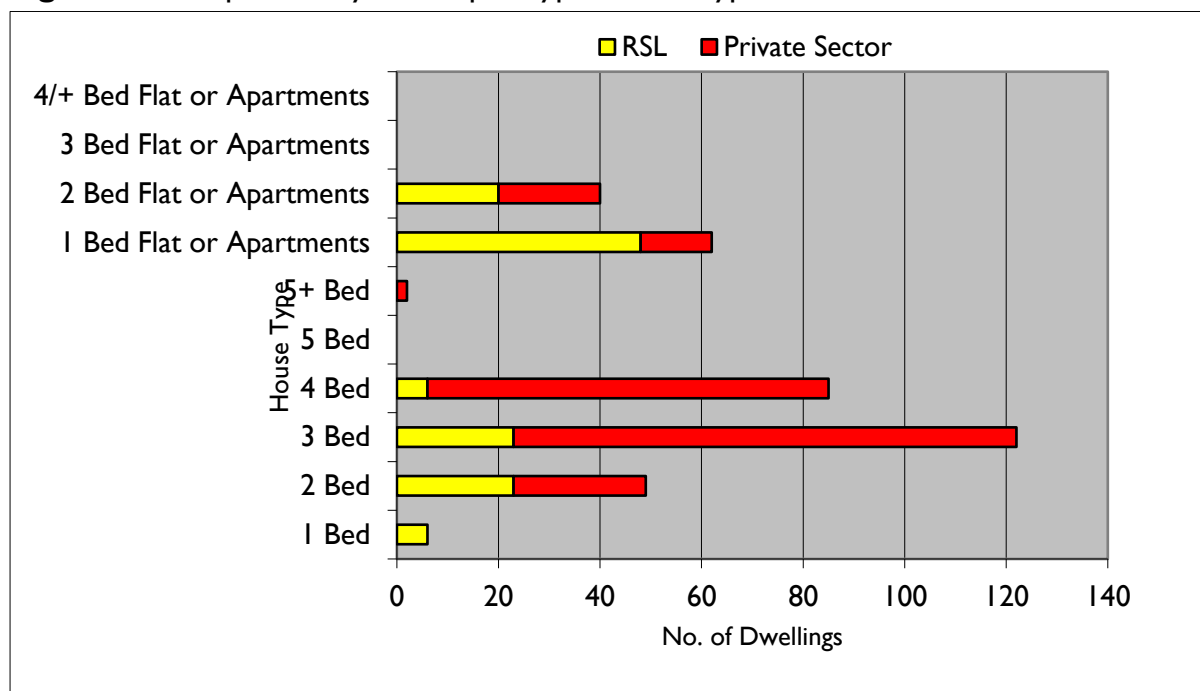
- 2.9. DALP CS(R)12 looks for sites with 10 or more dwellings to provide a mix of property types to contribute to the needs identified in the Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA). This is in line with the NPPF which looks for planning authorities to plan for a mix of housing based on current and future demographic trends, market trends and the needs of different groups in the community. A significant proportion of the dwellings completed in 2023/24 were flats, accounting for 28% of all completions.
- 2.10. 72% of all dwellings completed were houses. 38% of all houses completed by the private sector were 3 Bed houses compared with only around 9% of 3 beds completed by registered social landlords.
- 2.11. 1 Bed flats, maisonettes or apartments account for 19% of all units completed compared with around 11% in 2023/24.

Table 5: Completions by Developer Type, Dwelling Type and Bedroom Capacity 2023/24

	Houses							Flat, Maisonettes, Apartments					Total
	1 Bed	2 Bed	3 Bed	4 Bed	5 Bed	5+ Bed	ALL	1 Bed	2 Bed	3 Bed	4/+ Bed	ALL	Total
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All	6	49	122	85	0	2	264	62	40	0	0	102	366

Table 6: Completions by Beds 2023/24

	1 Bed	2 Bed	3 Bed	4 Bed	5 Bed	5+ Bed	ALL
All tenures / All Dwelling Types	68	89	122	85	0	2	366
	19%	24%	33%	23%	0%	1%	100%

Figure 5 - Completions by Developer Type, House Type and Size in 2023/24**Table 7 - Proportion of Affordable Dwellings**

	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Totals
Total Gross Dwellings	506	484	703	380	601	603	132	159	368	366	4302
Private Sector	249	338	565	288	538	528	107	137	283	240	3273
Affordable Units by Housing Associations / RPs	257	146	138	92	63	75	25	22	85	126	1029
Affordable Units Secured via S106	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Proportion of Affordable Dwellings	51%	30%	20%	24%	10%	12%	19%	14%	23%	34%	24%

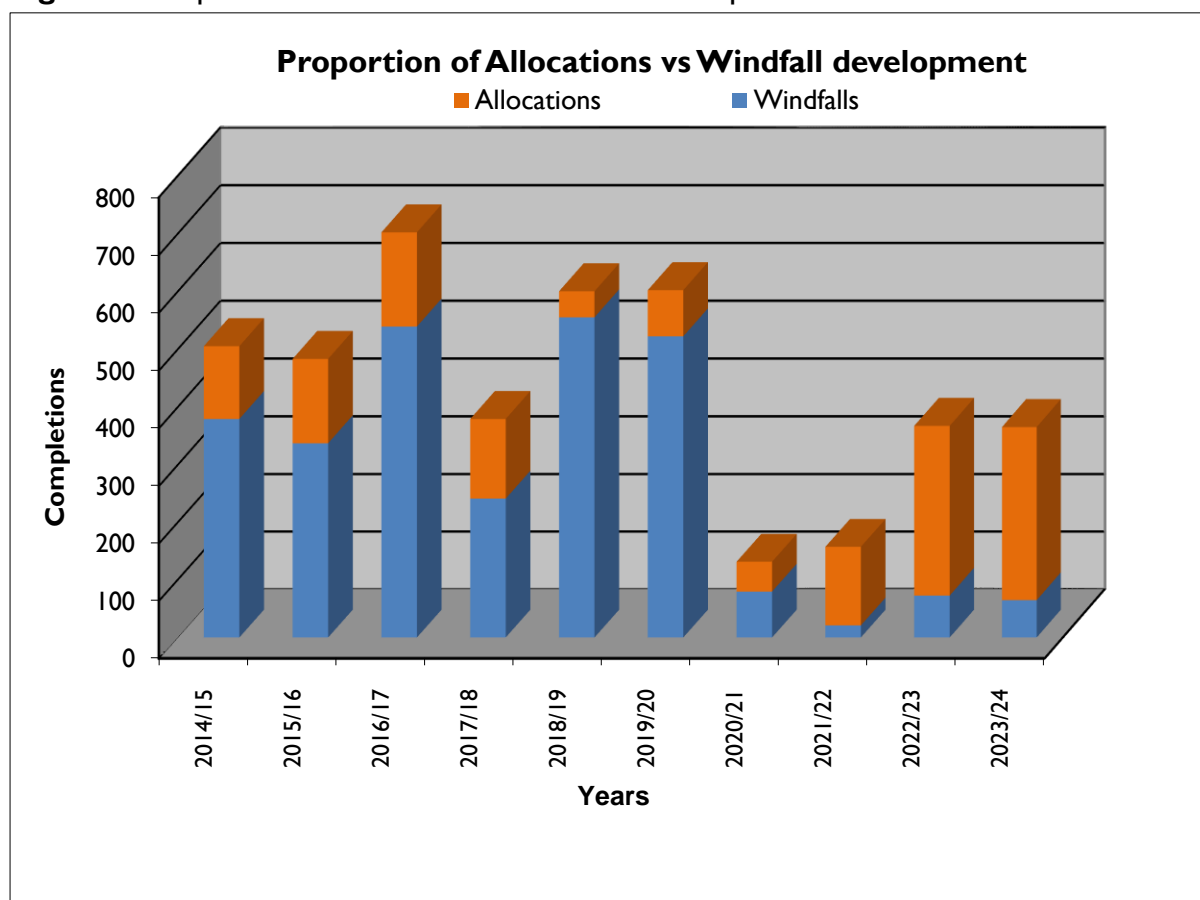
2.12. There were 126 affordable dwellings completed in 2023/24, this equates to around 34% of the gross numbers of homes completed in the year. All these affordable dwellings were provided by a Registered Provider, and none were secured through S106 agreements on market housing sites.

2.13. The significant increase in greenfield development over the past few years has not continued to rise this year with a noticeable small increase in development on brownfield sites. There has been a slight decrease in the levels of 1 and 2 bed flats completed together with a continuing increase in the proportion of 3 bed dwellings built which all hint at the types of residential developments that are currently been completed in Halton.

Windfalls and Allocations

- 2.14. During 2023/24 there were 301 completions on 9 sites all in Runcorn which were allocated in the Halton Local Plan.
- 2.15. Windfall development is defined in the NPPF as ‘sites which have not been specifically identified in the development plan’. For the purposes of this Monitoring Report windfall development is taken as residential completions that have occurred on land that is not allocated in the DALP for residential purposes. Therefore, during 2023/24 there were 65 completions on sites that are considered to be windfall, 54 in Runcorn and 11 in Widnes.

Figure 6: Proportion of Allocations vs Windfall development 2014 - 2024



Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation

- 2.16. Whilst there has been an application (22/00157/FUL) on GT6 (1768/0) for industrial units, this has been dismissed on Appeal. There are currently no planning applications for Gypsy and Traveller sites. The site (1767/0) at Warrington Road, Runcorn was completed in 2015/16 for 24 total Pitches.

3. Housing Supply

- 3.1. The following section provides a breakdown of the supply of housing land in Halton as of 31 March 2024. A site-by-site breakdown can be found in Appendix B, which contains all the remaining Local Plan residential allocations together with all the sites which have gained planning permission, but which are not completed. Additional housing sites have been identified within the Halton Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA)² which are unallocated and without planning permission but are considered suitable for residential development.

Under Construction

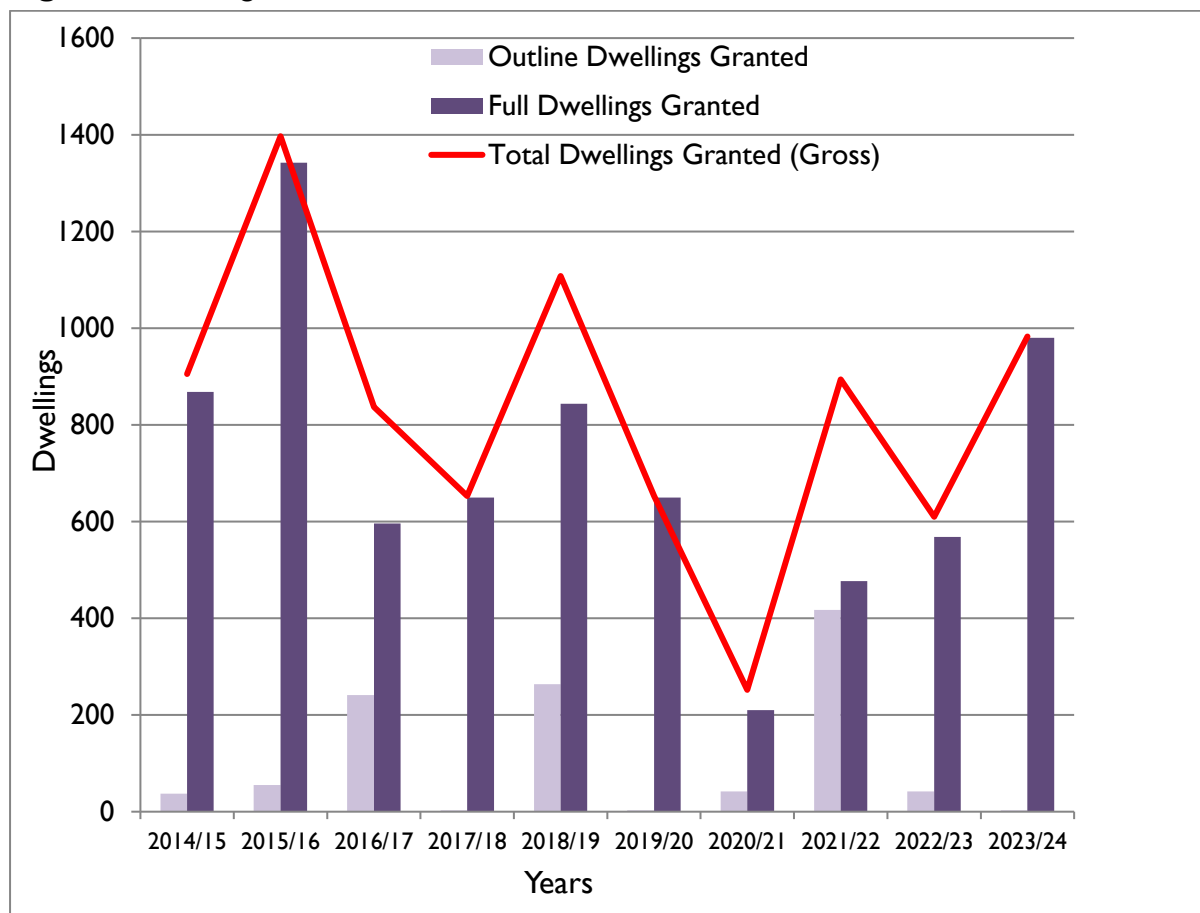
- 3.2. Monitoring from 2023/24 shows that there are 21 sites currently under construction. On these, there are a total of 111 properties under construction, with a total of 1603 dwellings (gross) remaining.
- 3.3. There were 9 sites that started construction during 2023/24; listed in Table 8 below.

Table 8: Total Capacity - Sites Commenced in 2023/24			
Ref	Address	Town	No of Dwellings Proposed
1347/0	Land adjacent to Beaconsfield Primary Care Centre, Bevan Way	Widnes	5
1825/0	Abbey Farm, South Lane (Plots 46 & 43) (Green Belt)	Widnes	99
1916/1	Parcel A1 Land North Of Red Brow Lane	Runcorn	97
2004/0	Land North of Lunts Heath Road	Widnes	328
2042/1	Land Adjacent to Delph Lane, Daresbury	Runcorn	335
2198/0	Land to the south of 60 Wilmere Lane	Widnes	1
2483/0	Land at 79 - 83 High Street	Runcorn	66
2511/0	55 Church Street	Runcorn	2
2527/0	Land Within and Adjacent to And Surrounding Palacefields Local Centre	Runcorn	134
	Total		1067

Planning Permissions granted during 2023/24

- 3.4. 983 dwellings (gross), with 28 lost through demolition, 0 lost through conversion and 4 lost through change of use leaving a total of 951 dwellings (net) were granted planning permission in 2023/24; more full planning permissions were granted, and overall, there is a significant increase on all planning permissions granted last year as can be seen in Figure 7 below.

² <https://www4.halton.gov.uk/Pages/planning/policyguidance/PolicyBackgroundDocuments.aspx>

Figure 7: Planning Permissions Granted 2014 - 2024**Table 9: Planning Permissions Granted (net) 2023/24 for Residential Development**

	Outline Permission		Full Permission		Total Permissions	
	Sites	No. Of Dwellings	Sites	No. Of Dwellings	Sites	No. Of Dwellings
Runcorn	1	1	13	465	14	466
Widnes	1	2	12	515	13	517
Total	2	3	25	980	27	983

- 3.5. Around 53% of all granted permissions for residential development were in Widnes with 47% or 466 dwellings granted permission in Runcorn.
- 3.6. For planning permissions granted in 2023/24, there were 17 sites with extant full permission, with a remaining capacity for 316 dwellings. 8 of these sites were in Runcorn, with a remaining capacity for 231 dwellings and 9 sites were in Widnes, with remaining capacity for only 85 dwellings.
- 3.7. In total, that gives 35 sites with extant full permission, with a remaining capacity for 1182 dwellings. 16 of these sites were in Runcorn, with a remaining capacity for 935 dwellings and 19 sites were in Widnes, with remaining capacity for 247 dwellings.

- 3.8. Around 72% of the sites (226 dwellings) that have been granted permission in 2023/24 were on Greenfield sites, with roughly 90 application approvals (28%) on Brownfield sites.
- 3.9. Planning permissions in 2023/24 have seen the most common being 4-beds with 115 permissions followed by 3-beds with 95. 2-bed dwellings account for 75 permissions this year.

Allocations

- 3.10. There are sites allocated for residential development in the Halton Local Plan. During 2023/24 there have been 216 completions on allocated residential sites. The current position of all the allocated sites is listed below in Table 10.
- 3.11. At this time there are 12 completed housing allocations which have produced 821 dwellings. There are currently 11 allocation sites that are under construction, these have seen 428 dwellings completed so far with 1906 remaining.
- 3.12. There are a further 15 allocations that have planning permission, with 1087 dwellings currently consented. This leaves 37 sites that have no permissions.

Table 10: Runcorn

Ref	Ref_2	Site	Greenfield / PDL	Notional Capacity	Site Size	Planning Status	Planning Application	Site Construction Status	Site Completion Date	Total Gross Dwlg	Total Completed Dwlg	Total Remaining Dwlg
M8	2338/0	Land to the east of Runcorn Road, Moore	Greenfield	20	0.73	Awaiting Decision	22/00309/OUT	Not Started	N/A	20	0	20
P1	2442/0, 2252/0, 2253/0	E-Scape, Preston-on-the-Hill	Greenfield	117	4.89	Full PP - Part Site (0.15 hec)	21/00311/FUL	Not Started	N/A	117	0	117
P2	2195/0	Land between Chester Rd and M56 at Preston-on-the-Hill	Greenfield	146	6.96	Awaiting Decision	22/00203/FUL	Not Started	N/A	146	0	146
R1	1003/0	Land at Gaunts Way	Greenfield	7	0.23	No PP	No PP	Not Started	N/A	7	0	7
R2	1303/0	Land to the east of Kestrel's Way	Greenfield	43	1.61	No PP	No PP	Not Started	N/A	43	0	43
R5	1150/0	Land north of Beechwood Ave., east of Wood Lane	Greenfield	29	1.09	No PP	No PP	Not Started	N/A	29	0	29
R7	2340/0	Former Showroom for The Deck	PDL	15	0.54	Full PP	05/00590/REM	Site Stalled	N/A	15	0	15
R8	2341/0	Remainder of The Deck	PDL	12	0.44	Full PP	05/00590/REM	Site Stalled	N/A	12	0	12
R9	1155/0	Former Polar Ford Use car lot	PDL	11	0.37	Full PP (Retail)	21/00407/FUL	Not Started	31/03/2023	11	0	11
R10	1032/0, 1647/0	Land off Bridge Street and busway	PDL	28	1.03	No PP	No PP	Not Started	N/A	28	0	28
R11	1029/0	Land to the rear of Pure Gym, Okell Street	PDL	9	0.15	Full PP	20/00077/FUL	Site Completed	31/03/2021	9	9	0
R12	1962/0	Former Riverside College, Campus Drive	Mixed	144	4	Full PP	18/00176/REM	Site Completed	31/03/2021	144	144	0
R14	1098/0	Land to south of Percival Lane	PDL	16	0.16	Full PP	14/00543/FUL	Lapsed	N/A	16	0	16
R15	1104/0	Former Polar Ford and surrounds	PDL	31	1.14	No PP	No PP	Not Started	N/A	31	0	31

Ref	Ref_2	Site	Greenfield / PDL	Notional Capacity	Site Size	Planning Status	Planning Application	Site Construction Status	Site Completion Date	Total Gross Dwlg	Total Completed Dwlg	Total Remaining Dwlg
R17	1080/0	Picow Farm Road Playing Fields	Mixed	67	1.62	Full PP	17/00455/FUL	Site Completed	03/08/2020	67	67	0
R20	1085/0	Paramount Foods and surrounds	PDL	89	3.7	Full PP	18/00083/FUL	Site Completed	31/03/2024	119	119	0
R22	1718/0	Land off Birch Road	Greenfield	21	0.78	No PP	No PP	Not Started	N/A	21	0	21
R24	1989/0	Land to the west of Grangeway	Greenfield	14	0.5	No PP	No PP	Not Started	N/A	14	0	14
R25	1990/0	Thorn Road Garages	PDL	6	0.19	No PP	No PP	Not Started	N/A	6	0	6
R26	1078/0	St Chads High School Playing Fields	Greenfield	82	3.42	Full PP	19/00641/FUL	Lapsed	N/A	82	0	82
R28	1092/0	Land off Coronation Road	Greenfield	44	1.65	No PP	No PP	Not Started	N/A	44	0	44
R29	2016/0, 2017/0	Land to the south of Walsingham Drive	Greenfield	250	16.63	Awaiting Decision	22/00543/OUTE1 A	Not Started	N/A	250	0	250
R30	1756/0, 1751/3	Land between Keckwick Brook and WCML	Greenfield	337	13.93	Full PP	15/00453/FUL (19/00325/FUL)	Under Construction	N/A	319	212	107
R31	1751/2	Sandymoor 17A	Greenfield	13	0.68	Full PP	19/00325/FUL	Site Completed	31/03/2023	13	13	0
R32	2042/3, 2238/0	Central Housing Area (between canal and railway)	Greenfield	500	20.77	Awaiting Decision	21/00545/REM	Not Started	N/A	500	0	500
R33, R35, R36	2042/1	Delph Lane West	Greenfield	300	19.08	Full PP	21/00337/REM	Under Construction	N/A	335	0	335
R37	1751/0	Land to the east of Village Street	Greenfield	104	4.35	Full PP	19/00325/FUL	Site Completed	31/03/2024	190	190	0
R38	1233/0	Wharford Farm (North and Central)	Greenfield	190	25.51	No PP	No PP	Not Started	N/A	190	0	190
R39	2262/0	Land surrounding Preston Brook Marina, Marina Lane	Greenfield	57	2.38	No PP	No PP	Not Started	N/A	57	0	57

Ref	Ref_2	Site	Greenfield / PDL	Notional Capacity	Site Size	Planning Status	Planning Application	Site Construction Status	Site Completion Date	Total Gross Dwlg	Total Completed Dwlg	Total Remaining Dwlg
R40	1759/1	Land to the West of Delph Lane, Daresbury	Greenfield	119	7.22	Full PP	20/00487/S73	Under Construction	N/A	108	67	41
R41	1759/2	Crows Nest Farm, Daresbury	Greenfield	181	11.35	Full PP	21/00319/FULEIA	Not Started	N/A	181	0	181
R44	1077/0	Highways Agency Depot	PDL	24	0.88	No PP	No PP	Not Started	N/A	24	0	24
R45	1140/0	Land adjacent to Castle Road (Panorama Hotel)	PDL	7	0.22	Full PP	22/00015/FUL	Not Started	N/A	20	0	20
R46	1258/0	Land to the north of Brookvale Avenue North	Greenfield	20	0.75	No PP	No PP	Not Started	N/A	20	0	20
R47	1009/0	Adj. to Woodfalls Farm	Mixed	11	0.36	Awaiting Decision	23/00497/FUL	Not Started	N/A	11	0	11
R49	1148/0	Land surrounding Hanover Court	Greenfield	29	1.09	No PP	No PP	Not Started	N/A	29	0	29
R50	1149/0	The Lord Taverners & land adjacent	Mixed	35	1.3	No PP	No PP	Not Started	N/A	35	0	35
R52	1011/0	Land off Southland Mews	Mixed	11	0.42	No PP	No PP	Not Started	N/A	11	0	11
R54	1103/0	Land off Astmoor Bridge Lane	Greenfield	6	0.19	No PP	No PP	Not Started	N/A	6	0	6
R55	1159/0	Former Express Dairies Site, Sewell St / Perry St	PDL	15	0.54	Full PP	21/00613/FUL	Site Completed	31/03/2024	33	33	0
R60	1544/0	Paddock adjacent to 38 Clifton Road	Greenfield	11	0.38	No PP	No PP	Not Started	N/A	11	0	11
R61	1079/0	Land to the south of Old Quay Street and Mason St	PDL	39	1.46	No PP	No PP	Not Started	N/A	39	0	39
R62	1131/0, 1736/0	Former Gym and Surrey Street Garage	PDL	11	0.36	Full PP	12/00252/FUL	Lapsed	N/A	11	0	11
R66	1177/0	Former Egerton Library and Rathbone Institute	PDL	18	0.66	No PP	No PP	Not Started	N/A	18	0	18

Ref	Ref_2	Site	Greenfield / PDL	Notional Capacity	Site Size	Planning Status	Planning Application	Site Construction Status	Site Completion Date	Total Gross Dwlg	Total Completed Dwlg	Total Remaining Dwlg
R67	1913/0	Wharford Farm, Red Brow Lane	Greenfield	410	17.42	No PP	No PP	Not Started	N/A	410	0	410
R69	1288/0, 2483/0	Former Job Centre and La Scala	PDL	24	0.89	Full PP - Part Site	22/00130/FUL	Under Construction - Part	N/A	66	0	66
R72	1953/0	Land to the north of Towers Lane	Greenfield	12	0.39	No PP	No PP	Not Started	N/A	12	0	12
R73	1763/0	Land between Daresbury Expressway and Manor Park Ave	Greenfield	23	0.86	No PP	No PP	Not Started	N/A	23	0	23
R74	1746/0	Land between the expressway and the Bridgewater Canal	Greenfield	158	7.54	OPP	07/00122/OUT	Lapsed	N/A	158	0	158
R78, R48	2544/0	Land to the south of Stockham Lane	Greenfield	32	1.18	Full PP	22/00462/FUL	Not Started	N/A	59	0	59
R79	1983/0	Land between Stalbridge Drive and WCML	Greenfield	58	2.42	Full PP	20/00573/FUL	Site Completed	31/03/2024	48	48	0
R80	1808/0, 2423/0	Land Off Eagles Way (Incl. the Raven), Hallwood Park	Mixed	51	1.81	Full PP - Part Site	21/00201/REM	Part Completed	31/03/2024	63	27	36
R81	1096/0	Land south of Hospital	Greenfield	45	1.67	No PP	No PP	Not Started	N/A	45	0	45
R82	2259/0	Land east of Castlefields Avenue East	Greenfield	45	1.62	Site Completed	17/00304/FUL	Site Completed	03/08/2020	45	45	0
R84	1916/1, 1916/2, 1916/3	Land between The Office Village, Daresbury Park and Bridgewater Canal	Greenfield	417	19.84	Full PP / OPP - Part Site	22/00034/REM, 20/00337/OUTEIA	Under Construction - Part	N/A	417	0	417
									Totals	4738	974	3764

Widnes and Hale

Ref	Ref_2	Site	Greenfield / PDL	Notional Capacity	Site Size	Planning Status	Planning Application	Site Construction Status	Site Completion Date	Total Gross Dwlg	Total Completed Dwlg	Total Remaining Dwlg
H1	1204/0	Land adjacent to 1 Church End, Hale Village	Greenfield	12	0.45	Full PP	22/00638/FUL	Not Started	N/A	13	0	13
W1	1237/0, 1343/0, 2277/0	BPI Widnes Films	PDL	38	4.26	Full PP	17/00504/FUL	Site Part Completed	N/A	156	118	38
W2	H1195	Former Eternit site, Derby Road	PDL	116	5.21	Full PP	15/00430/FUL	Site Completed	31/03/2021	116	116	0
W4	2444/0	Chapel Lane to Old Upton Lane	Greenfield	299	14.26	Awaiting Decision	23/00244/OUT	Not Started	N/A	299	0	299
W5	1228/0, 1241/0, 2163/0	Sandy Lane to Queensbury Way	Greenfield	133	6.33	Awaiting Decision	23/00244/OUT	Not Started	N/A	133	0	133
W9	1722/0	Land at Mill Green Farm	Greenfield	433	22.63	Full PP	22/00178/FUL	Not Started	N/A	441	0	441
W10	1672/0	South Lane	Greenfield	39	1.45	No PP	No PP	Not Started	N/A	39	0	39
W11	2445/0	Boundary Farm and Abbey Farm, South Lane	Greenfield	278	13.23	Awaiting Decision	24/00007/FUL	Not Started	N/A	278	0	278
W17	1052/0	Land east of The Eight Towers Public House	Greenfield	20	0.72	Full PP	10/00104/FUL	Lapsed	N/A	20	0	20
W24	1249/0, 1291/0, 2157/0, 2158/0, 2337/0	West of Hale Gate Rd	Greenfield	484	23.06	Full PP	18/00478/FUL	Site Part Completed	31/03/2022	484	4	480
W28	1118/0	Broseley House	PDL	10	0.33	No PP	No PP	Not Started	N/A	10	0	10
W30	1347/0	Opposite Beaconsfield Surgery Site	PDL	11	0.4	Full PP	23/00265/FUL	Under Construction	N/A	5	0	5
W31	1635/0	Greenoaks Farm Industrial Estate, Warrington Road	PDL	10	0.32	Full PP	21/00001/FUL	Not Started	N/A	2	0	2
W32	1275/0	Land At Terrace Road (RMC House), West Bank	PDL	14	0.51	Withdrawn	23/00192/S73	Not Started	N/A	14	0	14

Ref	Ref_2	Site	Greenfield / PDL	Notional Capacity	Site Size	Planning Status	Planning Application	Site Construction Status	Site Completion Date	Total Gross Dwlg	Total Completed Dwlg	Total Remaining Dwlg
W34	1719/0	Widnes Timber Centre, Foundry Lane	PDL	26	0.96	Full PP	19/00518/FUL	Site Part Completed	N/A	18	0	18
W38	1269/0	Land to the rear of Appleton Village Pharmacy	PDL	24	0.29	Full PP	17/00389/FUL	Site Completed	30/07/2020	24	24	0
W39	1787/0	The Albert Hotel, 160 Albert Road	PDL	13	0.05	Full PP	18/00368/FUL	Site Completed	30/07/2020	13	13	0
W40	1345/0	Watkinson Way Loop	PDL	24	0.89	OPP	20/00026/OUT	Not Started	N/A	42	0	42
W42	1264/0	Land off Vine Street	Greenfield	5	0.06	Lapsed	12/00492/S73	Not Started	N/A	5	0	5
W44	1196/0	Land adjacent to 20 Rock Lane	Greenfield	11	0.41	No PP	No PP	Not Started	N/A	11	0	11
W45	2010/0	Parcels on Halebank Road	Mixed	54	2.26	No PP	No PP	Not Started	N/A	54	0	54
W47	1122/ , 1123/0, 1124/0, 1334/0	Land to the rear of Harrison Street Pumping Station	PDL	125	5.96	Full PP - Part Site	21/00470/REM	Not Started	N/A	125	0	125
W49	2004/0, 1287/0	Lunts Heath Road (East)	Greenfield	381	18.13	Full PP - Part Site	22/00318/FUL	Under Construction - Part	N/A	381	0	381
W50	1334/0	(former Stobarts site) Foundry Lane	PDL	19	19	Full PP	21/00470/REM	Not Started	N/A	29	0	29
Totals										2712	275	2437

4. Market Signals

House Prices

- 4.1. According to Land Registry data³ (UK House Price Index) the average house price in Halton in April 2024 was £187,834. This is a slight increase of £3,075 from the same time last year and a rise of around 2%. This rise over the last year is just above the national trend; UK saw property prices rise by just below 1% compared to the previous year average (to £281,373). In England, the North West had the highest growth, where the annual percentage change increased by 3.8% in 12 months to April 2024.
- 4.2. In Halton the average house prices by house type were as follows in April 2024: detached house £312,549; semi-detached £189,886; terraced £138,861; and flat £98,178. The average price of all house types in Halton remained similar over the last 12 months with exception of semi-detached houses with an increase of around 1.4k.

New House Prices

- 4.3. Castle Green Homes have been selling 3-bed detached houses for sale starting at £339,995 and 4-bed detached houses starting at £394,995 at Red Brow Lane, Daresbury Park (1916/4), Runcorn. In Widnes, Miller Homes are proposing 3, 4 & 5 bedroom houses from £297,995 - £549,995 at Lunts Heath Rise, Lunts Heath Road Site (2004/0).

Affordable Housing

- 4.4. Local Plan (Policy CS(R)13) states that affordable homes will be provided in perpetuity, on schemes including 10 or more dwellings or 0.5ha or greater for residential purposes.
- 4.5. There were 126 affordable dwellings completed in 2023/24, this equates to around 34% of the gross numbers of homes completed in the year. All of these affordable dwellings were provided by a Registered Provider, this is a higher proportion to the 24% average completed during Local Plan period.

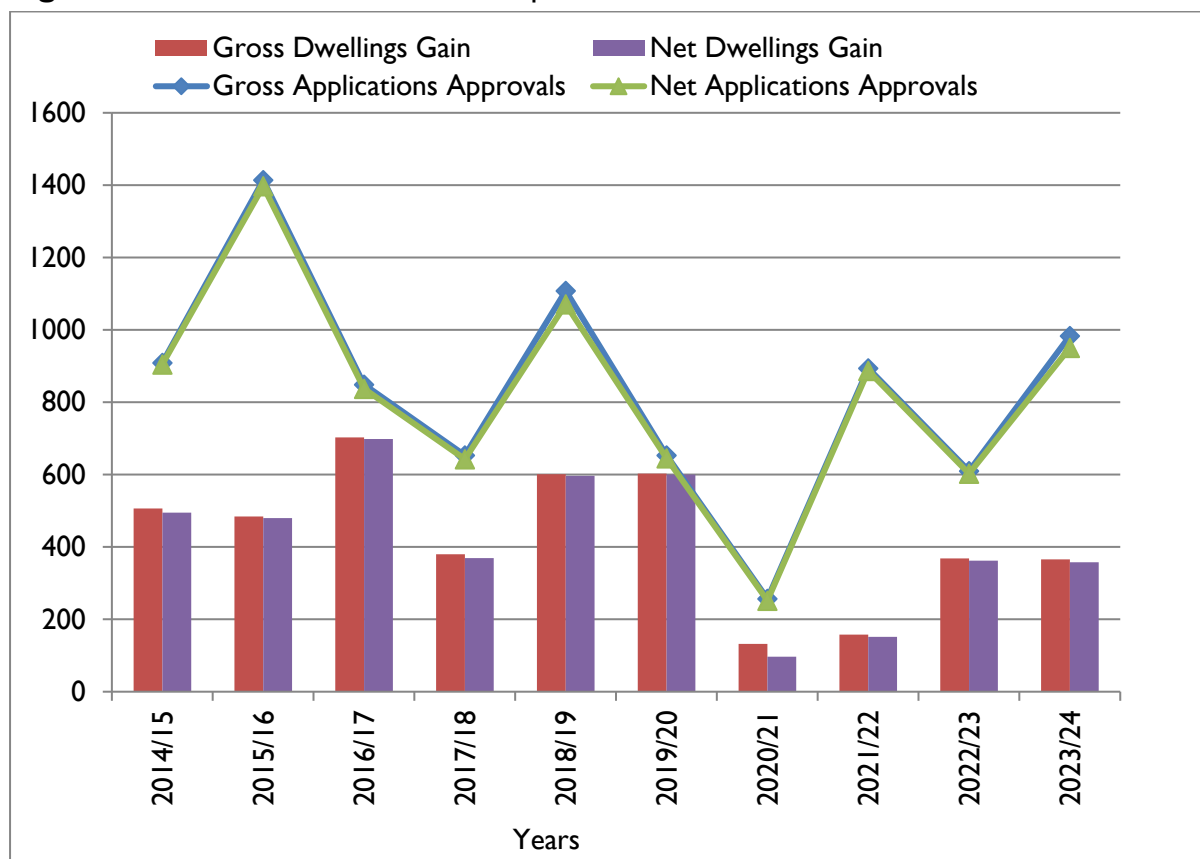
³ <http://landregistry.data.gov.uk/app/ukhpi>

Table 11: Proportion of Affordable Dwellings

	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Totals
Total Gross Dwellings	506	484	703	380	601	603	132	159	368	366	4302
Private Sector	249	338	565	288	538	528	107	137	283	240	3273
Affordable Units by Housing Associations / RPs	257	146	138	92	63	75	25	22	85	126	1029
Affordable Units Secured via S106	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Proportion of Affordable Dwellings	51%	30%	20%	24%	10%	12%	19%	14%	23%	34%	24%

Housing Take Up

4.6. Figure 8 shows the numbers of dwellings given planning permission from 2014 to 2024. It also shows the increase in levels of dwellings given planning permission on the pending housing applications which are approved on the latest residential allocations contained in the approved Local Plan (adopted March 2022).

Figure 8: Permissions Granted vs Completions

Appendix A: Completions 2023/24

Ref	Application No	Site Address	Town	Brownfield / Greenfield	Area	Local Plan Allocation	Site Construction Status	Total Capacity	Completed 2023/24	Remaining Capacity
1085/0	18/00083/FUL	Former Warehouse Site, Land off Halton Court	Runcorn	Brownfield	2.86	Allocated in Local Plan	Site Completed	119	15	0
1100/0	20/00028/FUL	Canal Walk, Halton Road Royal Navy Club	Runcorn	Brownfield	0.62	Designated in Local Plan - Mixed Use	Site Completed	28	28	0
1159/0	21/00613/FUL	Former Express Dairies Site, Sewell St / Perry St	Runcorn	Brownfield	0.66	Allocated in Local Plan	Site Completed	33	33	0
1178/0	19/00277/FUL	Scout Headquarters, Pool Lane	Runcorn	Brownfield	0.06		Site Completed	4	4	0
1262/0	22/00144/FUL	Land Adjacent to 22 Kemberton Drive	Widnes	Greenfield	0.04		Site Completed	1	1	0
1300/0	22/00640/COU	31 - 33 Ashridge Street	Runcorn	Brownfield	0.03		Site Completed	1	1	0
1748/0	21/00628/FUL	Land adjacent to Sandymoor Community Centre	Runcorn	Greenfield	1.35	Allocated in Local Plan - Retail & TC	Site Completed	49	5	0
1751/1	19/00325/FUL	Phase 1 & 2 Land to north east of village street, Sandymoor	Runcorn	Greenfield	4.36	Allocated in Local Plan	Site Completed	190	47	0
1751/3	19/00325/FUL	Phase 3 Land to north east of village street, Sandymoor	Runcorn	Greenfield	5.74	Allocated in Local Plan	Site Under Construction	132	25	107
1759/1	20/00487/S73	Land to the West of Delph Lane, Daresbury	Runcorn	Greenfield	7.22	Allocated in Local Plan	Site Under Construction	108	53	41
1916/4	22/00034/REM	Land Adjacent To Red Brow Lane, Daresbury Park	Runcorn	Greenfield	5.52	Designated in Local Plan - Mixed Use	Site Under Construction	108	56	29
1983/0	20/00573/FUL	Land between Stalbridge Drive and West Cost Mainline, Sandymoor	Runcorn	Greenfield	2.41	Allocated in Local Plan	Site Completed	48	17	0
2215/0	16/00272/FUL	Ramsbrook Farm, Ramsbrook Lane	Widnes	Brownfield	1.5		Site Under Construction	19	5	14
2288/0	20/00053/REM	Land at side of 137 Runcorn Road	Runcorn	Brownfield	0.08		Site Completed	1	1	0
2423/0	21/00201/REM	Hallwood Raven, Eagles Way	Runcorn	Brownfield	0.23	Allocated in Local Plan	Site Completed	27	27	0
2432/0	21/00235/FUL	33 - 37 Irwell Lane	Runcorn	Brownfield	0.28		Site Completed	35	35	0
2433/0	21/00189/PLD	70 - 72 Church Street	Runcorn	Brownfield	0.01		Site Completed	2	2	0
2456/0	21/00557/COU	Smithy House, Chester Road	Runcorn	Brownfield	0.03		Site Completed	1	1	0
2474/0	22/00158/FUL	218 Hale Road, Widnes	Widnes	Brownfield	0.01		Site Completed	2	2	0
2482/0	22/00444/P3MPA	114 Greenway Road	Runcorn	Brownfield	0.02		Site Completed	1	1	0
2488/0	22/00323/COU	1 Peel House Lane	Widnes	Brownfield	0.02		Site Completed	1	1	0

Ref	Application No	Site Address	Town	Brownfield / Greenfield	Area	Local Plan Allocation	Site Construction Status	Total Capacity	Completed 2023/24	Remaining Capacity
2506/0	21/00520/COU	St Raphaels RC Church & Vicarage, Liverpool Road	Widnes	Brownfield	0.04		Site Completed	1	1	0
2514/0	23/00136/COU	22A Church Street	Runcorn	Brownfield	0.01		Site Completed	0	0	0
2523/0	23/00247/COU	1A Deacon Road	Widnes	Brownfield	0.02		Site Completed	0	0	0
2535/0	23/00337/COU	62 Picton Avenue	Runcorn	Brownfield	0.03		Site Completed	1	1	0
2542/0	23/00240/COU	Bluebell Offices, Higher Lane Preston Brook	Runcorn	Brownfield	0.45		Site Completed	1	1	0
H6032	12/00216/COU	33 Sayce Street	Widnes	Brownfield	0.05		Site Completed	1	1	0
H6034	12/00291/COU	416 Eastwood, Runcorn	Runcorn	Brownfield	0.01		Site Completed	1	1	0
H6035	12/00340/COU	Travellers Rest, Highlands Road	Runcorn	Brownfield	0.07		Site Completed	1	1	0
1085/0	18/00083/FUL	Former Warehouse Site, Land off Halton Court	Runcorn	Brownfield	2.86	Allocated in Local Plan	Site Completed	119	15	0
1100/0	20/00028/FUL	Canal Walk, Halton Road Royal Navy Club	Runcorn	Brownfield	0.62	Designated in Local Plan - Mixed Use	Site Completed	28	28	0
1159/0	21/00613/FUL	Former Express Dairies Site, Sewell St / Perry St	Runcorn	Brownfield	0.66	Allocated in Local Plan	Site Completed	33	33	0
1178/0	19/00277/FUL	Scout Headquarters, Pool Lane	Runcorn	Brownfield	0.06		Site Completed	4	4	0
1262/0	22/00144/FUL	Land Adjacent to 22 Kemberton Drive	Widnes	Greenfield	0.04		Site Completed	1	1	0
1300/0	22/00640/COU	31 - 33 Ashridge Street	Runcorn	Brownfield	0.03		Site Completed	1	1	0
Totals								916	366	191

Appendix B: Residential Land Availability

Ref	Planning App No.	Planning App Status	Site Address	Town	Brownfield / Greenfield	Area	Local Plan Allocation	Development Status	Total / Potential Capacity	Remaining Capacity
I003/0	N/A	N/A	Land at Gaunts Way	Runcorn	Greenfield	0.23	R1	N/A	7	7
I008/0	06/00212/COU	Lapsed	Poplar Farm, Delph Lane	Runcorn	Greenfield	0.03		Site Not Started	1	1
I009/0	23/00497/FUL	Awaiting Decision	Land Adj. Woodfalls Farm, Stockham Lane	Runcorn	Greenfield	0.36	R47	Site Not Started	9	9
I011/0	N/A	N/A	Land off Southland Mews, Moughland Lane	Runcorn	Mixed	0.42	R52	N/A	11	11
I015/0	17/00437/FUL	Granted (Full or REM)	Land Adjoining Holy Trinity Church, Trinity Street	Runcorn	Brownfield	0.06		Site Stalled	3	3
I019/0	21/00718/FUL	Granted (Full or REM)	Land Between 51 & 57 Tynwald Crescent	Widnes	Greenfield	0.07		Site Not Started	3	3
I032/0	N/A	N/A	Busway and Former Petrol Station, Bridge Street	Runcorn	Brownfield	0.9	R10	N/A	28	28
I037/0	12/00262/FUL	Granted (Full or REM)	1-5 Ollier Street	Widnes	Brownfield	0.04		Site Stalled	12	12
I052/0	10/00104/FUL	Withdrawn	Land off Weates Close (Openspace)	Widnes	Greenfield	0.75	W17	Site Not Started	20	20
I077/0	N/A	N/A	Highways Agency Depot, Chester Road, Preston Brook	Runcorn	Brownfield	0.88	R44	N/A	24	24
I078/0	19/00641/FUL	Lapsed	St.Chads School Field (Openspace)	Runcorn	Greenfield	3.43	R26	Site Not Started	82	82
I079/0	N/A	N/A	Land to the south of Old Quay Street and Mason Street	Runcorn	Brownfield	1.46	R61	N/A	39	39
I092/0	N/A	N/A	Land off Coronation Road, Coronation Road, Preston Brook	Runcorn	Greenfield	1.62	R28	N/A	44	44
I098/0	14/00543/FUL	Lapsed	Land to south of Percival Lane (Old Town)	Runcorn	Brownfield	0.16	R14	Site Not Started	16	16
I103/0	N/A	N/A	Land off Astmoor Bridge Lane, Castlefields	Runcorn	Greenfield	0.19	R54	N/A	6	6
I104/0	N/A	N/A	Former Polar Ford and surrounds, Victoria Road	Runcorn	Brownfield	1.14	R15	N/A	31	31
I109/0	21/00161/FUL	Granted (Full or REM)	East Lane House, East Lane (aka The White House)	Runcorn	Brownfield	1.14	TC5	Site Not Started	153	153
I122/0, I123/0, I124/0	N/A	N/A	Gold Triangle Complex	Widnes	Brownfield	5.98	W47	N/A	125	125
I131/0, I736/0	N/A	N/A	Surrey Street Garage, Surrey Street	Runcorn	Brownfield	0.23	R62	N/A	11	11
I140/0	22/00015/FUL	Granted (Full or REM)	Panorama Hotel, Castle Road	Runcorn	Brownfield	0.22	R45	Site Not Started	20	20
I148/0	N/A	N/A	Land surrounding Hanover Court and the Telephone Exchange	Runcorn	Greenfield	1.06	R49	N/A	29	29

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I150/0	N/A	N/A	Land north of Beechwood Ave., east of Wood Lane and south of A533	Runcorn	Greenfield	0.98	R5	N/A	29	29
I196/0	N/A	N/A	Land Adjacent to 20 Rock Lane	Widnes	Greenfield	0.4	W44	N/A	14	14
I204/0	22/00638/FUL	Granted (Full or REM)	Land Bounded By Church End & Town Lane, Hale Village	Widnes	Greenfield	0.45	H1	Site Not Started	13	13
I228/0	N/A	N/A	Land off Cronton Road / North side of Upton Lane, (Site A)	Widnes	Greenfield	2.21	W5	N/A	53	53
I233/0	N/A	N/A	Land to north of Preston Brook Marina	Runcorn	Greenfield	8.07	R38	N/A	170	170
I241/0	N/A	N/A	Land to the East of Sandy Lane	Widnes	Greenfield	3.3	W5	N/A	79	79
I248/0	N/A	N/A	Land at Sandy Lane / Upton Lane	Widnes	Greenfield	0.63	W4	N/A	17	17
I249/0	N/A	N/A	Halegate Road	Widnes	Greenfield	0.88	W24	N/A	24	24
I258/0	N/A	N/A	Land to the north of Brookvale Avenue North	Runcorn	Greenfield	0.75	R46	N/A	20	20
I259/0	21/00059/FUL	Granted (Full or REM)	Land South of Bechers Local Centre, Bechers	Widnes	Brownfield	0.26		Site Under Construction	37	37
I264/0	12/00492/S73	Withdrawn	Vine Street Community Centre	Widnes	Brownfield	0.06	W42	Site Not Started	5	5
I272/0	23/00392/FUL	Granted (Full or REM)	Land adj. to 1 Norton Tower Cottage, Norton Lane	Runcorn	Greenfield	0.07		Site Not Started	1	1
I275/0	N/A	N/A	Land At Terrace Road (RMC House), West Bank	Widnes	Brownfield	0.51	W32	Site Not Started	14	14
I287/0	21/00107/OUT	Lapsed	Lunts Bridge Farm, Lunts Heath Road	Widnes	Greenfield	0.07	W49	Site Not Started	1	1
I288/0	N/A	N/A	Land at 59 - 77 High Street, Runcorn Old Town	Runcorn	Brownfield	0.63	R69	N/A	24	24
I291/0, 2157/0, 2158/0	N/A	N/A	Rear of Halebank Road	Widnes	Greenfield	0.19	W24	N/A	484	484
I303/0	N/A	N/A	Land to the east of Kestrel's Way	Runcorn	Greenfield	1.61	R2	N/A	43	43
I334/0	20/00352/HBC OUT	Granted (Outline)	Land Adjacent to Ditton Brook, Foundry Lane (Stobart's Training Centre)	Widnes	Brownfield	1.87	W47, W50	Site Not Started	86	86
I334/1	23/00077/S73	Granted (Full or REM)	Land Adjacent to Ditton Brook, Foundry Lane (Stobart's Training Centre)	Widnes	Brownfield	1.87	W47, W50	Site Not Started	63	63
I336/0	19/00235/FUL	Granted (Full or REM)	Land Adjacent to St. Helens Canal (Routledge Site), Tanhouse Lane	Widnes	Brownfield	7.56	MUA3	Site Under Construction	243	172
I345/0	20/00026/OUT	Granted (Outline)	Land at Derby Road and Mill Lane Junction Roundabout	Widnes	Brownfield	0.97	W40	Site Not Started	42	42
I347/0	23/00265/FUL	Granted (Full or REM)	Land adjacent to Beaconsfield Primary Care Centre, Bevan Way	Widnes	Brownfield	0.37	W30	Site Under Construction	5	5
I368/0	22/00418/FUL	Granted (Full or REM)	1 Wilmere Lane	Widnes	Greenfield	0.07		Site Not Started	1	1

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1544/0	N/A	N/A	Paddock adjacent to 38 Clifton Road	Runcorn	Greenfield	0.38	R60	N/A	11	11
1635/0	21/00001/FUL	Granted (Full or REM)	Greenoaks Farm Industrial Estate, Warrington Road	Widnes	Brownfield	0.3	W31	Site Not Started	10	10
1672/0	10/00101/FUL	Withdrawn	(Green Belt) Land bounded by South Lane and Mill Green Lane	Widnes	Greenfield	1.43	W10	N/A	39	39
1718/0	N/A	N/A	Land off Birch Road	Runcorn	Greenfield	0.78	R22	N/A	21	21
1719/0	10/00320/FUL	Lapsed	Widnes Timber Centre, Foundry Lane	Widnes	Brownfield	0.68	W34	Site Not Started	18	18
1722/0	22/00178/FUL	Granted (Full or REM)	Land at Mill Green Farm, North of Derby Road	Widnes	Greenfield	21.92	W9	Site Not Started	441	441
1746/0	07/00122/OUT	Lapsed	Land between the expressway and the Bridgewater Canal and west of Norton Priory	Runcorn	Greenfield	7.56	R74	Site Not Started	158	158
1751/3	19/00325/FUL	Granted (Full or REM)	Phase 3 Land to north east of village street, Sandymoor	Runcorn	Greenfield	5.74	R30	Site Under Construction	132	107
1759/0	17/00407/OUTE 1A	Granted (Outline)	Land to the West of Delph Lane, Daresbury	Runcorn	Greenfield	18.58	R40, R41	Site Not Started	300	300
1759/1	20/00487/S73	Granted (Hybrid)	Land to the West of Delph Lane, Daresbury	Runcorn	Greenfield	7.22	R40	Site Under Construction	108	41
1759/2	21/00319/FUL E1 A	Granted (Full or REM)	Crows Nest Farm, Daresbury	Runcorn	Greenfield	11.35	R41	Site Not Started	151	151
1763/0	N/A	N/A	Land between Daresbury Expressway and Manor Park Avenue, Manor Park	Runcorn	Greenfield	1.72	R73	N/A	23	23
1796/0	22/00497/FUL	Granted (Full or REM)	Land adj. to 88 Hale Road, Hale	Widnes	Brownfield	0.06		Site Not Started	2	2
1808/0	12/00524/OUT	Refusal	Land to the rear of Gaunts Way	Runcorn	Mixed	1.37	R80	N/A	36	36
1812/0	22/00179/FUL	Awaiting Decision	Land at Mill Green Farm, North of Derby Road (Green Belt)	Widnes	Greenfield	2.3	W11	Site Not Started	52	52
1825/0	22/00377/FUL	Granted (Full or REM)	Abbey Farm, South Lane (Plots 46 & 43) (Green Belt)	Widnes	Greenfield	3.51	W11	Site Under Construction	99	99
1827/0	N/A	N/A	Land of 113 Old Upton Road	Widnes	Greenfield	0.71	W4	N/A	19	19
1913/0	N/A	N/A	Wharford Farm, Red Brow Lane	Runcorn	Greenfield	17.41	R67	N/A	410	410
1916/1	22/00370/REM	Granted (Full or REM)	Parcel A1 Land North Of Red Brow Lane	Runcorn	Greenfield	5.04	R84	Site Under Construction	97	97
1916/2	22/00034/REM	Granted (Full or REM)	Parcel A2 Land North Of Red Brow Lane	Runcorn	Greenfield	3.66	R84	Site Not Started	87	87
1916/3	22/00034/REM	Granted (Full or REM)	Parcel A3 Land North Of Red Brow Lane	Runcorn	Greenfield	2.54	R84	Site Not Started	60	60
1916/4	22/00034/REM	Granted (Full or REM)	Land Adjacent To Red Brow Lane, Daresbury Park	Runcorn	Greenfield	5.52	MU A11	Site Under Construction	108	29

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1916/6	N/A	N/A	Land At Daresbury Park (remainder of R84)	Runcorn	Greenfield	8.55	R84	N/A	180	180
1953/0	N/A	N/A	Land to the north of Towers Lane, Norton	Runcorn	Greenfield	0.38	R72	N/A	12	12
1989/0	N/A	N/A	Land to the west of Grangeway	Runcorn	Greenfield	0.5	R24	N/A	14	14
1990/0	N/A	N/A	Land north of Thorn Road	Runcorn	Mixed	0.19	R25	N/A	6	6
2004/0	22/00318/FUL	Granted (Full or REM)	Land North Of Lunts Heath Road, Lunts Heath Rise	Widnes	Greenfield	13.26	W49	Site Under Construction	328	328
2010/0	N/A	N/A	Parcels on Halebank Road	Widnes	Mixed	2.27	W45	N/A	54	54
2016/0	N/A	N/A	Land to the east Walsingham Drive	Runcorn	Greenfield	1.97	R29	N/A	53	53
2017/0	22/00543/OUTE IA	Granted (Outline)	Land to the south Walsingham Drive	Runcorn	Greenfield	15.31	R29	Site Not Started	250	250
2026/0	20/00354/COU	Granted (Full or REM)	Grosvenor House, Northway	Runcorn	Brownfield	0.53	TC8	Site Under Construction	5	5
2026/1	20/00329/P3JPA	Prior Approval Allowed	Grosvenor House, Northway	Runcorn	Brownfield	0.53	TC8	Site Under Construction	108	108
2042/1	21/00337/REM	Granted (Full or REM)	Land Adjacent To Delph Lane, Daresbury	Runcorn	Greenfield	17.32	R33, R35, R36	Site Under Construction	335	335
2042/3	21/00545/REM	Awaiting Decision	Land between Rail Line, Bridgewater Canal and Delph Lane South	Runcorn	Greenfield	15.29	R32	Site Not Started	187	187
2163/0	N/A	N/A	Land at Queensbury Way	Widnes	Greenfield	0.75	W5	N/A	29	29
2195/0	N/A	N/A	Land at Preston Brook (Off Chester Road)	Runcorn	Greenfield	6.98	P2	N/A	146	146
2198/0	22/00545/FUL	Granted (Full or REM)	Land to the south of 60 Wilmere Lane	Widnes	Greenfield	0.05		Site Under Construction	1	1
2215/0	16/00272/FUL	Granted (Full or REM)	Ramsbrook Farm, Ramsbrook Lane	Widnes	Brownfield	1.5		Site Under Construction	19	14
2238/0	16/00495/OUTE IA	Lapsed	Land between Rail Line, Bridgewater Canal and north of Red Brow Lane	Runcorn	Greenfield	5.46	R32	N/A	114	114
2252/0	N/A	N/A	E-Scape, Hill Top Road, Preston Brook	Runcorn	Greenfield	3.17	PI	N/A	75	75
2253/0	N/A	N/A	Land between Windmill Lane and Chester Road	Runcorn	Greenfield	1.49	PI	N/A	40	40
2262/0	N/A	N/A	Land surrounding Preston Brook Marina, Marina Lane	Runcorn	Brownfield	2.07	R39	N/A	57	57
2274/0	N/A	N/A	Land at Rose Farm Chapel Lane	Widnes	Brownfield	0.86	W4	N/A	23	23
2275/0	N/A	N/A	Land at 105-113 Old Upton Lane	Widnes	Brownfield	0.29	W4	N/A	8	8
2276/0	N/A	N/A	139 Old Upton Lane	Widnes	Brownfield	0.26	W4	N/A	7	7
2277/0	N/A	N/A	Land at Tanhouse Lane	Widnes	Brownfield	1.39	W1	N/A	38	38
2314/0	22/00006/OUT	Granted (Full or REM)	Land at Rivendell Nurseries, Mill Lane	Widnes	Brownfield	0.21		Site Not Started	7	7

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2327/0	20/00618/S73	Granted (Full or REM)	The New Inn, 294 Hale Road	Widnes	Brownfield	0.1		Site Not Started	16	16
2338/0	22/00309/OUT	Awaiting Decision	Land to the east of Runcorn Road, Moore	Runcorn	Greenfield	0.73	M8	N/A	20	20
2340/0	05/00590/REM	Granted (Full or REM)	Former Showroom for The Deck (R7)	Runcorn	Brownfield	0.54	R7	Site Stalled	15	15
2341/0	05/00590/REM	Granted (Full or REM)	Remainder of The Deck (R8)	Runcorn	Brownfield	0.44	R8	Site Stalled	12	12
2381/0	19/00372/COU	Granted (Full or REM)	52 - 56 Albert Road	Widnes	Brownfield	0.03		Site Stalled	7	7
2418/0	22/00374/FUL	Granted (Full or REM)	The Croft, 1 Halton Lodge	Runcorn	Brownfield	0.18		Site Not Started	16	16
2426/0	20/00569/PIP	PIP-Permission in Principal	86-92 Victoria Road	Widnes	Brownfield	0.05	MUA2	Site Not Started	7	7
2442/0	21/00311/FUL	Granted (Full or REM)	Hilltop Farm, Windmill Lane, Preston On The Hill	Runcorn	Brownfield	0.15	PI	Site Not Started	3	3
2444/0	23/00244/OUT	Awaiting Decision	Land at Chapel Lane, Widnes	Widnes	Greenfield	14.69	W4, W5	Site Not Started	350	350
2445/0	24/00007/FUL	Awaiting Decision	Boundary Farm and Abbey Farm, South Lane	Widnes	Greenfield	13.27	W11	Site Not Started	185	185
2448/0	21/00367/FUL	Granted (Full or REM)	Land Between Grange Road North and Grange Park Avenue	Runcorn	Brownfield	0.05		Site Stalled	1	1
2449/0	21/00434/FUL	Granted (Full or REM)	Land To The North Of 60 Wilmere Lane	Widnes	Brownfield	0.03		Site Not Started	1	1
2460/0	21/00701/COU	Granted (Full or REM)	31 Lacey Street	Widnes	Brownfield	0.01		Site Not Started	2	2
2483/0	22/00130/FUL	Granted (Full or REM)	Land at 79 - 83 High Street	Runcorn	Brownfield	0.26	R69	Site Under Construction	66	66
2485/0	22/00602/COU	Granted (Full or REM)	Bridge View Sports Bar, 78 High Street	Runcorn	Brownfield	0.05		Site Not Started	1	1
2493/0	23/00016/FUL	Granted (Full or REM)	Land To Side And Rear Of 34 Runcorn Road, Moore	Runcorn	Brownfield	0.06		Site Not Started	1	1
2511/0	22/00471/COU	Granted (Full or REM)	55 Church Street	Runcorn	Brownfield	0.009		Site Under Construction	2	2
2516/0	21/00723/FUL	Granted (Full or REM)	48 Guernsey Road	Widnes	Brownfield	0.04		Site Not Started	1	1
2517/0	22/00104/FUL	Granted (Full or REM)	Former Doctors Surgery, 2 - 6 Appleton Village	Widnes	Brownfield	0.03		Site Not Started	2	2

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2526/0	22/00565/FUL	Granted (Full or REM)	81 Runcorn Road, Moore	Runcorn	Brownfield	0.06		Site Not Started	1	1
2527/0	23/00128/FUL	Granted (Full or REM)	Land Within And Adjacent To And Surrounding Palacefields Local Centre	Runcorn	Brownfield	3.85		Site Under Construction	134	134
2533/0	23/00184/OUT	Granted (Outline)	93 Heath Road	Widnes	Brownfield	0.14		Site Not Started	2	2
2534/0	23/00293/COU	Granted (Full or REM)	58 Albert Road	Widnes	Brownfield	0.01		Site Not Started	2	2
2536/0	23/00402/COU	Granted (Full or REM)	24 Deacon Road	Widnes	Brownfield	0.02		Site Not Started	1	1
2539/0	23/00336/OUT	Granted (Outline)	Land at 2 Moss Lane, Moore	Runcorn	Greenfield	0.03		Site Not Started	1	1
2540/0	23/00413/FUL	Granted (Full or REM)	Land adjacent to 152 Lunts Heath Road	Widnes	Greenfield	0.07		Site Not Started	1	1
2544/0	22/00462/FUL	Granted (Full or REM)	Woodfalls Farm, Stockham Lane	Runcorn	Greenfield	2.66	R78, R48	Site Not Started	59	59
Totals									7529	7282

Appendix C: DALP Monitoring Framework - Housing Indicators.

This table includes the list of Housing Indicators contained within the Monitoring Framework of the adopted Delivery and Allocations Local Plan of 2nd March 2022 (see page 255 of the DALP written statement) and are reported in full in the [Annual Monitoring Report](#).

Ref	Policy		Indicators	Targets	Source
H001	CS(R)1	CS(R)1 [Halton's Spatial Strategy]	Net number of homes delivered	8,050 homes (2014-37)	Page 3
H007	CS(R)3	CS(R)3 [Housing Supply and Locational Priorities]	Supply of available housing land	Maintain a 5 year supply of deliverable housing land, (with appropriate buffer as per NPPF) As per local Plan 350 per annum *HDT 420 dwellings active from Dec 24	A revised NPPF in Dec 2024* means there is a requirement to publish a 5 year housing supply. Halton can demonstrate a 5 year supply as per appendix B
H008	CS(R)3	CS(R)3 [Housing Supply and Locational Priorities]	Percentage of new and converted dwellings on previously developed land	At least 30% of dwellings to be built on previously developed land (2014-37)	Page 6
H009	CS(R)3	CS(R)3 [Housing Supply and Locational Priorities]	Percentage of new dwellings completed at less than 30 dwellings per hectare (dph) between 30-50dph and above 50dph	100% of completions to be at or above 30dph / 100% of completions in proximity to Town and Local Centres or Transport Interchanges to be at or above 40 dph	Page 7
H010	CS(R)3	CS(R)3 [Housing Supply and Locational Priorities]	Amount of new residential development within 30 minutes public transport time of a GP, a hospital, a primary school, a secondary school, areas of employment and a major retail centre	Increase	Data is not available for this monitoring period but will be reviewed and made available for future years monitoring.
H030	CS(R)12	CS(R)12 [Housing Mix]	Supply of a mix of new property types contributing to addressing identified need in the most up to date SHMA.	Delivery of a range of house sizes (varying number of bedrooms) and types provided on sites of 10 or more dwellings (2014-2037)	Page 8 (Tables 5 & 6)

Ref	Policy		Indicators	Targets	Source
H031	CS(R)12	CS(R)12 [Housing Mix]	To ensure that new homes are adaptable	Increase planning applications approved where dwellings are designed to meet Building Regs M4(2)	This information is not currently recorded in a format that would provide accurate data.
H032	CS(R)12	CS(R)12 [Housing Mix]	Provision of specialist housing for the elderly	Delivery of 22 extra care units for adults with learning difficulties (2014-2037)	Development of 100 extra care apartments (19/00325/FUL) in Sandymoor completed in 2024.
H033	CS(R)12	CS(R)12 [Housing Mix]	Vacant bedspaces within Residential Care Accommodation	Maintain percentage of vacant bedspaces within Residential Care Accommodation at below 20% (2014-2037)	During the monitoring period Halon is recorded as having 747 bed spaces. Data for vacant bedspaces is not readily available. LG Inform - Data and Reports
H036	CS(R)13	CS(R)13 [Affordable Housing]	Provision of affordable housing completions:	Delivery of affordable housing units on sites of 10 or more dwellings;	Page 20
H037	CS(R)13	CS(R)13 [Affordable Housing]	· Through planning agreements on private developments	25% Greenfield sites, 20% Strategic Housing Sites, 0% Brownfield sites, over the plan period (2014-37)	All 126 affordable dwellings were provided by a Registered Provider,
H038	CS(R)13	CS(R)13 [Affordable Housing]	· By RSLs	25% Greenfield sites, 20% Strategic Housing Sites, 0% Brownfield sites, over the plan period (2014-37)	All 126 affordable dwellings were provided by a Registered Provider.
H041	CS(R)13	CS(R)13 [Affordable Housing]	Provision of social and affordable rented units as a percentage of all affordable housing units secured from market housing developments.	Delivery of 50% social and affordable rented 10% Starter Homes + 40% other intermediate housing	During the monitoring period 126 affordable units have been delivered and 13 shared ownership units.

Ref	Policy		Indicators	Targets	Source
H042	CS(R)14	CS(R)14 [Meeting the Needs of Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople]	Provision of permanent and transit pitches to meet identified need.	Delivery of 10 pitches (2017-32)	Page 10
H089	CS(R)22	CS(R)22 [Health and Well-Being]	Amount of new residential development within 30 minutes public transport time of a GP and a hospital	Increase	Data is not available for this monitoring period but will be reviewed and made available for future years monitoring.
H110	RD1:	RD1: [Residential Development Allocations]	Delivery of residential development on allocated sites	100% of development for residential use	There have not been any permissions allowed for an alternate use to residential on sites allocated in the DALP for residential use.
H111	RD1:	RD1: [Residential Development Allocations]		Completions	See Page 13 and Table 10 Page 14
H112	RD1:	RD1: [Residential Development Allocations]		Permissions	Table 10 (page 14) provides details of the progress of sites allocated for residential use in the DALP as at 31/03/2024.
H113	RD1:	RD1: [Residential Development Allocations]		Reduction in the % lost to other uses	No non -residential uses have been delivered on sites allocated for residential development in the DALP.
H114	RD2:	RD2: [Gypsy & Travellers (Allocations)]	Delivery of Gypsy and traveller allocated sites	Provision for 10 additional pitches in Halton over the GTAA period 2017-2032.	There have been no additional pitches delivered over the plan period (page 10)

Ref	Policy		Indicators	Targets	Source
H115	RD2:	RD2: [Gypsy & Travellers (Allocations)]	Delivery of Gypsy and traveller allocated sites	Reduction in % lost to other uses over the plan period 2014-2037	Over the plan period so far 2017 – 2024 there have been no allocated Gypsy and Travelling Show People sites lost to other uses.
H116	RD3:	RD3: [Dwelling Alterations, Extensions, Conversions and Replacement Dwellings]	Number of appeals upheld and policy reason for this (refer to policy content)	Reduction in the number of appeals upheld over the plan period 2014-2037	During the monitoring period no residential planning appeals have been upheld were policy RD3 has been quoted.
H117	RD4:	RD4: [Greenspace Provision for Residential Development]	On-site open space provided as % of requirement	Provision of 100% of required open space.	100% required open space has been provided (24/00166/S73, 22/00423/OUTEIA), pending discharge of condition of open space requirement on 23/00452/FUL.
H118	RD4:	RD4: [Greenspace Provision for Residential Development]	Off-site open space provided as % of requirement		No off site open space was required as all was met on site.
H119	RD5:	RD5: [Primarily Residential Areas]	No. times cited in decisions		During the monitoring period policy RD5 has not been quoted.
H120	RD5:	RD5: [Primarily Residential Areas]	% upheld at appeal	100% of appeals upheld	During the monitoring period policy RD5 has not been quoted.



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Summary of Key Findings

2024 Headline findings and observations

Employment Delivery and Loss 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024

Employment land completions monitoring recorded the take up of 5.75 ha of employment land and 0 ha of Sui Generis (SG) all of which was taken up in Key/ Urban Regeneration Areas in Widnes.

0.23ha of employment land lost to other uses on 2 Sites (Appendix G)

Employment Supply at 01/04/2024

Total of 4 sites actively under construction for the delivery of employment use (Appendix C) identified during site surveys.

Total of 11 planning permissions approved in 2023/24 for employment and other employment uses (Appendix F)

Employment Land Availability at 01/04/2024

A total of 54 hectares of land with extant planning permission (no start) and under construction (see Appendices B and C)

111.63 hectares of land on allocated employment sites remains available

Employment Land Summary Status at 31/03/2024

The Council requirement for delivery of employment land for the plan period to 2037 is 180 hectares (Policy CS(R)1. This report provides a summary of loss, gain and supply of employment land and provides an overview of how much land has been delivered against the policy requirement of 180 hectares.

*Explanation of Use Classes Order (Sept 2020)

E(g) Commercial, Business and Service in a residential area

- E(g)(i) Offices to carry out any operational or administrative functions.
- E(g)(ii) Research and development, studios, laboratories, high tech.
- E(g)(iii) Industrial processes
- B2 General Industry - Use for industrial process other than one falling within class E(g) (previously class B1)
- B8 Wholesale warehouse, distribution centres, repositories, includes open air storage (B8 Large – over 9,290sq.m)
- SG- Sui Generis, certain uses do not fall within any use classes and are therefore considered Sui Generis

Total Requirement (hectares)	A	180 ha	
Completed employment land* between 01/04/2014 and 31/03/2024	B	56.27 ha	Table I
Completed SUI GENERIS Use 01/04/2014 to 31/03/2024	C	10.14 ha	Table 3
No start employment land* with extant planning permission	D	15.49 ha	App B
Under construction employment land*	E	38.51 ha	App C
No Start and Under Construction SUI GENERIS Use	F	2.63 ha	App D
DALP Allocations without planning permission	G	111.63 ha	App E
Loss of Employment and SUI GENERIS Land* 2014 to 2024	H	33.84 ha	App G
Under/Over Supply = A - (B:G) +H		20.83 * (projected surplus)	

*The over supply is a projected figure, as it includes hectares of allocated land without planning permission and land with planning permission where work has not commenced and so at this stage it cannot be certain that development will take place.

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I. Scope and Policy Context

- I.1 It is essential that Halton Council have an up-to-date statutory development plan in order to provide robust planning for the Borough. The Halton Delivery and Allocations Local Plan (DALP) was adopted in March 2022. The Plan sets out the long-term spatial vision, strategic priorities and policies for future development in the Borough to 2037, including the quantity and location of new homes, employment provision, shops, facilities and other services, transport and other infrastructure provision, climate change mitigation and adaption and the conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment.
- I.2 The DALP's Monitoring Framework contains several indicators with targets which sets out how we will measure how successful the policies within the Plan are being implemented. This information is published in the Authorities [Annual Monitoring Report](#).
- I.3 This report serves as an annual statement regarding the take up and supply of land for employment development within Halton Borough as at the 31 March 2024, covering a 12-month period from the 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. It provides baseline information about actual rates of employment development achieved over the plan period so far 2014-2024. The purpose of this annual review of Employment Land is to inform and monitor the effectiveness of the employment land policies (See Appendix H for a full list of Monitoring Indicators) as contained in the Halton Local Plan and to provide the baseline data required for the publication of the [Authorities Monitoring Report](#).
- I.4 Employment land will be provided over the lifetime of the Local Plan to support Halton's economy. The Local Plan (Policy CS(R)4) looks for approximately 180 hectares of land from a variety of sources to be made available to facilitate the sustainable growth of Halton's economy during the period 2014 to 2037.
- I.5 The Policy identifies Strategic Employment Locations, Employment Allocations (identified in Policy ED1), Primarily Employment Areas and Employment Renewal Areas (identified on Policies Map) all of which will be the initial focus for new development and where the biggest transformation is expected to occur. These Key Urban Regeneration Areas, along with the regeneration and remodelling opportunities within existing employment areas, are seen as fundamental to the longer-term development of the Borough and in a lot of cases represent areas where impetus for change already exists.
- I.6 The base date of the DALP for implementation and monitoring purposes is 2014 therefore completions during this monitoring period will contribute towards meeting the Local Plan targets.

2. Employment Delivery

Employment Completions

- Employment land completions for the monitoring period recorded the take up of 5.75ha of employment land as listed in Appendix A and illustrated in Table I below.
- This represents a decrease on the previous year (from 8.79ha to 5.75ha.) Figure I shows comparative figures for each year since April 2014, whilst Table 3 provides a breakdown of the category of employment use developed.
- Over the Local Plan period so far (2014-2024) we have seen a total of 56.27 hectares of employment land delivered in Halton. The following tables and figures below illustrate annual completions over this period.

Figure I: Employment Completions (Gross) in Halton 2014 to 2024

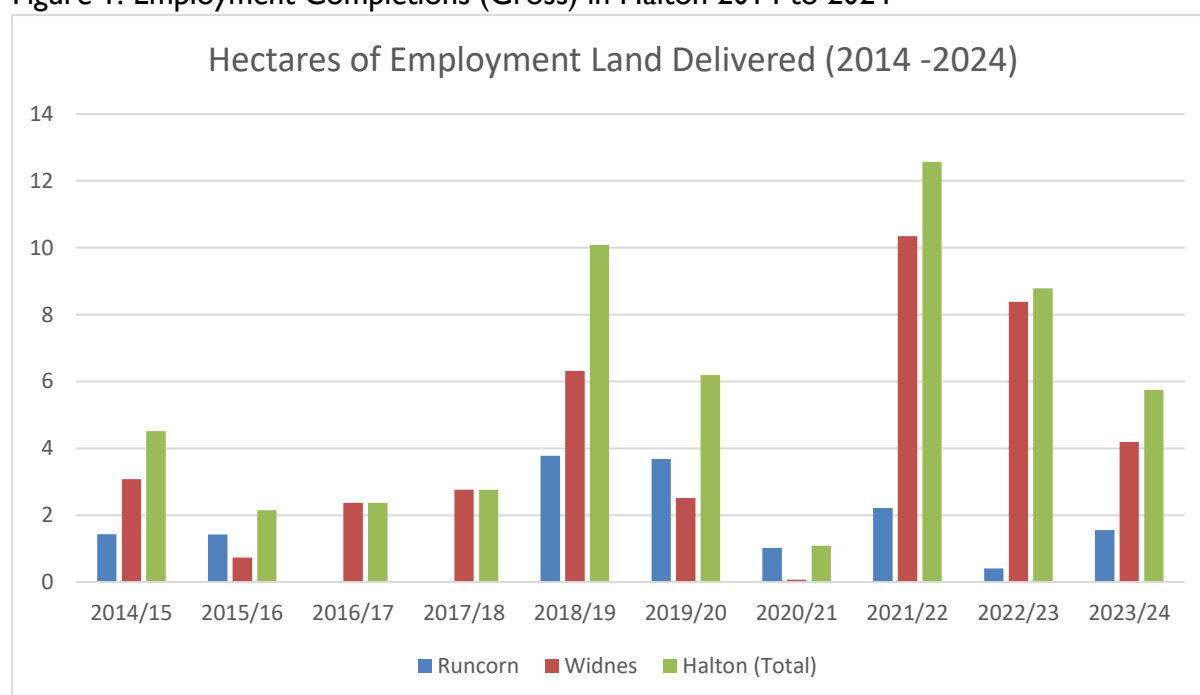


Table I: Gross Hectares of Completed Employment Development in Halton April 2014 – March 2024 (Runcorn -Widnes)

Year	Runcorn	%	Widnes	%	Halton (Total)
2014/15	1.43	32%	3.08	68%	4.51
2015/16	1.42	66%	0.73	34%	2.15
2016/17	0	0%	2.37	100%	2.37
2017/18	0	0%	2.76	100%	2.76
2018/19	3.78	37%	6.31	63%	10.09
2019/20	3.68	59%	2.51	41%	6.19
2020/21	1.02	94%	0.07	6%	1.09
2021/22	2.22	18%	10.35	82%	12.57

Year	Runcorn	%	Widnes	%	Halton (Total)
2022/23	0.41	0%	8.38	100%	8.79
2023/24	1.56	27%	4.19	73%	5.75
Total 2014 - 2024	15.52	28%	40.75	72%	56.27

Table 1a: Losses (Gross) Hectares of Completed Employment Development in Halton April 2014 – March 2024

Year	Runcorn	%	Widnes	%	Halton (Total)
2014/15	0.09	8%	1.06	92%	1.15
2015/16	0.68	10%	6.32	90%	7.00
2016/17	0.92	24%	2.85	76%	3.77
2017/18	2.80	45%	3.40	55%	6.20
2018/19	3.87	91%	0.37	9%	4.24
2019/20	0.26	14%	1.62	86%	1.88
2020/21	0.76	93%	0.06	7%	0.82
2021/22	0.18	100%	0.00	0%	0.18
2022/23	0.01	0%	8.36	100%	8.37
2023/24	0.23	100%	0.00	0%	0.23
Total 2014 - 2024	10	29%	24.0	71%	33.84

Appendix G: provides details of planning permissions resulting in a loss of employment use. Some of the permissions have resulted in a gain of complimentary uses including a gym, café and takeaway.

Location

- The Local Plan Policy CS(R)4 looks for approximately 180 hectares of land from a variety of sources to be made available over the period 2014-2037 to facilitate the sustainable growth of Halton's economy. At 31/03/2024 a total of 111.63 hectares of land is available on 32 sites for employment use (Appendix E).

Key Urban Regeneration Ares (KURA)

- This year's total delivery of 5.75ha of employment land on 2 sites have all been located within the Key Urban Regeneration Areas as defined in the Local Plan. Sites are identified in Appendix A

Brownfield / Greenfield Split

- National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) encourages the re-use of previously developed land. The Employment Land Availability Supply is saved at (Appendices B, C and E). In terms of greenfield/brownfield proportions of employment land delivered this total is split 16.1 hectares (29%) Greenfield and 40.17 hectares (71%) Brownfield.

- Since 2014 most of the development has come forward on existing employment sites with well below half the amount of 16.1 hectares been developed on greenfield sites which is an annual average of around 1.61 hectares of greenfield land being developed for employment purposes since 2014.

Table 2: Brownfield/Greenfield Split (Gross)

Year	Halton	Greenfield	%	Brownfield	%
2014/15	4.51	0	0%	4.51	100%
2015/16	2.15	0.03	1%	2.12	99%
2016/17	2.37	0.81	34%	1.56	66%
2017/18	2.76	1.37	50%	1.39	50%
2018/19	10.09	10.05	100%	0.04	0%
2019/20	6.19	0	0%	6.19	100%
2020/21	1.09	1.02	94%	0.07	6%
2021/22	12.57	1.26	10%	11.31	90%
2022/23	8.79	0	0%	8.79	100%
2023/24	5.75	1.56	27%	4.19	73%
Total 2014-2024	56.27	16.1	29%	40.17	71%
Annual Average (Hectares)	5.63	1.61		4.02	

Use Class

Explanation of Use Classes Order (Sept 2020)

E(g) Commercial, Business and Service in a residential area

- E(g)(i) Offices to carry out any operational or administrative functions.
- E(g)(ii) Research and development, studios, laboratories, high tech.
- E(g)(iii) Industrial processes
- B2 General Industry - Use for industrial process other than one falling within class E(g) (previously class B1)
- B8 Wholesale warehouse, distribution centres, repositories, includes open air storage (B8 Large – over 9,290sq.m)
- Sui Generis Certain uses do not fall within any use class and are considered sui generis.
- Mixed Use

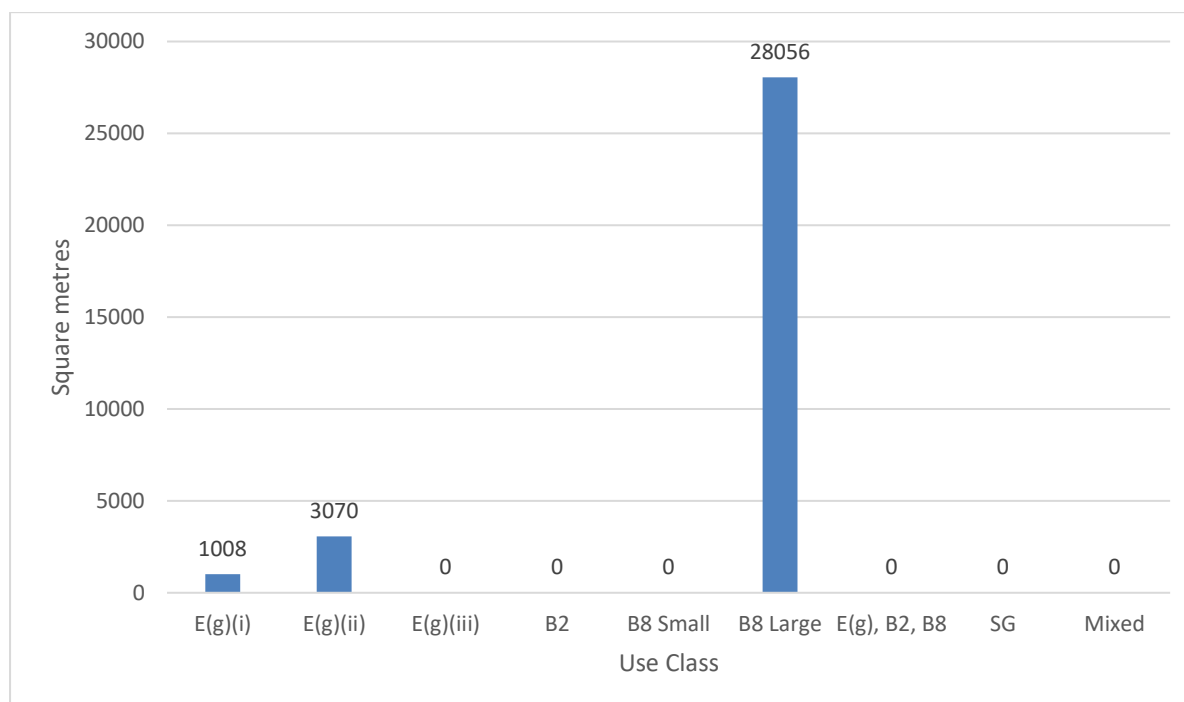
Table 3: Gross Hectares of Completed Employment Development in Halton April 2014 - March 2024 (By Use Class)

Year	Use Class									Total
	E(g)(i)	E(g)(ii)	E(g)(iii)	B2	B8 Small	B8 Large	E(g), B2, B8	SUI GENE RIS	Mixed Use	
2014/15	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.40	0.98	0.00	0.00	3.09	0.00	4.51

Year	Use Class									Total
	E(g)(i)	E(g)(ii)	E(g)(iii)	B2	B8 Small	B8 Large	E(g), B2, B8	SUI GENE RIS	Mixed Use	
2015/16	0.02	1.39	0.00	0.00	0.69	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.00	2.15
2016/17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.81	0.00	0.00	1.56	0.00	2.37
2017/18	0.57	0.00	0.00	1.37	0.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.76
2018/19	0.65	0.00	0.04	5.66	0.00	3.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.09
2019/20	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.05	1.45	2.43	2.25	0.00	0.00	6.19
2020/21	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.09
2021/22	1.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.75	2.54	0.00	0.00	12.57
2022/23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.41	1.23	0.00	7.15	5.44	0.00	14.23
2023/24	0.00	1.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.75
Totals 2014-2024	2.60	2.95	0.07	7.89	7.00	19.11	11.94	10.14	0.00	61.71
Annual Average	0.26	0.30	0.01	0.79	0.70	1.91	1.19	1.01	0.00	6.17

- In terms of floorspace (m2) completed during 2023/2024, Figure 2 below illustrates the amount of floorspace developed by type. Gross internal floorspace (GIF) is calculated as the entire area inside the external walls of a building and includes corridors, lifts, plant rooms, service accommodation e.g. toilets but excludes internal walls. The difference between gross external area and gross internal floorspace is typically between 2.5 and 5% of the gross external area.

Figure 2: Employment Floorspace Developed by Use Class 2023/2024



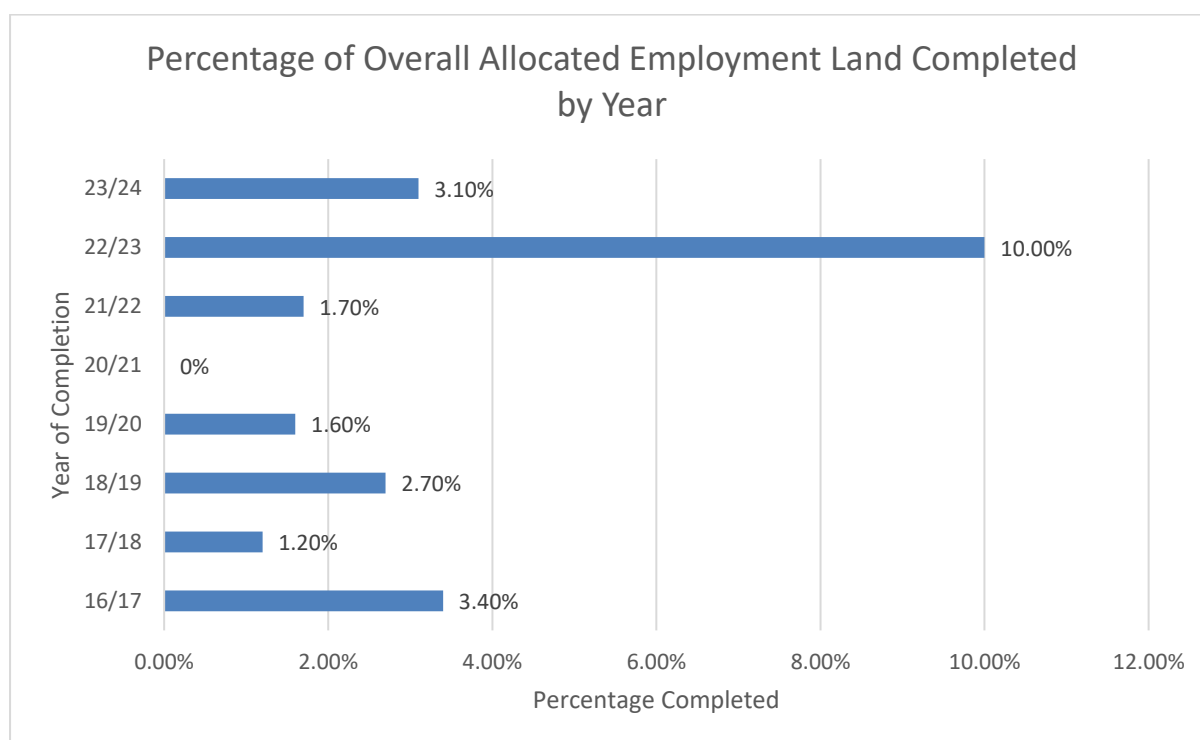
- In terms of development calculations, a difference occurs between site area and floorspace when planning permissions on employment sites do not include a building as part of the development. In this instance area is calculated based on the area of development of a site affected e.g. include additional car parking, hard-standings, and other areas of development on a site.

Allocations

- The Local Plan Allocations (DALP) are sites allocated for employment development through the development plan process. 5.75 hectares of employment land was recorded as complete on two allocated sites during 2023/24. (See Appendix A)
- The position at 31/03/2024 of all Employment sites allocated in the Delivery and Allocations Local Plan can be seen in Appendix E.

Figure 3 below demonstrates the percentage of employment land delivered each year. As of 31/03/2024 a total of 24% of allocated land has been delivered.

Figure 3 Percentage of Overall Allocated Employment Land Completed by Year



3. Employment Supply

The following section provides a breakdown of the supply of employment land in the Borough as at the 31 March 2024. The Employment Land Availability Supply (Appendices B, C and E) includes a site-by-site breakdown of sites with planning permission where there has been no start (at 01/04/2024) and sites allocated in the local plan that did not have planning permission at the same date.

No Start with Extant Planning Permission and Under Construction (01/04/2024)

- 13 sites with extant planning permission (no start) totalling 15.49 hectares (Appendix B)
- 4 sites under construction totalling 38.51 hectares (Appendix C)

Other 'Employment' Uses

5 sites with extant planning permission (no start) or under construction for 'other' employment uses (mainly SUI GENERIS use) totalling 2.63 hectares have been recorded separately and not included in the employment land delivered totals (Appendix D)

Planning Permissions

- Table 4 shows the number of employment sites and other employment uses approved in Halton through planning applications over the local plan monitoring period so far (2014-2024). Of note some permissions may have lapsed and others may be a new application or a revision for the same site.

Table 4: Planning Permissions

Halton	Gross Applications Approvals
2014/15	43
2015/16	42
2016/17	26
2017/18	21
2018/19	23
2019/20	15
2020/21	9
2021/22	15
2022/23	15
2023/24	11
Total	220
Average	22

- For information Appendix F provides a list of sites added to the supply of employment land and other employment use, having obtained planning permission between 1st April 2023 and 31st March 2024.
- The Employment Land Availability Supply (Appendices B, C and E) provides lists and more details of all the Current Employment land with:
 - Planning permissions
 - Land which is allocated in the local plan without planning permission.
 - Land subject to a Planning Permission within the 'Key Urban Regeneration Areas (KURA)' as identified in the Local Plan. (Within the KURA there are currently 8 sites with Planning Permission with a total site area of 58.73 *(may include SUI GENERIS use)* hectares and which will result in a total of 150,784sq.m floorspace when completed).

Allocations

- These are sites allocated for Employment Development in the Halton Delivery and Allocations Local Plan. The total amount of employment land allocated for development during the plan period up to 2037 is 180 hectares.

Table 5: Employment Land Allocations (as at 31/03/2024)

Total Number of Sites Allocated for Employment Use	Total Hectares of Land Allocated for Employment Use	Number of Allocated Sites with Planning Permission (in part or full) or completed.	Number of Allocated Sites without Extant Planning Permission
32	182.64	13	19

4. Employment Summary

- During the monitoring period most of the development taking place is because of amendments to existing previously developed employment sites. This trend will be closely monitored as the local plan period progresses.

Local Plan (DALP)

- Since the base date of the Local Plan in 2014, a total of 51.56 hectares of employment land has been completed and 10.14 hectares of SUI GENERIS land. This equates to around 34% of the overall requirement of 180 hectares delivery over the plan period to 2037. The yearly annual average between 2014 and 2024 is 6.17 hectares. (See Table 3)

Appendix A: Employment Land and Ancillary Use Completions Between 01/04/2023 and 31/03/2024

Appendix A includes all completions for gain of employment land (Gross) and ancillary uses in employment areas. Where the use is not directly an employment use the hectares of land have not been included in the delivery total. Where the development is for an extension located in an existing employment area, the hectares of land has been recorded as 0 as the land has already been accounted for when the DALP was prepared.

Ref	Location	Town	Plan Status	KURA	Site Type	Application No.	Description	Use Class	Floorspace (sq.m)	Gain Employment Area (ha)
1919/0	Land between Delph Lane and Daresbury Sci Tech	Runcorn	Allocated in Local Plan (EI I), Strat Employment	East Runcorn	G	21/00466/FUL	Proposed construction of a supercomputing centre providing 3,070 sqm of floor space (Use Class EI) with formation of new access, landscaping and associated infrastructure at Vacant Land South Of Sci-Tech Daresbury Campus	E(g)(ii)	Gain of 3070sq.m of E(g)(ii)	1.56
2055/0	Grundy Skip Hire, Pickerings Road	Widnes	Primarily Employment	Halebank and Ditton Corridor	B	21/00700/WVST	Proposed two storey forward extension to the existing commercial building to improve office entrance at GSH Waste Recycling LTD Pickerings Road Widnes Cheshire WA8 8XW	E(g)(i)	Gain of 80sq.m of E(g)(i)	0
2531/0	Contact House, Ditton Road	Widnes	Primarily Employment	Halebank and Ditton Corridor	B	22/00384/FUL	Proposed demolition of existing fire damaged office building, workshop shed and redundant 3G tower; erection of new two storey office building with workshop and increase in height of existing boundary wall to north and south boundaries at Contact House Ditton Road	E(g)(i)	Loss of 94sq.m of E(g)(i), Loss of 62sq.m of E(g)(iii)	0

Ref	Location	Town	Plan Status	KURA	Site Type	Application No.	Description	Use Class	Floorspace (sq.m)	Gain Employment Area (ha)
							(west) Widnes Cheshire WA8 0TH			
2464/0	Mathieson Road	Widnes	Allocated in Local Plan (E26), Strat Employment	Halebank and Ditton Corridor	B	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 (Plot A2)	B8	Gain of 17651sq.m of B8, Gain of 928sq.m of E(g)(i)	4.19
2486/0	Onyx, 350 Blackheath Lane	Runcorn	Primarily Employment	East Runcorn	B	22/00260/FUL	Proposed extension to existing warehouse (use class B8), ground works and associated works at Onyx 350 Blackheath Lane Runcorn WA7 ISE	B8	Gain of 10,405sq.m of B8	0
2498/0	Suite 2 Weaver House Ashville Point	Runcorn	Primarily Employment		B	22/00227/COU	Proposed change of use from offices to veterinary practice, together with minor external works at Suite 2 Weaver House Ashville Point Runcorn Cheshire WA7 3FW	E(g)(i)	Loss of 170sq.m of E(g)(i), Gain of 170sq.m of E(e)	0
2507/0	Unit 3 Monks Way	Runcorn	Primarily Employment		B	21/00612/COU	Proposed change of use from office to small animal veterinary practice at Unit 3 Monks Way Runcorn Cheshire WA7 3GH	E(g)(i)	Loss of 752sq.m of E(g)(i), Gain of 752sq.m of E(e)	0
Total gross hectares of land completed for employment purposes between 01/04/2023 and 31/03/2024										5.75

Appendix B: Employment Land with Extant Planning Permission (No Start) at 31/03/2024

Ref	Location	Town	Plan Status	LP Ref	KURA	Site Type	Application No.	Description	Use Class	Floorspace (sq.m)	Gain Employment Area (ha)
1250/0	Daresbury Sci Tech, Keckwick Lane	Runcorn	Allocated in Local Plan, Strat Employment	E04	East Runcorn	G	23/00117/REM	Application for the approval of reserved matters (scale, access, appearance, layout and landscaping) for the erection of two laboratory and office buildings including associated drainage and earthworks pursuant to outline application ref: 21/00166/OUT at Daresbury Laboratory Keckwick Lane Daresbury Warrington Cheshire WA4 4AD	E(g)(i), E(g)(ii)	Gain of 10000sq.m of E(g)(i), Gain of 6704sq.m of E(g)(ii)	2.52
1313/1	Teva Pharmaceuticals, Aston Lane North	Runcorn	Allocated in Local Plan	E18		B	20/00579/FUL	Proposed creation of new covered storage space utilising a pre-fabricated storage unit placed on an area of macadam surface which was previously occupied by a contractors compound at the north west of the site at	B8	Gain of 300sq.m of B8	0

Ref	Location	Town	Plan Status	LP Ref	KURA	Site Type	Application No.	Description	Use Class	Floorspace (sq.m)	Gain Employment Area (ha)
1348/0	Ex Breakers Yard, Croft Street	Widnes	Primarily Employment		South Widnes	B	21/00689/FUL	Proposed siting of 20 no. 14.75 sqm steel shipping containers for self storage and change of use of land to use class B8 at Land To The South Of Railtrack And Widnes Caravan Park Croft Street	B8	Gain of 1950sq.m of B8	0
1916/5	Land between the expressway and the Bridgewater Canal and west of Norton Priory	Runcorn	Allocated in Local Plan	E09		B	24/00020/REM	Application for the approval of reserved matters (access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) of permission 20/00337/OUTEIA (Outline planning permission, with all matters reserved except for access, for the residential led mixed use development of the site, comprising of residential (Use Class C3), employment (Use Class B1) and local centre uses (Use Class A1-A4/D1) and associated infrastructure, landscaping and land remodelling) for the erection of 39 No. dwelling houses and associated works at Land At Daresbury Park	E(g)(i)	Gain of 30000 sq.m of E(g)(i), Gain of A1-A4/D1 2000sq.m	4.7

Ref	Location	Town	Plan Status	LP Ref	KURA	Site Type	Application No.	Description	Use Class	Floorspace (sq.m)	Gain Employment Area (ha)
1987/0	Land to north of Warrington Road / Domino Street Junction	Runcorn	Primarily Employment			B	20/00607/FUL	Proposed erection of 26 light flexible industrial units (Use Classes E(g) and B8) with associated landscaping, parking and access at Land To North Of Junction Of Warrington Road And Domino Court Runcorn	E(g) and B8	Gain of 1152sq.m of B8, Gain of 2000sq.m of E(g)(iii)	1.29
2513/0	Devenish Nutrition, Earle Road	Widnes	Primarily Employment		South Widnes	B	21/00038/FUL	Retrospective application for the erection of industrial building, lean-to canopy and silo, ancillary to existing operations at Devenish Nutrition Earle Road Widnes Cheshire WA8 0GY	B2	Gain of 1222sq.m of B2	0
2515/0	Saffil Ltd, Pilkington Sullivan Site, Sullivan Road	Widnes	Primarily Employment			B	22/00369/FULEIA	Proposed installation of an additional production line, involving an extension to an existing building and the installation of associated plant and machinery at Saffil Ltd Pilkington Sullivan Site Sullivan Road Widnes WA8 0US	B2	Gain of 1753sq.m of B2	0
2518/0	MCUK Ltd., Waterloo Road	Widnes	Primarily Employment			B	23/00118/FUL	Proposed industrial units and associated car parking at MCUK Ltd Waterloo Road Widnes WA8 0QR	B2	Loss of 525sq.m of B2	0

Ref	Location	Town	Plan Status	LP Ref	KURA	Site Type	Application No.	Description	Use Class	Floorspace (sq.m)	Gain Employment Area (ha)
2521/0	Site at Ineos Inovyn Ltd., Bankes Lane Office, Bankes Lane	Runcorn	Strat Employment, Employment Renewal Area			B	23/00169/FUL	Proposed construction of a two storey building on an existing disused concrete hardstanding. Building to house relocated engineering contracting staff currently housed in various building on adjacent site at Ineos Inovyn Ltd Bankes Lane Office Bankes Lane Runcorn WA7 4JE	E(g)(i)	Gain of 318sq.m of E(g)(i)	0
2531/1	Contact House, Ditton Road	Widnes	Primarily Employment			B	23/00474/FUL	Proposed construction of a storage unit in an existing builders yard at Contact House Ditton Road (west) Widnes Cheshire WA8 0TH	B8	Gain of 233sq.m of B8	0
2538/0	Halton Fabrications Ltd., Picow Farm Road	Runcorn	Primarily Employment			B	23/00381/FUL	Proposed erection of a new portal frame warehouse / workshop and concrete access road and turning point will tie in to existing access road at Halton Fabrications Ltd Picow Farm Road Runcorn Cheshire WA7 4JB	B2	Gain of 202sq.m of B2	0

Ref	Location	Town	Plan Status	LP Ref	KURA	Site Type	Application No.	Description	Use Class	Floorspace (sq.m)	Gain Employment Area (ha)
2434/0	Land bound by the London and Western Railway and Ditton Brook	Widnes	Allocated in Local Plan, Strat Employment	E22	Halebank and Ditton Corridor	B	22/00308/REM	Application for the approval of reserved matters (access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) of outline planning permission 20/00445/OUT for the erection of a single storage and distribution building (Use Class B2/B8) including ancillary office space/staff facilities (Use Class E(g)(i)) with associated loading bays, HGV/car parking, landscaping, pedestrian/cycle connections and associated infrastructure (single unit scheme) at Land To The South Of Newstead Road Bound By The London And Western Railway And Ditton Brook	E(g), B2, B8	Gain of 34200sq.m of E(g), B2, B8	6.98
2473/0	Grundy And Co Excavations, Ditton Road	Widnes	Primarily Employment		Halebank and Ditton Corridor	B	22/00097/FUL	Proposed single storey office extension and the relaying of the car parking area to provide 12 car parking spaces at Grundy And Co Excavations Ditton Road (west) Widnes Cheshire WA8 0PL	E(g)(i)	Gain of 100sq.m of E(g)(i)	0
Total hectares of land with extant planning permission for employment use were there has been no start at 31/03/2024											15.49

Appendix C: Employment Land with Planning Permission (Under Construction at 31/03/2024

Ref	Location	Town	Plan Status	LP Ref	KURA	Site Type	Application No.	Description	Use Class	Floorspace (sq.m)	Loss Employment Area (ha)	Gain Employment Area (ha)
1252/0	HBC Fields, Halebank Road	Widnes	Allocated in Local Plan, Strat Employment	E23	Halebank and Ditton Corridor	G	22/00152/FULEIA	Proposed storage and distribution unit (B8 use) with ancillary offices (E(g)(i) use), electricity substation, two security gatehouses, vehicle wash, highways infrastructure including accesses, car parking, service and delivery areas and associated other works including ground works, drainage and landscaping at Land Off Lovels Way Halebank	B8	Gain of 50632sq. m of B8	0	22.12

Ref	Location	Town	Plan Status	LP Ref	KURA	Site Type	Application No.	Description	Use Class	Floorspace (sq.m)	Loss Employment Area (ha)	Gain Employment Area (ha)
2026/0	Grosvenor House, Northway	Runcorn	Allocated in Local Plan (Retail & TC)			B	20/00354/COU	Proposed change of use of part of the ground floor and third floor from offices into 5 residential apartments, resident's gym and external alterations	E(g)(i)	Loss of 359sq.m of E(g)(i)	0.53	0
2046/0	Land East of Desoto Road East / West of Foundry Lane (Stobart Park/3MG)	Widnes	Allocated in Local Plan, Strat Employment	E26	Halebank and Ditton Corridor	G	12/00155/REM	Phase I Earthworks and Infrastructure Reserved Matters submission relating to the area east of Steward's Brook	B8	Gain of 124,000 sq.m of B8	0	16.39
2519/0	Diageo Packaging Whitehouse Industrial Estate, Murdishaw	Runcorn	Designated in Local Plan, Primarily Employment			B	23/00134/FUL	Proposed extension to current storage facility at Diageo Packaging Whitehouse Industrial Estate Murdishaw Runcorn WA7 3BE	B8	Gain of 1420sq.m of B8	0	0
Total hectares of land under construction at 01/04/2024												38.51

Appendix D: Other Employment Land with Extant Planning Permission (No Start, Under Construction and Completed SUI GENERIS Use) at 31/03/2024.

Ref	Location	Town	Plan Status	LP Ref	KURA	Site Type	Application No.	Description	Use Class	Floorspace (sq.m)	Area (ha)
2442/0	Hilltop Farm, Windmill Lane, Preston On The Hill	Runcorn	Allocated in Local Plan, Residential	PI		B	21/00311/FUL	Proposed conversion of existing office / storage / workshop building to form 3 no. residential apartments at Hilltop Farm Windmill Lane Preston On The Hill	SUI GENERIS	Loss of 0.15hec of SUI GENERIS	-0.15
2451/0	Daresbury Science Park, Keckwick Lane, Daresbury	Runcorn	Primarily Employment		East Runcorn	G	21/00475/FUL	Proposed installation of a ground-mounted solar array and associated sub station on unused greenspace for the generation of renewable electricity for use within the laboratory buildings onsite at Daresbury Science Park	SUI GENERIS	No Loss or Gain in Floorspace	1.14
2462/0	ASH Waste Ltd, MacDermott Road	Widnes	Primarily Employment		Halebank and Ditton Corridor	B	19/00391/WST	Proposed construction of waste transfer building, change of use to commercial and industrial waste transfer station and ancillary development at ASH Waste Ltd MacDermott Road Widnes	SUI GENERIS	Gain of 1252sq.m of SUI GENERIS	0.45

Ref	Location	Town	Plan Status	LP Ref	KURA	Site Type	Application No.	Description	Use Class	Floorspace (sq.m)	Area (ha)
2472/0	Site B, Johnson Lane	Widnes	Primarily Employment		South Widnes	G	20/00164/WST	Proposed change of use of land to waste transfer station including office building, weighbridge , materials bay and fencing at Site B Johnson Lane Widnes WA8 0SJ	SUI GENERIS	No Loss or Gain in Floorspace	1.04
Total hectares of land with planning permission extant and under construction for 'other' employment type uses											2.63

Appendix E: Employment Land DALP Allocations Status at 31/03/2024

Where the land has planning permission or has been built out in part or whole, the area of land has been amended to show only what remains available.

DALP Reference	Halton Reference	Site Name	Planning Status	Site Status	Hectares of Land Allocated	Hectares of Land with Extant Planning Permission or Completed (Employment Use)	Hectares of Land Remaining Without Extant Planning Permission or Completed
Runcorn							
E3	1332/0	Between rail line and Expressway off Runcorn Dock Road	No Planning Permission	Not Started	2.01	0	2.01
E4	1250/0, 2039/0	Daresbury Sci Tech	17/00556/FUL - Completed (2.52ha). Planning permission 23/00117/REM covers remainder of site	Part Complete / Part Not Started	3.98	3.98	0
E5	1628/0	Land between rail line, Bridgewater Canal and Keckwick Lane	No Planning Permission	Not Started	1.98	0	1.98
E6	2042/2	Land between rail line, Bridgewater Canal and Delph Lane	Lapsed planning permission (16/00495/OUTEIA) on part of the site	Not Started	8.6	0	8.6
E8	1917/0	Land adjacent to the Office Village	Lapsed planning permission (14/00052/FUL) on part of the site	Not Started	2.13	0	2.13

DALP Reference	Halton Reference	Site Name	Planning Status	Site Status	Hectares of Land Allocated	Hectares of Land with Extant Planning Permission or Completed (Employment Use)	Hectares of Land Remaining Without Extant Planning Permission or Completed
E9	1916/5	Between Daresbury Park and Bridgewater Canal	24/00020/REM (of 20/00337/OUTEIA)	Not Started	4.76	4.76	0
E10	2042/4	Land between rail line, Bridgewater Canal and Keckwick Lane	Extant planning permission (16/00495/OUTEIA) 21/00702/REM Awaiting Decision - covers 1.21ha	Not Started	1.21	1.21	0
E11	1919/0	Land between Delph Lane and Sci Tech Daresbury	Planning permission 21/00466/FUL covers 1.56ha. Remainder No PP.	Part Complete / Part Not Started	2.28	1.56	0.72
E12	1934/0	Land to north of Manor Farm Road	23/00491/COU - Refused. No Planning Permission	Not Started	1.11	0	1.11
E13	2435/0	Land between Astmoor Road and the busway (West)	Planning permission 22/00278/S73 completed 2022/23	Site Completed	1.2	1.2	0
E14	2350/0	Land west of Edison Road between Astmoor Road	Planning permission 19/00080/FUL completed 2019/20	Site Completed	0.47	0.47	0
E15	2351/0	Land east of Edison Road between Astmoor Road	No Planning Permission	Not Started	0.38	0	0.38

DALP Reference	Halton Reference	Site Name	Planning Status	Site Status	Hectares of Land Allocated	Hectares of Land with Extant Planning Permission or Completed (Employment Use)	Hectares of Land Remaining Without Extant Planning Permission or Completed
E16	1974/0	Land to the south of Rivington Road	No Planning Permission	Not Started	1.62	0	1.62
E17	1910/0, 1153/0	Land between Chester Road and the Rail Line	No Planning Permission	Not Started	2.56	0	2.56
E18	1313/0	Land to the north of Teva Pharmaceuticals	Lapsed planning permission (17/00565/FUL)	Not Started	1.55	0	1.55
E19	2251/0	Land between Warrington Road and Oxmoor Wood	No Planning Permission	Not Started	2.57	0	2.57
E20	1932/0	Land off Blackheath Lane	13/00044/FUL - Planning permission covering part of the site lapsed	Not Started	4.47	0	4.47
E24	1212/0, 1978/0, 1979/0, 1982/0	Land north of Six Acre Lane	Planning permission 17/00441/FUL covering part of site completed 2018/19 (4.25ha)	Part Complete / Part Not Started	10.87	4.25	6.62
E25	1223/0, 1980/0	Moss Lane Nursery	No Planning Permission	Not Started	9.29	0	9.29
E28	2249/0	Land off Six Acre Lane	No Planning Permission	Not Started	5.73	0	5.73
E29	2250/0	Land west of Moore Meadows	No Planning Permission	Not Started	0.97	0	0.97

DALP Reference	Halton Reference	Site Name	Planning Status	Site Status	Hectares of Land Allocated	Hectares of Land with Extant Planning Permission or Completed (Employment Use)	Hectares of Land Remaining Without Extant Planning Permission or Completed
E30	1760/0	Land at Junction 12 M56	23/00018/FUL planning permission - Not Started	Not Started	1.34	0	1.34
	Widnes						
E1	1908/0, 2036/0, 2441/0	Shell Green, land to the east of Gorsey Lane	Planning permissions covering part of the site (21/00356/FUL - 1.12ha), (17/00353/FUL - 0.82ha) completed, the remainder of the site planning permission has lapsed	Part Complete / Part Not Started	3.24	1.94	1.3
E2	1867/0	Land to the south of Dans Road	Planning permission lapsed	Not Started	3.8	0	3.8
E21	1333/0, 1246/0, 1866/0, 2469/0	St Michaels	Planning permission for part of the site 18/00087/FUL (5.44ha) Not included as employment land due to its use as a solar array *. 24/00234/HBCFUL - Pending	Part Complete / Part Not Started	20.26	0	14.82

DALP Reference	Halton Reference	Site Name	Planning Status	Site Status	Hectares of Land Allocated	Hectares of Land with Extant Planning Permission or Completed (Employment Use)	Hectares of Land Remaining Without Extant Planning Permission or Completed
E22	1972/0, 2434/0	3MG (West) Land north of Ditton Junction	Planning Permission 18/00215/FUL (2.43ha) completed on part of site. Planning permission 22/00308/REM covers the remainder of the allocation (6.98ha)	Part Complete / Part Not Started	9.41	9.41	0
E23	1252/0	3MG (West) HBC	22/00152/FULEIA - The planning permission covers a wider area than the allocation.	Not Started	12.11	12.11	0
E26	2046/0, 2085/0, 2410/0, 2464/0, 2049/0, 2048/0, 2047/0	Eastern most section of 3MG (East) Foundry Lane	20/00110/FUL, 21/00657/FUL, 17/00061/FUL, 13/00229/FUL, 12/00458/FUL - Completed on parts of the allocation (total 9.35ha)	Part Complete / Part Not Started	35.23	14.09	21.14
E27	1349/0	3MG (East) Tesco Distribution Centre	Planning permission (08/00449/FUL) - Site Stalled/lapsed!	Not Started	1.94	0	1.94

DALP Reference	Halton Reference	Site Name	Planning Status	Site Status	Hectares of Land Allocated	Hectares of Land with Extant Planning Permission or Completed (Employment Use)	Hectares of Land Remaining Without Extant Planning Permission or Completed
E31	1198/0, 1198/1, 1198/2	Former Bayer Site	19/00240/FUL - completed 2021/22, 20/00385/FUL - completed 2022/23.	Site Completed	16.03	16.03	0
E32	1045/0	Former Thermpos Site	Planning Permission 15/00208/DEM - (demolition of former industrial buildings completed in 2015/16)	Not Started	5.08	0	5.08
E33	1902/0	Former Muspratt Site	06/00742/OUT - Refused	Not Started	4.46	0	4.46
Total hectares of available and delivered allocated employment land at 31/03/2024					182.64	71.01	111.63

Appendix F: New Sites Added to the Employment Land Supply Between 01/04/2023 and 31/03/2024.

This Table is for information only as all entries are recorded in other tables within this report.

Ref	Location	Town	Plan Status	LP Ref	KURA	Site Type	Application No.	Description	Use Class	Floorspace (sqm)	Area (ha)	Devt Status
1250/0	Daresbury Sci Tech, Keckwick Lane	Runcorn	Allocated in Local Plan, Employment	E04	East Runcorn	G	23/00117/REM	Application for the approval of reserved matters (scale, access, appearance, layout and landscaping) for the erection of two laboratory and office buildings including associated drainage and earthworks pursuant to outline application ref: 21/00166/OUT at Daresbury Laboratory Keckwick Lane Daresbury Warrington Cheshire WA4 4AD	E(g)(i), E(g)(ii)	Gain of 10000sq.m of E(g)(i), Gain of 6704sq.m of E(g)(ii)	2.52	Site Not Started
1313/1	Teva Pharmaceuticals, Aston Lane North	Runcorn	Allocated in Local Plan, Employment	E18		B	20/00579/FUL	Proposed creation of new covered storage space utilising a pre-fabricated storage unit placed on an area of macadam surface which was previously occupied by a contractors compound at the north west of the site at	B8	Gain of 300sq.m of B8	0	Site Not Started

Ref	Location	Town	Plan Status	LP Ref	KURA	Site Type	Application No.	Description	Use Class	Floorspace (sqm)	Area (ha)	Devt Status
1702/0	162 - 164 Albert Road	Widnes	Primary Residential Area			B	23/00383/COU	Proposed change of use from a mixed use comprising light industrial, office space and retail sales, to Class E use comprising of a wellness and therapy centre, associated cafe and retail sales at Land And Buildings To The Rear Of 162 - 164 Albert Road	E(g)(iii)	Gain of 125sq.m E(c)(iii) Loss of 125sq.m of E(g)(iii)	-0.03	Site Not Started
2513/0	Devenish Nutrition, Earle Road	Widnes	Primarily Employment		South Widnes	B	21/00038/FUL	Retrospective application for the erection of industrial building, lean-to canopy and silo, ancillary to existing operations at Devenish Nutrition Earle Road Widnes Cheshire WA8 0GY	B2	Gain of 1222sq.m of B2	0	Site Not Started
2515/0	Saffil Ltd, Pilkington Sullivan Site, Sullivan Road	Widnes	Primarily Employment			B	22/00369/FULEI A	Proposed installation of an additional production line, involving an extension to an existing building and the installation of associated plant and machinery at Saffil Ltd Pilkington Sullivan Site Sullivan Road Widnes WA8 0US	B2	Gain of 1753sq.m of B2	0	Site Not Started
2518/0	MCUK Ltd., Waterloo Road	Widnes	Primarily Employment			B	23/00118/FUL	Proposed industrial units and associated car parking at MCUK Ltd Waterloo Road Widnes WA8 0QR	B2	Loss of 525sq.m of B2	0	Site Not Started

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2519/0	Diageo Packaging Whitehouse Industrial Estate, Murdishaw	Runcorn	Primarily Employment			B	23/00134/FUL	Proposed extension to current storage facility at Diageo Packaging Whitehouse Industrial Estate Murdishaw Runcorn WA7 3BE	B8	Gain of 1420sq.m of B8	0	Site Under Construction
2521/0	Site at Ineos Inovyn Ltd., Bankes Lane Office, Bankes Lane	Runcorn	Strat Employment, Employment Renewal Area			B	23/00169/FUL	Proposed construction of a two storey building on an existing disused concrete hardstanding. Building to house relocated engineering contracting staff currently housed in various building on adjacent site at Ineos Inovyn Ltd Bankes Lane Office Bankes Lane Runcorn WA7 4JE	E(g)(i)	Gain of 318sq.m of E(g)(i)	0	Site Not Started
2531/0	Contact House, Ditton Road	Widnes	Primarily Employment		Halebank and Ditton Corridor	B	22/00384/FUL	Proposed demolition of existing fire damaged office building, workshop shed and redundant 3G tower; erection of new two storey office building with workshop and increase in height of existing boundary wall to north and south boundaries at Contact House Ditton Road (west) Widnes Cheshire WA8 0TH	E(g)(i)	Loss of 94sq.m of E(g)(i), Loss of 62sq.m of E(g)(iii)	0	Site Completed

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2531/I	Contact House, Ditton Road	Widnes	Primarily Employment			B	23/00474/FUL	Proposed construction of a storage unit in an existing builders yard at Contact House Ditton Road (west) Widnes Cheshire WA8 0TH	B8	Gain of 233sq.m of B8	0	Site Not Started
2538/0	Halton Fabrications Ltd., Picow Farm Road	Runcorn	Primarily Employment			B	23/00381/FUL	Proposed erection of a new portal frame warehouse / workshop and concrete access road and turning point will tie in to existing access road at Halton Fabrications Ltd Picow Farm Road Runcorn Cheshire WA7 4JB	B2	Gain of 202sq.m of B2	0	Site Not Started

New Sites affecting employment land supply but not relevant to (Gross) Policy Targets

Appendix G: Loss of Employment Land Between 01/04/2023 and 31/03/2024.

(This table includes the total loss of hectares of employment use over the plan period so far 2014 to 2024)

Ref	Location	Town	Plan Status	KURA	Application No.	Description	Site Status	Area (Ha)	Floorspace	Use Class
2498/0	Suite 2 Weaver House Ashville Point	Runcorn	Primarily Employment		22/00227/COU	Proposed change of use from offices to veterinary practice, together with minor external works at Suite 2 Weaver House	Site Completed	0.03	Loss of 170sq.m of E(g)(i), Gain of 170sq.m of E(e)	E(e)
2507/0	Unit 3 Monks Way	Runcorn	Primarily Employment		21/00612/COU	Proposed change of use from office to small animal veterinary practice at Unit 3 Monks Way	Site Completed	0.2	Loss of 752sq.m of E(g)(i), Gain of 752sq.m of E(e)	E(e)
Total hectares lost to non-employment use between 01/04/2023 and 31/03/2024								0.23		
Total hectares lost to non-employment use over the plan period so far 2014 to 2024								33.84		

Appendix H: DALP Monitoring Framework - Employment Indicators.

This table includes the list of Employment Indicators contained within the Monitoring Framework of the adopted Delivery and Allocations Local Plan of 2nd March 2022 (see page 255 of the DALP written statement) and are reported in full in the [Annual Monitoring Report](#).

Ref	Policy		Indicators	Targets	Source
H002	CS(R)1	CS(R)1 [Halton's Spatial Strategy]	Employment Land delivered:	180 ha of land available for employment development (2014-37)	Page 2
H011	CS(R)4	CS(R)4 [Employment Land Supply and Locational Priorities]	Amount of completed employment floorspace by type and land type	180 ha made available for employment uses (2014~37)	Page 3/4
H012	CS(R)4	CS(R)4 [Employment Land Supply and Locational Priorities]	Minimise loss of land within existing employment areas for non-employment uses	No loss of land for non-employment uses within allocated employment sites, strategic employment locations, employment renewal areas and primarily employment areas.	Page 3/31
H013	CS(R)4	CS(R)4 [Employment Land Supply and Locational Priorities]	Employment land available by type	180 ha made available for employment uses (2014~37)	Page 3
H014	CS(R)4	CS(R)4 [Employment Land Supply and Locational Priorities]	Losses of employment land in (i) employment / regeneration areas and (ii) local authority area	No loss of land for non-employment uses	Page 3/31
H015	CS(R)4	CS(R)4 [Employment Land Supply and Locational Priorities]	Economic Activity Rate		Halton Borough (Nomis Census data 2021)
H016	CS(R)4	CS(R)4 [Employment Land Supply and Locational Priorities]	GVA per head claimant count		Halton Economic Profile
H017	CS(R)4	CS(R)4 [Employment Land Supply and Locational Priorities]	VAT registrations		Inter-Departmental Business Register (IDBR) - Office for National Statistics (ons.gov.uk)

Ref	Policy		Indicators	Targets	Source
H018	CS(R)4	CS(R)4 [Employment Land Supply and Locational Priorities]	Worklessness in Halton		Halton Economic Profile
H019	CS(R)4	CS(R)4 [Employment Land Supply and Locational Priorities]	Unemployment Annual Population Survey and Claimant Count Rates		CC01 Regional labour market: Claimant Count by unitary and local authority (experimental) - Office for National Statistics (ons.gov.uk)
H020	CS(R)4	CS(R)4 [Employment Land Supply and Locational Priorities]	Average Household Income		Regional gross disposable household income, UK - Office for National Statistics (ons.gov.uk)
H104	ED1:	ED1: [Employment Allocations]	Delivery of employment uses on allocated sites;	Increase delivery of employment uses	Page 8/21 (Appendix E)
H105	ED1:	ED1: [Employment Allocations]	Delivery of employment uses on allocated sites;	Completions by use	Page 21 (Appendix E)
H106	ED1:	ED1: [Employment Allocations]	Delivery of employment uses on allocated sites;	Permissions by use	Page 21 (Appendix E)
H107	ED1:	ED1: [Employment Allocations]	Delivery of employment uses on allocated sites;	Reduce the % over the plan period 2014-2037	Page 8/21 (Appendix E)
H108	ED2:	ED2: [Employment Development]	Loss of land within existing employment areas for non-employment uses	No loss of land for non-employment uses within existing employment areas over the plan period 2014-2037	Page 3/31
H109	ED3:	ED3: [Complementary Services and Facilities within Employment Areas]	Provision of complementary facilities	100% of development / redevelopment for employment use or complementary use (ED3)	Appendix G provides details of planning permissions resulting in a loss of employment use. Some of the permissions have resulted in a gain of

Ref	Policy		Indicators	Targets	Source
					complimentary uses including a veterinary practice and in previous years a gym, café and takeaway.

REPORT TO:	Environment and Regeneration Policy and Performance Board
DATE:	18 th June 2025
REPORTING OFFICER:	Executive Director Environment and Regeneration
PORTFOLIO:	Environment and Urban Renewal
SUBJECT:	Authority Monitoring Report
WARD(S)	Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The Local Plan for Halton currently comprises of the adopted Delivery and Allocations Local Plan (2022) and the Joint Waste Plan (2013). The statutory Local Development Plan is the set of Local Plans (also known as Development Plan Documents (DPDs) that together form the statutory basis for determining whether or not planning permission should be granted.

2.0 RECOMMENDED: The Board endorse the draft AMRs so that the documents can be made publicly available and published on the Councils website.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 The AMR document provides greater detail and analysis for each topic area covering the period 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024, with background information back to 2014.
- 3.2 This document must be updated annually in order to provide up to date information. This is important as it will help inform local planning authorities if there is a need to undertake a partial or full update of the local plan, which is reviewed every 5 years. The AMR monitors the performance of the adopted Local Plan, reviewing the success of planning policies using various indicators.
- 3.3 Regulation 34 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 sets out what information the reports must contain. Appendix F (Monitoring Framework) of the DALP sets out the targets that have been developed to measure the direct effects of the policies on achieving the targets.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Members wish to ensure that DALP policies are performing effectively, and the core strategies are being met.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Annual Monitoring Reports will need to be updated annually, which will impact on staff resources.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S

6.1 Improving Health, Promoting Wellbeing and Supporting Greater Independence

The AMR ensures the DALP Policies that concern Health and Well-being are effective. It includes data on life expectancy rates, permissions for hot food takeaways, and how developers are mitigating the health impacts of new development through Health Impact Assessments.

6.2 Building a Strong, Sustainable Local Economy

The AMR is accompanied by the Employment AMR Document which reports on the status/progress of employment allocations. The AMR also reports on the economic (in)activity of residents, number of VAT registered businesses, vacancy rates in the town centres and average household incomes.

6.3 Supporting Children, Young People and Families

The AMR reports on the provision of facilities such as schools and sports playing pitches, as well as affordable housing.

6.4 Tackling Inequality and Helping Those Who Are Most In Need

The AMR reports on statistics like those claiming universal credit, workless households and people who are long-term sick.

6.5 Working Towards a Greener Future

This AMR reports on the boroughs CO2 emissions, development of Renewable Energy Installations, and development that requires Energy Statements and pollution. It also records any changes in the Mersey Estuary, Protected Trees and Ancient Woodland. It also reports on the provision of parks and green spaces within the borough. It also reports on the provision of Sustainable Transport within the borough.

6.6 Valuing and Appreciating Halton and Our Community

The AMR reports on the community assets within the Borough.

7.0 Risk Analysis

- 7.1 There are no legal or financial risks arising from this report.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 There are no equality and diversity implications arising from this report.

9.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

9.1 It reports on sustainability and climate change.

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

‘None under the meaning of the Act.’



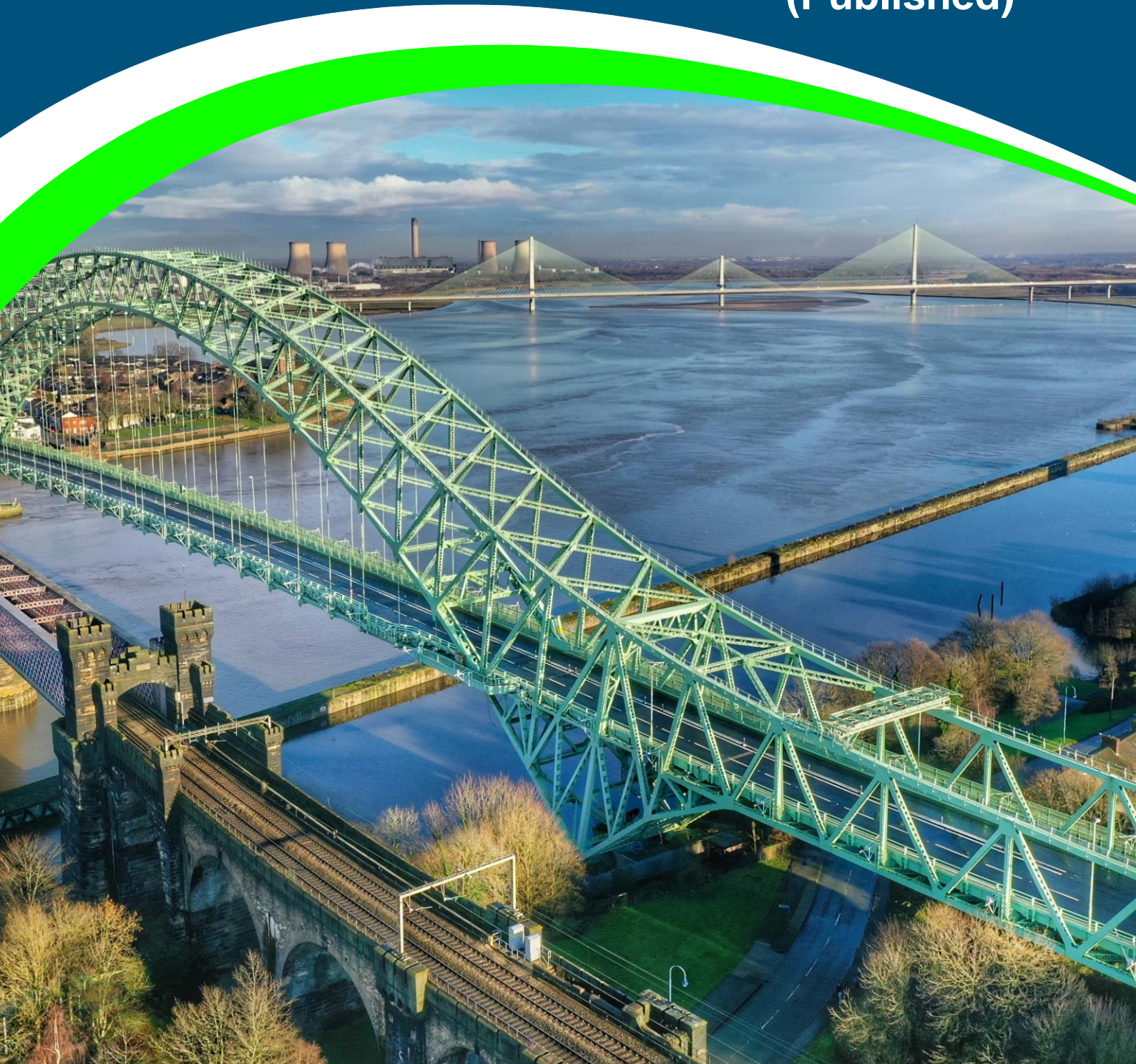
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1. Summary

Summary of the Halton Delivery and Allocations Local Plan (Adopted 02/03/2022) performance for the Monitoring Period 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024. This is the second full monitoring period for the DALP. This summary details the key facts and figures from within this monitoring document.

Policy CS(R)1 'Halton's Spatial Strategy' flows from the Vision for Halton. It expresses how the Council will achieve what they want to deliver over the plan period 2014 to 2037. To achieve the Vision for Halton new development should deliver:

Housing

- At least 8050 (net) additional dwellings
- Approximately 180ha (gross) of land for employment purposes
- Up to 9,293sqm of Town Centre convenience/comparison goods retailing
- Up to 5,112 sqm of retail warehousing

Policy CS(R)3 'Housing Supply and Locational Priorities' sets out the provision made for the development of at least 8050 (net) additional dwellings at an average of 350 (net) dwellings each year. This will be achieved through a combination of housing completed since 2014, housing sites with planning permission, or currently under construction and delivery of strategic residential locations allocated in the DALP and identified on the Policies Map.

During the monitoring period:

- 366 gross housing completions –126 of these were affordable homes (34%) (Compared to 85 (23%) gross in 2022/23)
- 2 demolition
- 3 loss from conversion
- 3 losses from change of use
- **358 net completions** (Compared to 362 net completions in 2022/23)
- 111 units currently under construction (Compared to 264 under construction in 2022/23)

Employment

Policy CS(R)4 'Employment Land Supply' seeks to deliver approximately 180ha (gross) of land for employment purposes between 2014 and 2037. This will be achieved through a combination of employment site completed since 2014, employment sites with planning permission, sites under construction for employment uses and the delivery of strategic employment locations allocated in the DALP and identified on the Policies Map.

During the monitoring period 2014 to 2024:

- There has been a take up of 56.27 ha of employment land and 10.14 ha of SG land.
- There has been a loss of 33.84 hectares of employment and SG land to other uses.
- 4 sites actively under construction at 31/03/24

- 11 new sites with planning permission at 31/03/24 of which 9 sites remain available for employment use.
- 111.63 ha of land allocated for employment use remains available

Climate Change

Policy CS(R)19 'Sustainable Development and Climate Change' seeks to ensure new development should be sustainable and be designed to have regard to the predicted effects of climate change including reducing carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions and adapting to climatic conditions.

During the monitoring period:

- The latest available data is for the period 21/22. When compared to the 2008 baseline of 9.4 tonnes the Council has managed to reduce its overall carbon emissions by 0.73 tonnes.
- 3 planning permissions have been approved since 2014, for the development of solar array (one of which was refused but allowed on appeal). Total additional capacity once all developments are operational will be up to 4.561MW.
- 1 planning applications which required an energy statement has been received post adoption of the DALP, which was refused and allowed at appeal.

Design

Policy CS(R)18 'High Quality Design' seeks to achieve and raise the quality of design is a priority for all development in Halton. Developments, where applicable, will be expected to adhere the Council's design standards.

During the monitoring period:

- Policy GR1 was designed in accordance with CS(R)18 to ensure all development must be of high quality. Policy GR2 is also a core function of planning to ensure a good standard of design. Both of the policies GR1 and GR2 were commonly cited in decision notices.
- Policies GR3 and GR4 are also a core function of planning to ensure a good standard of design. These policies were not cited in decisions.

Health and Well-being

Policy CS (R) 22 Health and Well-Being seeks to ensure healthy environments are supported and healthy lifestyles are encouraged across the borough.

During the monitoring period:

- Life expectancy data has improved since 2008 but remains below Regional and National data.
- Health Impact Assessments aim to enhance potential positive impacts of development and mitigate against any negative impacts of any major applications. There are two records detailing where a Health Impact Assessment has been submitted as part of the application.

Infrastructure

Policy CS(R)7 'Infrastructure Provision' seeks to ensure development is located to maximise the benefit of existing infrastructure and to minimise the need for new provision. Where new development creates or exacerbates deficiencies in infrastructure it will be required to ensure those deficiencies or losses are compensated for, adequately mitigated or substituted for in a timely manner.

- Planning obligations are legal obligations entered into to mitigate the impacts of a development proposal. This can be via a planning agreement entered into under section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
- Halton Borough Council's latest Infrastructure Funding Statement (2019-2024) declared that S106 funds available at 24/10/2024 was £4,602,041.82.

Natural Environment and Nature Conservation

Policy CS(R)1 seeks to ensure residential development and certain major tourism development within 5km of protected accessible coasts make financial contribution in relation to recreation disturbance towards avoidance and mitigation schemes. Policy CS (R) 20 Natural and Historic Environment seeks to protect and enhance Halton's natural and heritage assets.

During the monitoring period:

- There are no recorded changes in the areas of Mersey Estuary SPA/ Ramsar of the three SSSIs in Halton. Two planning permissions have been approved on a local wildlife site that required mitigation.
- Planning permission was approved for the removal of 3 trees protected by a TPO.
- 0 applications have been received or approved that would result in the loss of ancient woodland.

Retail

Policy CS(R)5 'Network of Centres' seeks to maintain the hierarchy of Halton's Centres for retail and other town centre uses. Improvement and enhancement of town and local centres will be supported within defined boundaries. Delivery of two new centres of an appropriate scale will be supported at Keckwick Hill Daresbury and West Bank in South Widnes. In addition, Policy HC9 'Mixed Use Areas' supports the delivery of some retail use (subject to meeting policy criteria) at Victoria Square and Victoria Road (MUA2), Earl Road (MUA3), Runcorn Station (MUA5), Halton Road (MUA6), Bridge Retail (MUA7), Moor Lane (MUA9) and Daresbury Park (MUA11)

During the monitoring period:

- There has been a decrease in vacant units in the defined centres from 24% in 2023 to 22% in 2024 all the vacancy rates remain above national levels.
- Development of a local district centre at Sandymoor, Runcorn that includes retail units (1& 2: Display or retail sale of goods, other than hot food, Use

Class E(a) and/or Restaurants and Cafes, Use Class E(b); Retail units 3 & 4: Takeaways, Use Class Sui Generis – hot food takeaways; Retail unit 5: Veterinary Practice, Use Class E(e) is under construction.

Transport

Policy CS (R) 15 Sustainable Transport sets out the transport and traffic considerations that development proposals should address. It seeks to ensure that new development is accessible by sustainable transport methods such as walking, cycling and public transport. This involves

During the monitoring period:

- 100% of large trip planning applications have been submitted with Travel Plans.
- 69% of applications have been compliant with parking standards, all have been assessed by the relevant highways officer and concluded as acceptable.
- The number of adults recorded as cycling for any purpose has decreased since 2016.

2. Introduction

The Role of the Authority Monitoring Report

Local planning authorities must publish information at least annually that shows progress with local plan preparation, reports any activity relating to the duty to cooperate, any information collected which relates to indicators in the plan, and any policies which are not being implemented.

This information should be made available publicly. [Regulation 34 of the Town and Country Planning \(Local Planning\) \(England\) Regulations 2012](#) sets out what information the reports must contain.¹

Local planning authorities can also use the Authority Monitoring Report to provide up-to-date information on the implementation of any neighbourhood plans that have been brought into force. At the time of production of the DALP AMR Halton does not have any Neighborhood Plans or Development Orders in progress or made.

Annual monitoring will help inform if there is a need to undertake a partial or full update of the local plan, when carrying out a review at least every 5 years from the adoption date.²

Appendix F (Monitoring Framework) of the DALP set out the targets that have been developed to measure the direct effects of the policies on achieving the targets.³ The AMR shows the progress towards achieving the policies and targets during the period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024. Where data is available and deemed relevant a decision has been made to include data back to 2014 to cover the plan period (2014 to 2037).

The 2024 report is the second authority monitoring report (AMR) of the Halton Delivery and Allocations Local Plan (DALP) (adopted 2nd March 2022). The AMR has been prepared by the Planning Policy Team in accordance with Regulation 34.

In addition to the AMR which gives an overview of the progress being made in all areas, the Planning Policy Team is separately producing:

- Employment AMR 2024
- Housing AMR 2024
- Infrastructure Funding Statement 2024

¹ [The Town and Country Planning \(Local Planning\) \(England\) Regulations 2012 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#)

² [Plan-making - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) Paragraph: 073 Reference ID: 61-073-20190315

³ [DALP Adopted.pdf \(halton.gov.uk\)](#)

How to use this Document

For ease of use the DALP AMR has been divided into subject topics, with each relevant policy and strategic objective identified for each section. The topic areas have been colour coded to match that of the DALP. (See DALP contents pages 6-7) Each policy has been monitored with an assessment made of progress. Where relevant charts, figures and tables have been included in the main body of the document, with detailed tables of planning permissions and completions included in the Appendix. At the beginning of each monitoring topic a chart has been included that highlights headline data of the progress of policies. The chart has been colour coded as follows:

Key

Positive progress
Improvement required
Close monitoring required
No relevant data

Policy Framework

The Development Plan for Halton Borough is made up of the following documents:

- Halton Delivery and Allocations Local Plan (DALP) (Adopted March 2022) (incorporating remaining policies from the Core Strategy Local Plan)
- The Joint Merseyside and Halton Waste Local Plan 2013⁴

Local Development Scheme (LDS)

The Local Development Scheme (LDS) is an integral part of the Halton Borough Local Development Framework and plays a key role in facilitating successful program management of the project. The LDS is updated on a regular basis to reflect progress. The latest LDS is available to view at: [Halton Borough Council Local Development Strategy](#)

Duty to Cooperate

The Localism Act⁵ and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)⁶ places a duty on local planning authorities and other bodies to cooperate with each other to address strategic issues relevant to their areas. The duty requires ongoing constructive and active engagement on the preparation of development plan documents and other activities relating to the sustainable development and use of land, in connection with strategic infrastructure.

⁴ [Waste Local Plan \(halton.gov.uk\)](#)

⁵ [Localism Act 2011 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#)

⁶ [National Planning Policy Framework - Guidance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

The relevant duty to cooperate bodies for Halton Borough are:

- Liverpool City Region Authorities
- Warrington Borough Council
- Cheshire West and Chester Council

Halton lies within the core of the Liverpool City Region. The Combined Authority brings together the region's six local authorities – Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton, St Helens and Wirral.⁷

In November 2015 the Government signed a Devolution Agreement⁸ with Halton, the five Merseyside Authorities and the Liverpool City Region Local Enterprise Partnership that devolves specific powers to the new office of Mayor.

These powers include defined strategic planning functions, including the production of a Strategic Framework for the City Region.

Halton falls within the 'Mid-Mersey' Housing Market Area which comprises three local authorities of Halton, St. Helens and Warrington Council's.

Under section 33A of the Localism Act, where a local planning authority have co-operated with another local planning authority, county council, or a body or person prescribed, the local planning authority's monitoring report must give details of what action they have taken during the period covered by the report.

During the monitoring period Halton have cooperated under the Duty to Cooperate as detailed in Figure 1

FIGURE 1 DUTY TO COOPERATE

Organisation	Date	Purpose
Housing and Regeneration Cabinet Board	Meeting held	The meeting was held to discuss the following strategic matters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Delivery Update – Brownfield Land Fund • Housing Retrofit Delivery Update • Spatial Development Strategy Update • Net Zero Delivery Plan • One Public Estate – Brownfield Land Release Fund; and Opportunity Development Fund
Chief Planners Group	* meetings were held during the	The meetings included discussion of the following strategic matters:

⁷ [Home | Liverpool City Region Combined Authority \(liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk\)](https://liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk/)

⁸ [Liverpool_devolution_deal_unsigned.pdf \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/)

	monitoring period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BNG • LNRS • Liverpool City Region (LCR) update on the Spatial Development Strategy (SDS)
Planning Policy Managers	* meetings were held during the monitoring period	<p>The meetings included discussion of the following strategic matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDS Evidence base documents • Biodiversity Net Gain – new legislation • LDS
Transport Advisory Group	Meeting held	<p>The meetings included discussion of the following strategic matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department for Transport update • Active Travel Update • Network Rail Update • Local Transport Plan (4)

Statement of Common Ground

Halton has signed and agreed a Statement of Common Ground during the monitoring period as detailed in Figure 2:

FIGURE 2 STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND

Organisation	Purpose
Liverpool City Region (LCR) Authorities	The 2019 SoCG has been reviewed in 2022. The agreement covers strategic planning matters including the LCR Strategic Development Strategy.
Warrington Borough Council	The 2018 SoCG has been reviewed in 2022. The agreement covers strategic planning matters.

Halton Borough

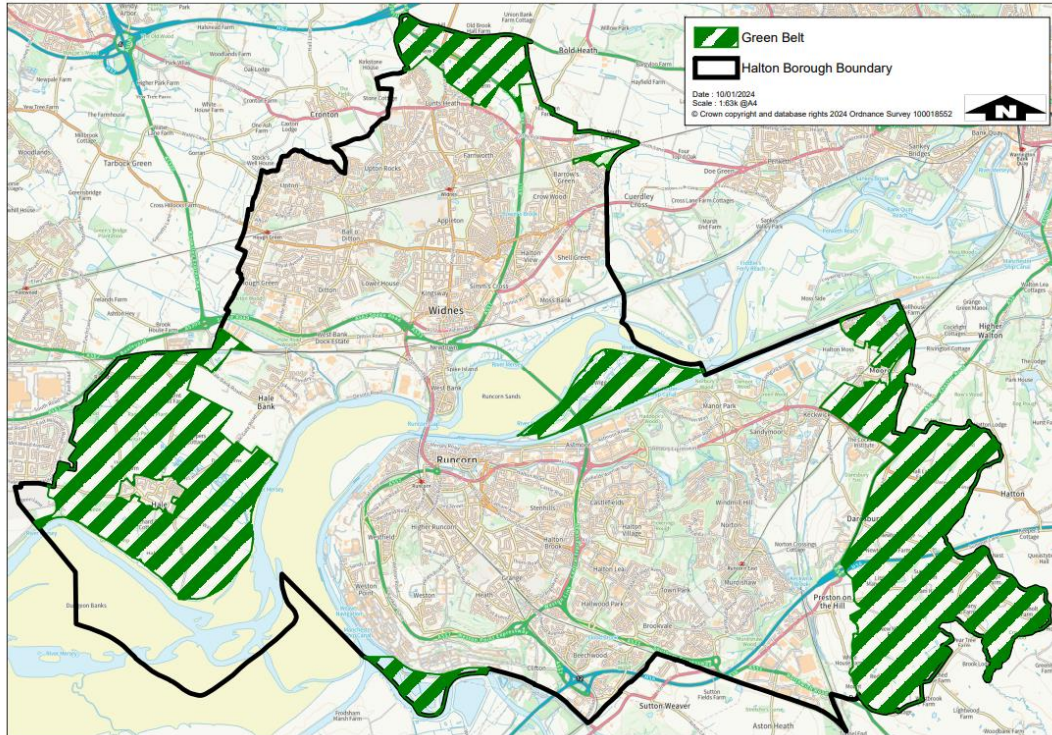
The Borough of Halton is a Unitary Authority covering the towns of Runcorn and Widnes. Halton is in the Northwest of England which straddles the upper Estuary of the River Mersey. It is located to the east of Liverpool City with the Borough of St Helens to the north, Warrington to the east and rural north Cheshire lying to the south.

At the time of the 2021 Census Halton recorded a population of 128,577 made up of 55,591 households.⁹

⁹ [Halton population profile](#)

Green Belt covers approximately one third of the land area of the Borough and contains the smaller settlements of Moore, Daresbury and Preston-on-the Hill, with Hale Village inset within the Green Belt.

FIGURE 3 HALTON BOROUGH INCLUDING GREEN BELT



Monitoring Process

The AMR is a publication that assesses the Council's the success in achieving the policies in its Local Plan. This helps inform the preparation of a new local plan. It does this by monitoring each policy on their performance by using various indicators. The following sections are set out into topics based on policies from the DALP and provide data and analysis of the indicators and targets for each policy.

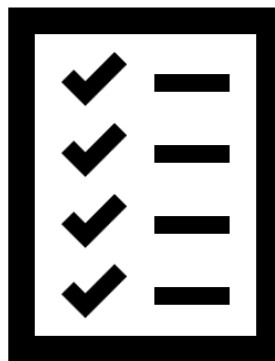
Monitoring: Produce an Authority Monitoring Report (AMR)

- Conduct a yearly assessment of the policies within the Local Plan



Evaluation: Review the Local Plan

- Use the outcomes from the AMR process to evaluate the current plan and help inform the new Local Plan

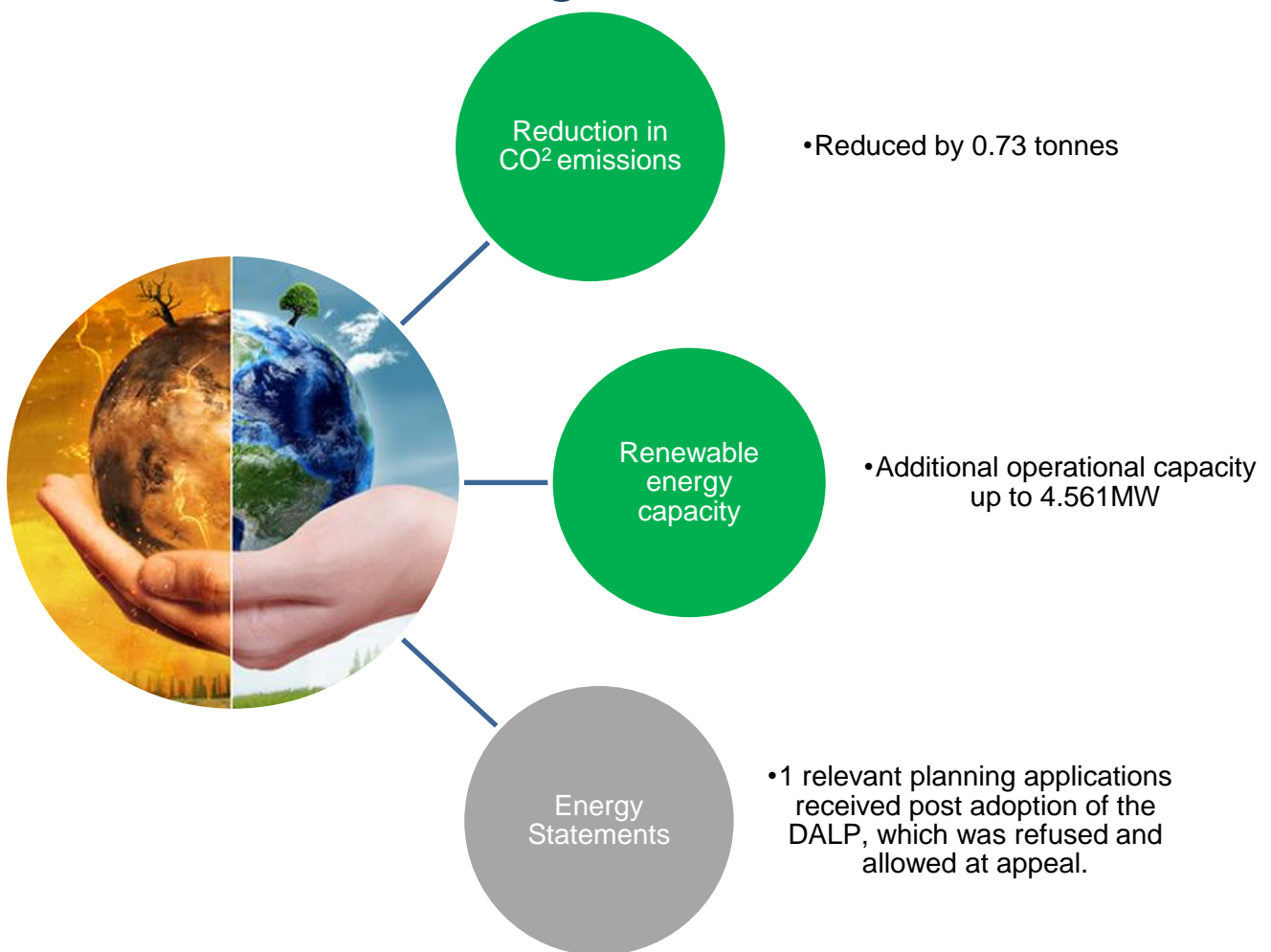


Planning: Adoption of a new Local Plan

- Ensure the correct indicators are included alongside the updated policies in the new Local Plan



3.1 Climate Change



Strategic Objective: SO9

Climate Change Related DALP Policies: CS (R) 19 Sustainable Development and Climate Change

The aim of Policy CS(R)19 is that all new development should be sustainable and be designed to have regard to the predicted effects of climate change including reducing carbon dioxide emissions and adapting to climate change.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Halton's contribution to CO ₂ production and Climate	Reduction in CO ₂ emissions per capita by 4% per annum over the plan period 2014-2037 (Baseline of 9.4 tonnes per capita in 2008)	The latest available data is for the period 21/22. When compared to the 2008 baseline of 9.4 tonnes the Council has managed to reduce its

		overall carbon emissions by 0.73 tonnes. ¹⁰
Renewable energy capacity installed by type	Increase the capacity and number of renewable energy installations in the Borough over the plan period 2014-2037.]	Table 1 of the Appendix demonstrates 3 planning permissions have been approved since 2014, for the development of solar array (one of which was refused but allowed on appeal). Total additional capacity once all developments are operational will be up to 4.561MW.

Strategic Objective: SO9

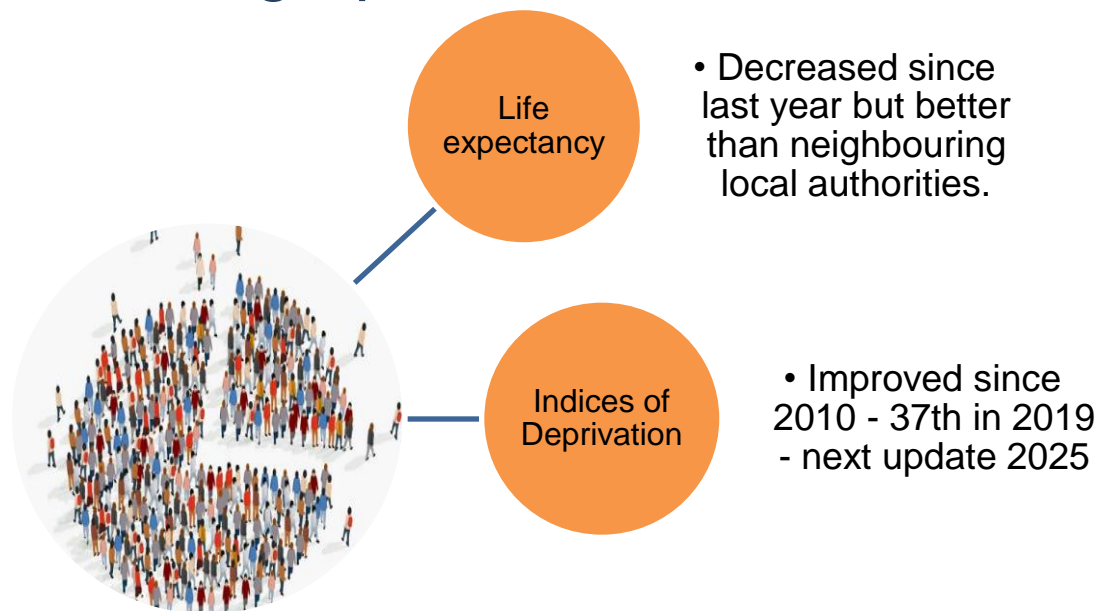
Climate Change Related DALP Policies: GR5 Renewable and Low Carbon Energy

The aim of Policy GR5 is that proposals for renewable energy development consider, and minimize where appropriate, the potential environmental effects of development on a range of criteria as detailed out in policy.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Energy Statements	100% of applicable applications supported by an Energy Statement	All three permissions were approved prior to adoption of the DALP, and prior to the requirement for a stand- alone energy statement. Information with regards to energy was however provided within the planning statements submitted with applications.
Wind turbines	100% of applicable applications supported by an Energy Statement	No applicable applications received during the monitoring period.
Restoration	100% of consents including a restoration plan	All three permissions were approved

¹⁰ [Find out about our climate change strategy & plan \(halton.gov.uk\)](https://www.halton.gov.uk/your-council/climate-change/our-climate-change-strategy-and-plan)

3.2 Demographics



Strategic Objective SO11

Demographics Related DALP Policies: CS(R) 22 Health and Well/Being

The aim of Policy CS(R)22 is to support healthy environments and lifestyles across the Borough.

Indicators	Targets	Data
Improvement in life expectancy at birth	Improvement on baseline (2008-2010) life expectancy at birth: Male – 75.5 years: Female – 79.6 years	Life expectancy data for Halton has improved since the 2008-2010 data was published but remains below regional and national averages for both men and women. Figure 3 demonstrates 2020-2022 life expectancy at birth data for Halton which is compared with neighboring local authorities Knowsley and St Helens regional and national data.

Improvement in overall deprivation score as an indication of Quality of Life	An improvement in Halton's rank of 27th most deprived local authority in the country (IMD, 2010)	The latest published Indices of Deprivation data was 2019. Halton is ranked as the 39th most deprived local authority. This is an improvement when compared to 2010 data. Next to be updated late 2025.
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FIGURE 4 LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH DATE 2018-2020

Area	Male	Female
Halton ¹¹	77.2	80.5
Knowsley ¹²	75.9	79.3
St Helens ¹³	76.7	80.4
Regional ¹⁴	77.3	81.3
National ¹⁵	79.0	83.0

Data Source: [understanding the drivers of HLE.pdf \(halton.gov.uk\)](#)

¹¹ <https://councillors.halton.gov.uk/documents/s77809/J5NA%20Summary%202024%20DRAFT%20v3.pdf> HC

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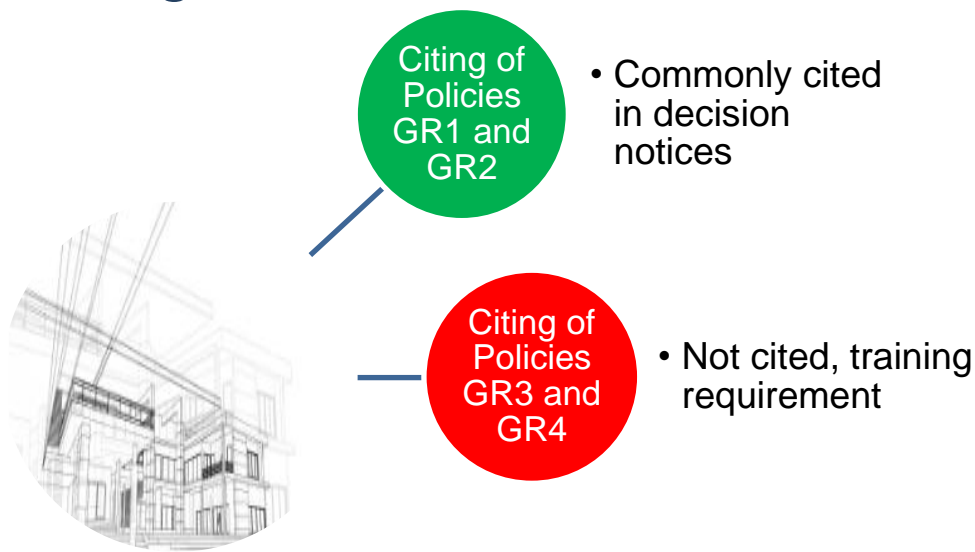
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¹⁵ [National life tables life expectancy in England and Wales 2021 to 2023 \(1\).pdf](#)

3.3 Design



SO2: Ensure that all development achieves high standards of design and sustainability and provides a positive contribution to its locality.

Design Related DALP Polices CSR18 and GR1 – GR5

Homes/commercial areas built to secured by Design Standards

The target is to Increase number of developments which have regard to this standard, however the Council do not monitor or hold information on the number of applications that are built to the Secured by Design standards.

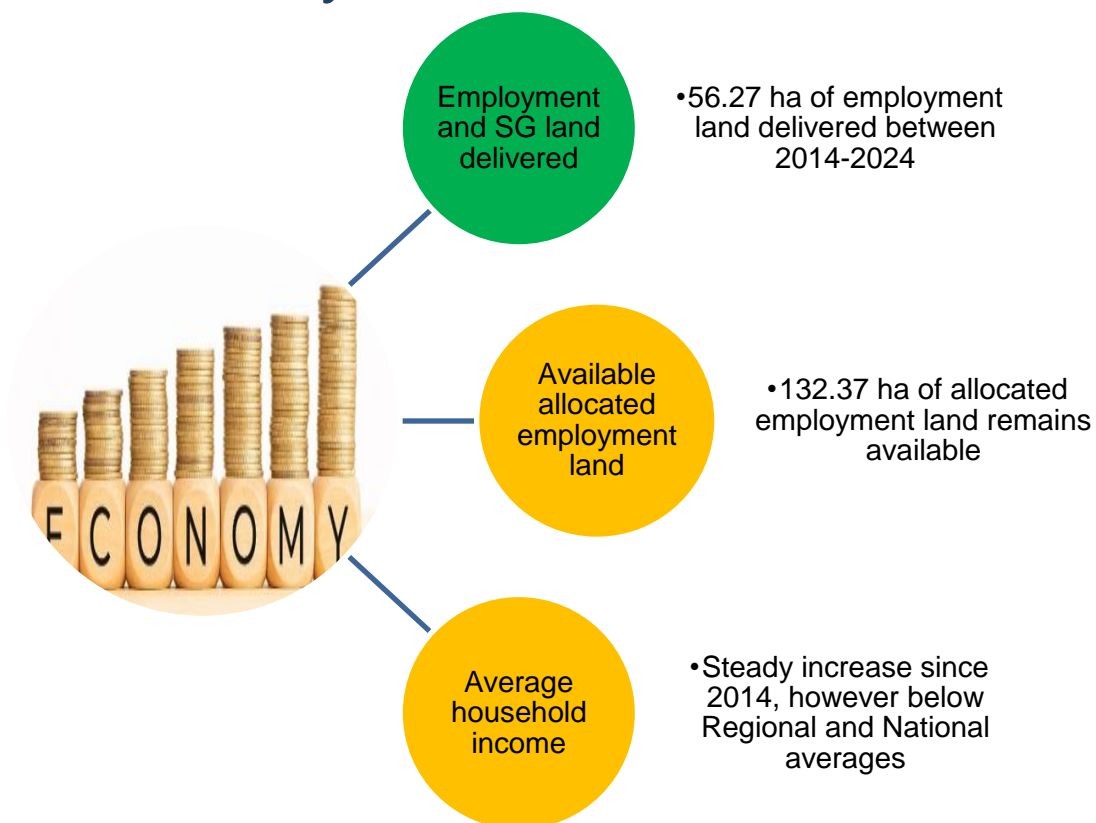
FIGURE 5 MONITORING THE EFFECTIVENESS AND USE OF POLICIES GR1-GR5

		From 01 April 2023 – 31 March 2024
GR1 - No. times cited in decisions		208
GR1 - % upheld at appeal	100% of appeals upheld	No data
GR2 - No. times cited in decisions		55
GR2 - % upheld at appeal	100% of appeals upheld	

		No data
GR3 - No. times cited in decisions		9
GR3 - % upheld at appeal	100% of appeals upheld	No data
GR4 - No. times cited in decisions		0
GR4 - % upheld at appeal	100% of appeals upheld	No data
GR5 - Energy Statements.	100% of applicable applications supported by an Energy Statement	0

- From the table above it is evident that policy GR1 is commonly cited in decision notices and used in the determination of planning applications.
- The number of times that the council have used policy GR1 in appeal decisions which have been upheld has not been recorded.
- From the table above it is evident that policy GR2 is commonly cited in decision notices and used in the determination of planning applications.
- The number of times that the council have used policy GR2 in appeal decisions which have been upheld has not been recorded.
- From the table above it is evident that policy GR3 is not commonly cited in decision notices and used in the determination of planning applications.
- The number of times that the council have used policy GR3 in appeal decisions which have been upheld has not been recorded.
- From the table above it is evident that policy GR4 has never been cited in decision notices.
- The number of times that the council have used policy GR4 in appeal decisions which have been upheld has not been recorded.
- Over the period April to March 2023-2024 the number of Energy Statements submitted to accompany planning applications in accordance with policy GR5 of the Delivery and Allocations Local Plan has not been recorded.

3.4 Economy



Strategic Objective: All

Economy Related DALP Policies: CS (R) 1 Halton's Spatial Strategy

Policy CS(R)1 sets out the Spatial Strategy for Halton for the plan period up to 2037.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Employment Land delivered	180 ha of land available for employment development (2014-37)	Between 01/04/2014 and 31/03/2024 a total of 56.27 hectares of employment and SG land has been delivered in Halton on both allocated and non- allocated sites. ¹⁶ See the Appendix Table 2.

¹⁶ Table 2, AMR Employment 2024

Strategic Objective: SO3, SO4

Economy Related DALP Policies: CS (R) 4 Employment Land Supply and Locational Priorities

Policy CS(R)4 seeks the delivery of employment land over the plan period to support Halton's economy and to offer business and industry a choice of sites so that differing requirements and locations can be met.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Amount of completed employment floorspace by type and land type	180 Ha. made available for employment uses (2014-37)	Between 01/04/2014 and 31/03/2024 the split of completions by land type is 16.1 hectares of greenfield land and 40.17 hectares of brownfield land. ¹⁷ For the same period completions of E use is 5.62 hectares, B use 34 hectares and SG 10.14 hectares. ¹⁸
Minimise loss of land within existing employment areas for non-employment uses	No loss of land for non-employment uses within allocated employment sites, strategic employment locations, employment renewal areas and primarily employment areas.	Appendix G of the Employment AMR 2024 provides a list of planning permissions that have resulted in a loss of employment land. The total loss is 0.23 hectares for the monitoring period 01/04/2023 and 31/03/2024.
Employment land available by type	180 Ha. made available for employment uses (2014-37)	At 10/03/25 111.63 Ha of land remains available on 32 sites for employment use including: 7.51 hectares on 6 allocated sites within the 'Key Urban Regeneration Areas' as defined in the Local Plan.
Losses of employment land in (i) employment /	No loss of land for non-employment uses	Appendix G of the Economy AMR states that 33.84

¹⁷ Table 2, AMR Employment 2024

¹⁸ Table 3 AMR Employment 2024

regeneration areas and (ii) local authority area		hectares of employment land has been lost between 01/04/2014 and 31/03/2024, predominantly resulting in a gain of residential development. ¹⁹
Economic Activity Rate		Figure 6 demonstrates that 70.5% of the working age population were economically active in 2021 and 29.5% were economically inactive ²⁰ .
GVA per head		The Gross Value Added (GVA) per head of population for Halton in 2022 was 36.6, which compares to 25.1 for Halton's statistical nearest neighbours. ²¹
Claimant count		At March 2025 Halton recorded 22.3% Universal Credit Claimants, which is higher than its statistical nearest neighbour at 20.2%. ²²
VAT registrations		Comparable data is demonstrated at Figure 7 for VAT registered businesses annually between 2017 and 2024. The total has dropped from 3660 in 2017 to 3485 in 2024.
Worklessness in Halton		2021 census data identified 20.3% workless households across Halton, which was lower when compared with the Boroughs Statistical nearest

¹⁹ Appendix G AMR Employment 2024

²⁰ [Halton Labour Market Profile - Nomis - Official Census and Labour Market Statistics](#)

²¹ [Halton economic profile - halton.gov.uk](#)

²² [Halton economic profile](#)

		neighbours, with 17.3% of workless households. ²³
Unemployment Annual Population Survey and Claimant Count Rates		Figure 8 provides comparison data for percentage of the population by area claim counts. Of the three areas selected Halton has the second highest rate of claimant counts at 4.4%.
Average Household Income		Figure 9 demonstrates that average household incomes have risen steadily for Halton. The GDHI £ per household was recorded as £14,908 in 2014 rising to £19,124 at the time of the 2022 Census. The 2021 average is however below England averages at £23,338 and Northwest averages at £19,752.

In 2024 NOMIS changed its approach to collecting this data with changes being applicable to some of the measures, highlighted in *italic* in the table below. The ones in pink are no longer collected.

FIGURE 6 ECONOMIC ACTIVITY APRIL 2023-MARCH 2024 (NOMIS 2025²⁴)

Date	2024	
Measures	Value	Percent
Total: All usual residents aged 16 to 64	79,900	62.1
Economically active	58,000	70.5
In employment	54,500	66.3
Unemployed	2,700	60.6
<i>Economically active and a full-time student</i>	<i>1,926</i>	<i>1.9</i>
<i>In employment</i>	<i>1,420</i>	<i>1.4</i>

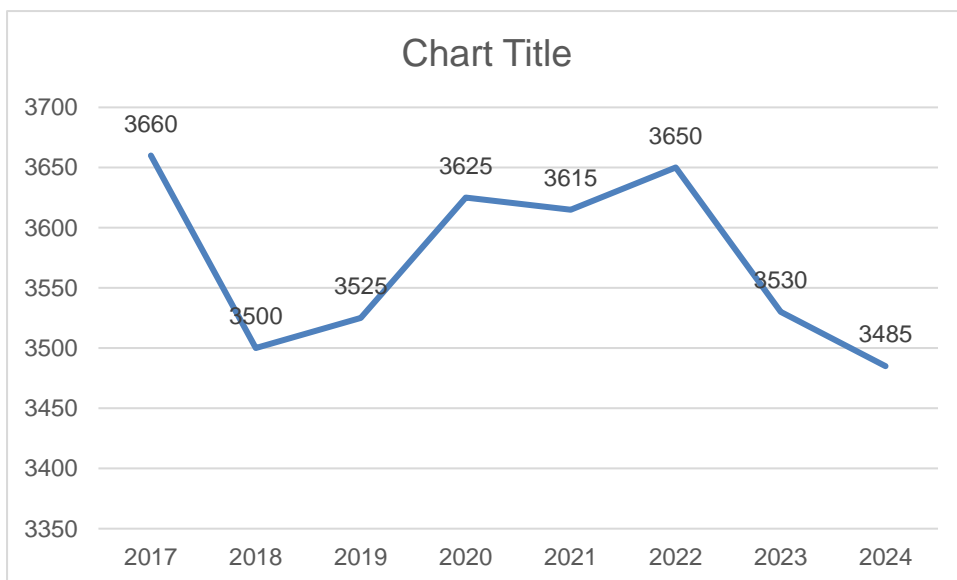
²³ [Halton economic profile](#)

²⁴ <https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/reports/lmp/la/1946157073/report.aspx#tabempunemp>

Unemployed	506	0.5
Economically inactive	20,800	29.5
Retired	1,600 *	7.2
Student	3,100	23.3
Looking after home or family	3,800	16.5
Long-term sick or disabled	8,200	28.5
Other	1,600	7.2

*Calculations formula has been changed since previous 2022/23 AMR.

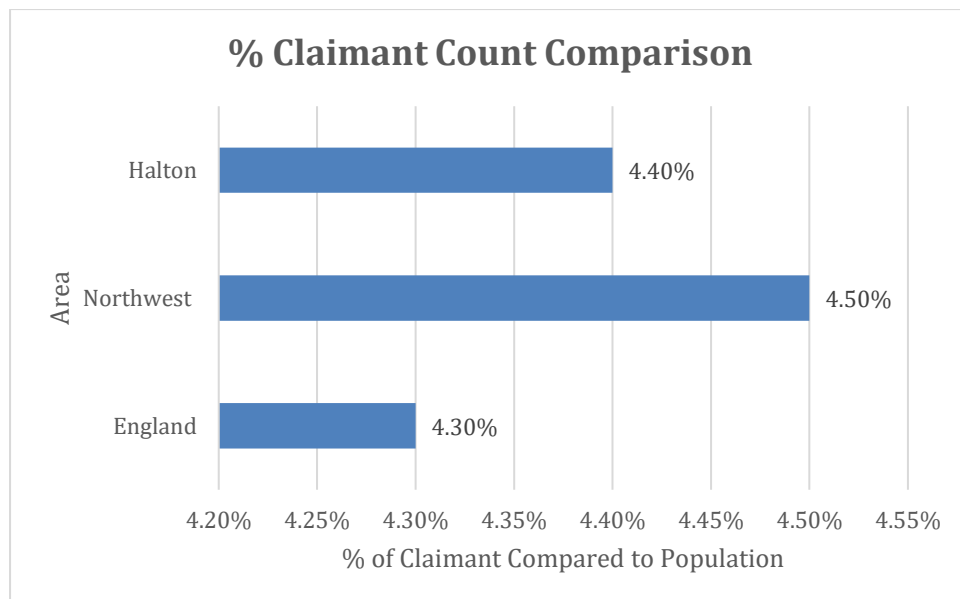
FIGURE 7 VAT REGISTERED BUSINESSES IN HALTON BOROUGH FROM 2017 TO 2024



Data Source: [Inter-Departmental Business Register \(IDBR\) - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](https://ons.gov.uk)

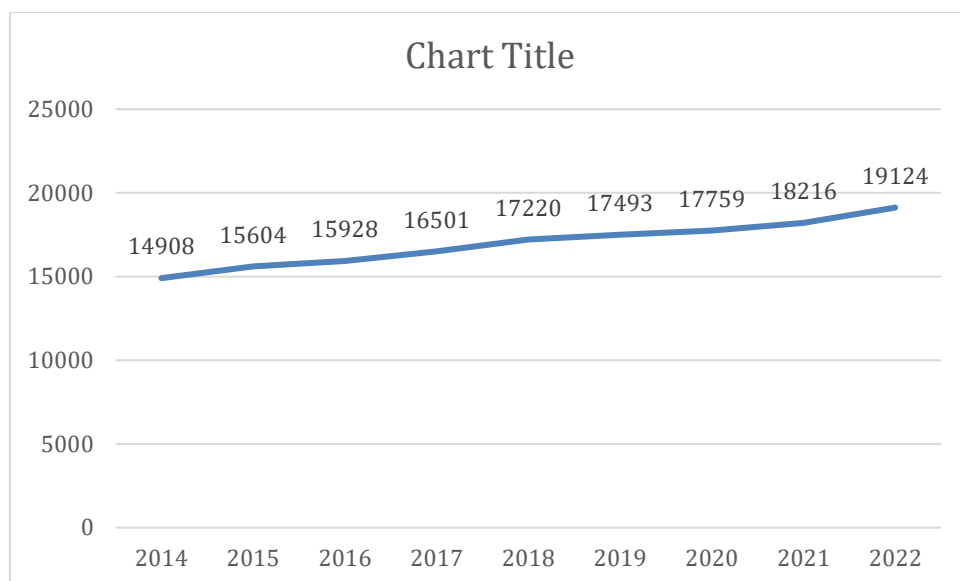
FIGURE 8: % OF CLAIMANTS OF POPULATION COMPARED BY AREA

(Data collection March 2025)



Data Source: [CC01 Regional labour market: Claimant Count by unitary and local authority \(experimental\) - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](#)

FIGURE 9 AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOMES



Data Source: [Regional gross disposable household income, UK - Office for National Statistics](#)

Strategic Objective: SO8

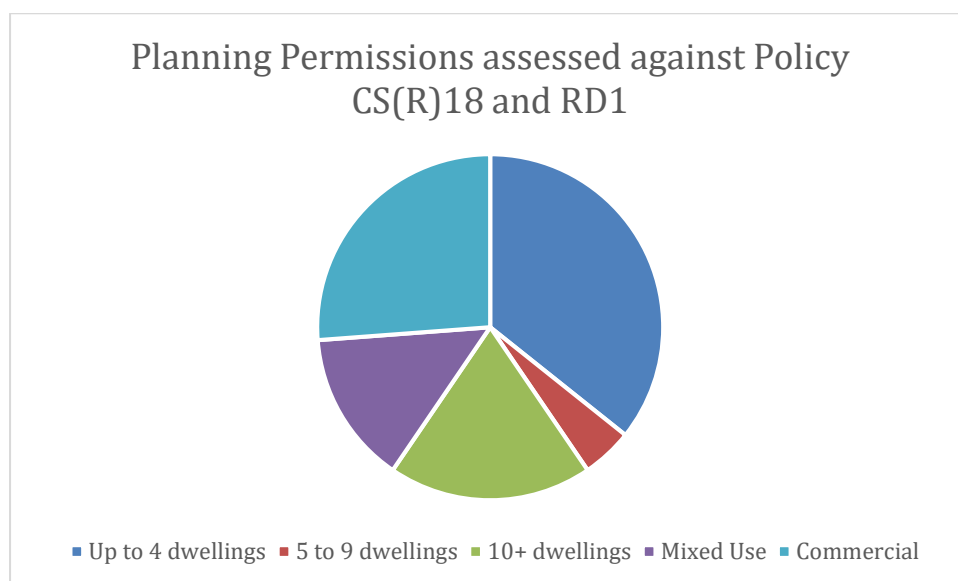
Economy Related DALP Policies: CS (R) 18 High Quality Design

Policy CS(R)18 priorities are achieving and raising the quality of design for all development in Halton.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Homes/commercial areas built to Secured by Design standards	Increase number of developments which have regard to this standard	Although, Policy CS(R)18 and Policy GR1 are slightly different, there is some natural crossover so have both been included in this section. Figure 10 provides detail of how many permissions policy CS(R)18 and GR1 has been applied for new dwellings and commercial development.

FIGURE 10 PLANNING PERMISSIONS FOR NEW DWELLINGS AND COMMERCIAL USES

Assessed Against Policy CS(R)18 & GR1 'Design Standards' Approved Between 01/04/2023 and 31/03/2024.



Strategic Objective: SO9

Economy Related DALP Policies: CS (R) 19 Sustainable Development

The aim of Policy CS(R)19 is that all new development should be sustainable and be designed to have regard to the predicted effects of climate change including reducing carbon dioxide emissions and adapting to climate change.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
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New commercial development achieving BREEAM standards	Increase commercial development achieving recognised BREEAM standards	Table 4 of Appendix 2 details commercial development with planning permission approved between 01/04/2023 and 31/03/2024 and reference is made in the recommendation to Policy CS (R) 19. Where feasible to do so commercial development is encouraged to meet the appropriate BREEAM standards. Of the 1 planning permissions referencing CS(R)19 detailed in Table 4, 0 (%) have advised that the proposal will be built to BREAM standards. 43% will be used as the benchmark for comparing future relevant permissions.
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Strategic Objective: SO3, SO4

Economy Related DALP Policies: ED1 Employment Allocations

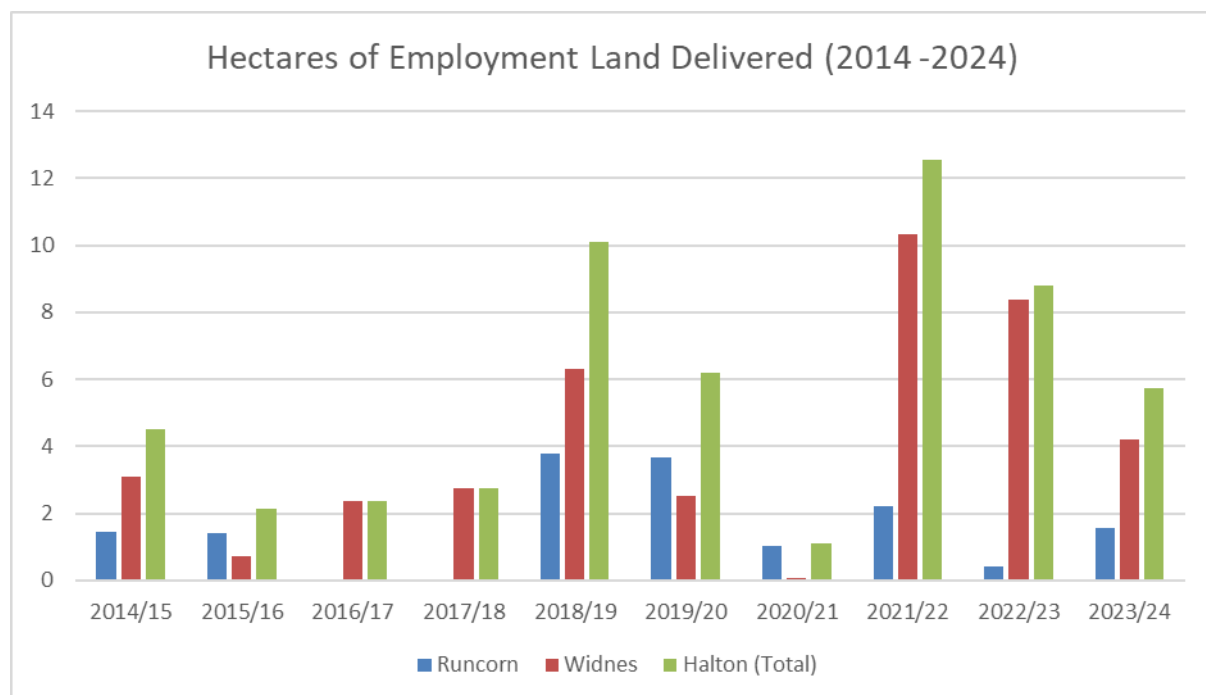
Policy ED1 sets out the sites allocated for employment purposes.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Delivery of employment uses on allocated sites	Increase delivery of employment uses	DALP employment allocations are currently spilt into 32 sites, (60 including sub-division of sites because of planning permissions for part allocations). Of the 13 sites with permission as of 31/03/2024, 5 sites had not started, 4 had completed, 7 were under construction and 1 site was stalled. ²⁵
Delivery of employment uses on allocated sites	Completions by use	At 31/03/2024 completions on allocated employment sites have taken place across the full range of use classes. ²⁶

²⁵ Appendix F AMR Employment (2024)

²⁶ Appendix F AMR Employment (2024)

Delivery of employment uses on allocated sites	Permissions by use	At 31/03/2024 planning permission on allocated employment sites have been approved across the full range of use classes. ²⁷
Delivery of employment uses on allocated sites	Reduce the % over the plan period 2014-2037	The total amount of employment land allocated for development during the plan period up to 2037 is 180 hectares. Over the Local Plan period so far (2014-2024) we have seen a total of 56.27 hectares of employment land delivered in Halton. Figure 11 demonstrates the percentage of employment land delivered each year. As of 31/03/2024 a total of 56.27 hectares of allocated land has been delivered.

FIGURE 11 PERCENTAGE OF OVERALL COMPLETED EMPLOYMENT LAND BY YEAR

Strategic Objective: SO3, SO4, SO6, SO8

Economy Related DALP Policies: ED2 Employment Development

²⁷ Appendix F AMR Employment (2024)

Policy ED2 sets out the criteria that must be met in delivering new employment development.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Loss of land within existing employment areas for non-employment uses	No loss of land for non-employment uses within existing employment areas over the plan period 2014-2037	Table 3 of Appendix provides details of loss of employment land and SG, between 01/04/2023 and 31/03/2024.

Strategic Objective: SO3, SO4, SO6,

Economy Related DALP Policies: ED3 Complementary Services and Facilities within Employment Areas

Policy ED3 sets out the requirements to support the development of complimentary services and facilities within employment areas.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Provision of complementary facilities	100% of development / redevelopment for employment use or complementary use	Table 3 of Appendix 2 provides details of planning permissions resulting in a loss of employment use. This remains unchanged from last years AMR, where some of the permissions resulted in a gain of complimentary uses including a gym, café and takeaway.

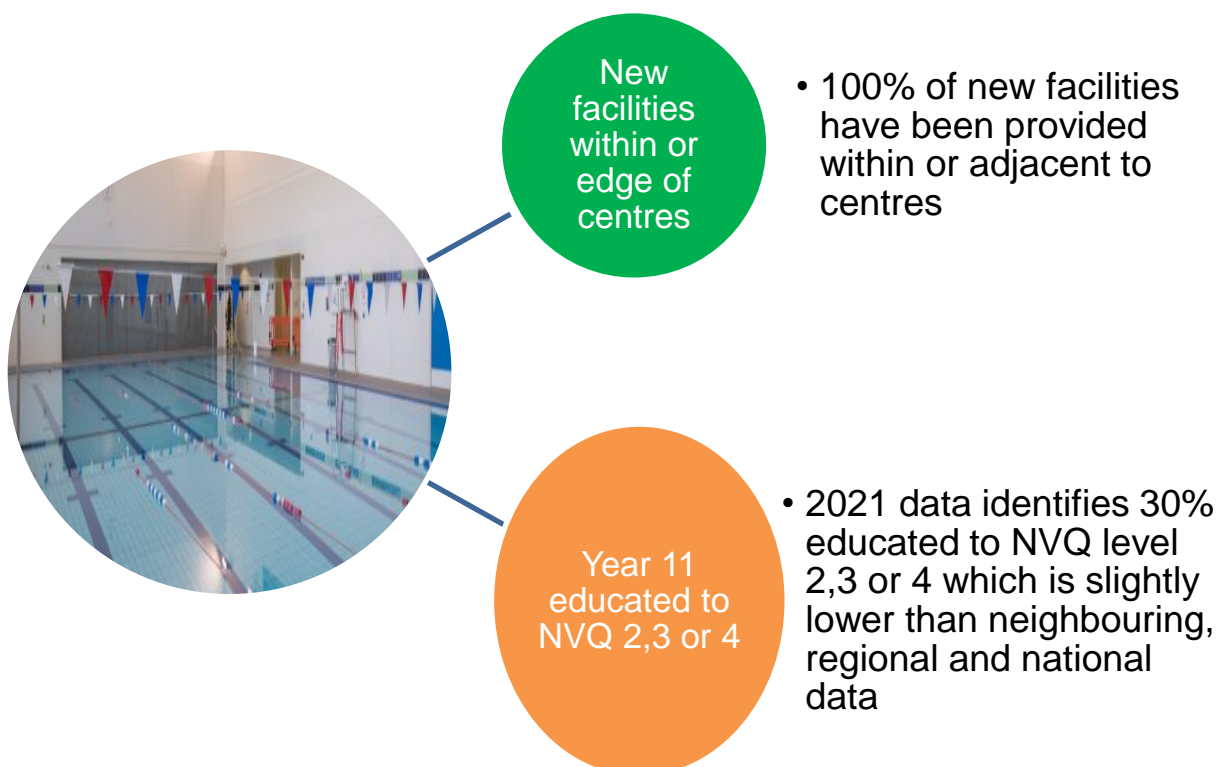
Strategic Objective: All

Economy Related DALP Policies: HC9 Mixed Use Area

Policy HC9 sets out the requirements for development in areas allocated for mixed use.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Development consented within MUA	100% of consents for designated uses	Tables 3 and 5 of Appendix demonstrate development on MUA sites for both Runcorn and Widnes. The data includes both loss and gain of a range of mixed uses, all planning permissions were approved prior to adoption of the DALP

3.5 Facilities



Strategic Objective: SO5, SO6, SO11

Facilities Related DALP Policies: HC5 Community Facilities and Services

Policy HC5 sets out the requirements for gain, loss and retention of community facilities and services.

Community facilities and services referenced in Policy HC5 are Education, Health and Social Care Facilities, Sport and Leisure Facilities, Youth Facilities, Community Facilities and Cultural Facilities

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Community facilities lost to other use	No net loss of viable community facilities	Table 6 of Appendix provides details of approved planning applications for gain and loss of community facilities and service provision granted between 01/04/2014 and 31/03/2024. Prior to adoption of the DALP in March 2022, some planning permissions will result in loss of community facilities. An explanation has been provided within the table.
Proportion of new facilities created within or adjacent to existing centres	100% of new facilities created within or on edge of existing centres	Table 6 of the Appendix provides details of approved planning applications for gain and loss of use for community facilities and service provision granted between 01/04/2014 and 31/03/2024. The table also details the location of the facilities in respect to within or adjacent to existing centres.

Strategic Objective: SO5, SO8

Facilities Related DALP Policies: HC7 Visitor Attractions

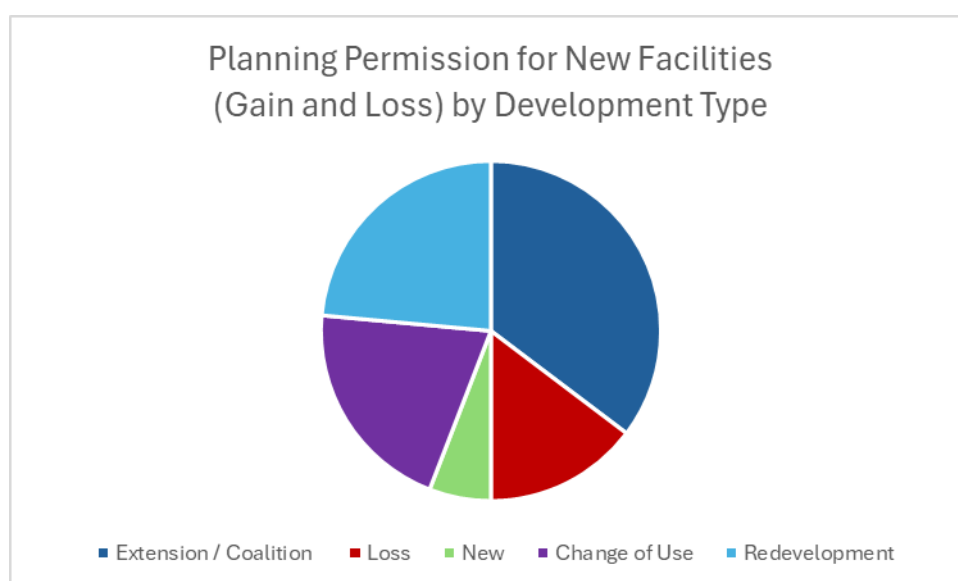
Policy HC7 sets out the requirements for protection, enhancement, and delivery of visitor attractions in the Borough.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Tourist facilities lost to other use	No net loss of viable visitor attractions	Halton has several visitor attractions in both Runcorn and Widnes. ²⁸ There has been no loss

²⁸ Appendix E - Visitor Attractions [DALP Adopted.pdf \(halton.gov.uk\)](#)

		of visitor attractions during the monitoring period
Proportion of new facilities created within or adjacent to existing centres	100% of new facilities created within or on edge of existing centres or collocated with existing facilities	Table 6 of the Appendix provides details of planning permissions for new facilities all of which are within or adjacent to existing centres.
Proportion of new facilities co-located with existing facilities		Table 6 of the Appendix provides details of planning permissions for new facilities including those co-located within existing facilities. The table also demonstrates the proportion of provisions and loss of facilities by development type. Between 01/04/14 and 31/03/24 there has been one permission for a proposed two storey extension at the Brindley Theatre. 35% of permissions have been for coalition and/or extension of existing provisions. This data will be for future monitoring and comparison.

FIGURE 12 PLANNING PERMISSIONS FOR GAIN AND LOSS OF NEW FACILITIES BY DEVELOPMENT TYPE



Strategic Objective: SO6, SO11

Facilities Related DALP Policies: HC10 Education

Policy HC10 details three additional sites allocated for education purposes to meet the needs of the residents of Halton, should that need be identified over the plan period.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Retention / development of allocated sites use	100% of retained / developed for education use	There has been no loss of education provision. There are three sites allocated for education purposes in the DALP. Figure 13 provides detail of progress for each allocation.
Percentage of Year 11 pupils achieving 5 or more GCSEs grade A-C ²⁹	No decline	Figure 14 demonstrates average performance of 'Attainment 8' levels by academic year for Halton pupils with compared with local, regional, and national data. (Data was not collated in 2020 or 2021 due to Covid and lock down restrictions.) Halton does not perform well when considered against areas as shown in Figure 14 This data will be closely monitored moving forwards.
Percentage of Year 11 pupils educated to NVQ levels 2,3 or 4 ³⁰	No decline	Figure 15 compares levels of educational attainment for Halton, neighbouring authorities, the Northwest and England. Figure 15 demonstrates that at the time of the 2021 census data approximately 30% of residents (aged 16-64) were qualified at

²⁹ The performance indicators are no longer available. As a result, alternative performance data will be monitored. The performance indicator is referred to as 'Attainment 8' which measures the average achievement of pupils in up to 8 qualifications including English (double weighted if the combined English qualification or both language and literature are taken), maths (double weighted) three further qualifications that count in the English Baccalaureate (EBacc) and three further qualifications that can be GCSE qualifications (including EBacc subjects) or any other non-GCSE qualification on the DfE approved list

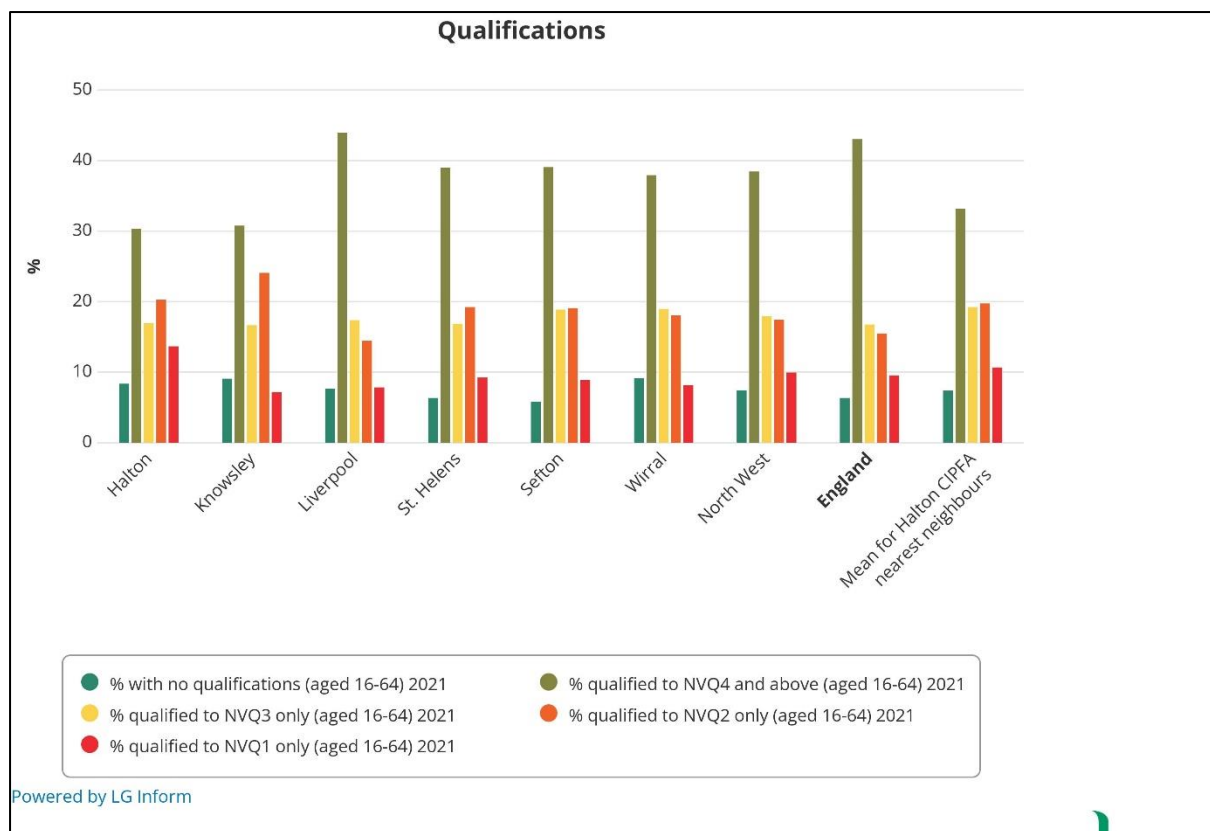
³⁰ Performance indicator no longer available. Data collected provides details of level of qualification attainment of all adults.

		NVQ level 4. This is slightly lower when compared to other areas.
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FIGURE 13 PROGRESS OF SITES ALLOCATED FOR EDUCATION PURPOSES

Allocation Reference	Location	Progress
EDU1	Sandymoor Runcorn	Planning permission (19/00020/FUL) has been approved for development of a local district centre comprising Convenience Store (Use Class A1), 5 no. Retail Units (Use Classes A1, A3, D1 with a maximum of 1 unit to be D1), Children's Nursery (Use Class D1), 43 no. Residential Apartments and 5 no. Dwellings (Use Class C2) to provide living facilities for the over 55's together with ancillary development. There is a S106 legal agreement in place that includes the identification and reservation of a site within the Sandymoor development that could be transferred to the Council for the provision of a school within the agreement period or up to 2 years after the completion of the last dwelling on Sandymoor.
EDU2	Naylor Road, Widnes	Planning permission 22/00004/FUL was approved on 04/07/2022 for the development of a two-storey special education needs and disability school (SEND) (use class F), as well as hard and soft landscaping, multi-use games area (MUGA) and sports pitches, creation of on-site car parking and creation of new vehicular. Planning conditions are now in the process of being discharged.
EDU3	Halebank Reserve School Site	There is no progress on this allocation at this time as the site is kept in reserve in case of future

		increase in school age that would result in additional demand
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FIGURE 14 LEVEL OF EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Data Source: [Key stage 4 performance, Academic year 2022/23 – Explore education statistics – GOV.UK](https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk)
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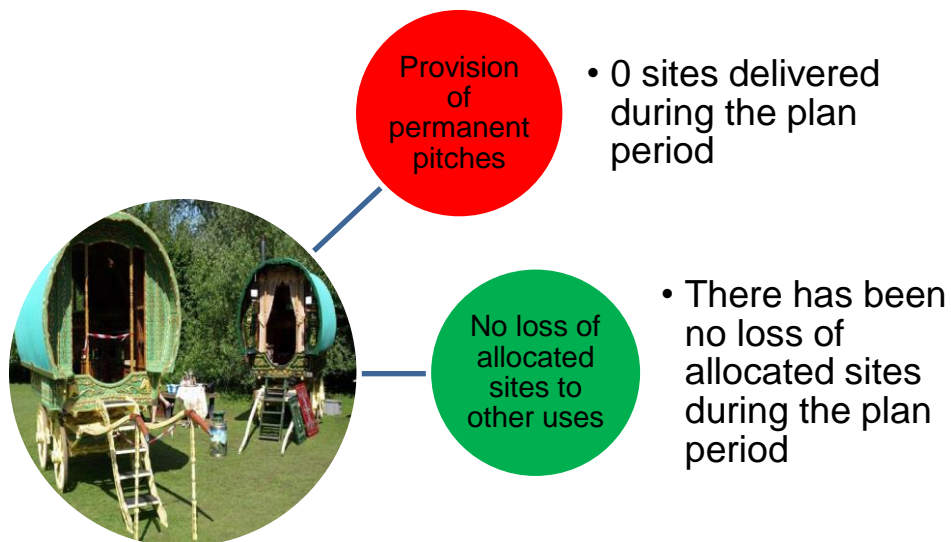
FIGURE 15 COMPARISON OF EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT BY YEAR - AVERAGE PROGRESS 8 SCORE (ATTAINMENT ACROSS EIGHT QUALIFYING QUALIFICATIONS)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Change from previous year

Halton Borough	-0.19	-0.22	-0.26	-0.14			-0.15	-0.30	-0.46	-0.16
North West	-0.15	-0.14	-0.16	0.18			-0.16	-0.20	-0.17	0.03
Statistical Neighbours	-0.28	-0.27	-0.33	-0.33			-0.42	-0.40	-0.43	-0.43
England				-0.08			-0.06	-0.06	-0.03	0.03

Data Source: [Key stage 4 performance, Academic year 2022/23 – Explore education statistics – GOV.UK \(explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk\)](https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk)

3.6 Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Show People



Strategic Objective - SO2 Provision of permanent and transit pitches to meet identified need.

Delivery of 10 pitches (2017-32) Gypsy and Travelling Show People
Related DALP Policies CS(R)14 and RD5

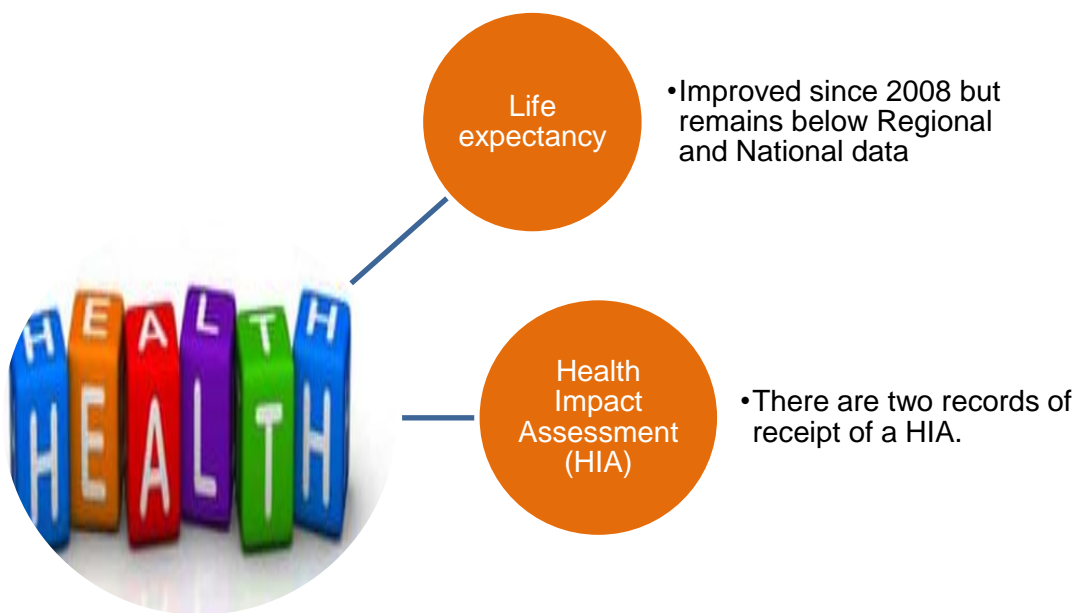
FIGURE 16 PROVISION OF PERMANENT AND TRANSIT PITCHES TO MEET IDENTIFIED NEED

Policy Reference	Address	Planning Application Number	Total Number of Pitches	Total Residential Pitches	Total Transit Pitches	Caravan Count
GT1	Bigfield Lodge(2), Warrington Road (GT Site)	13/00267/HBCFUL	24	12	12	24
GT4	Riverview, Tan House Lane	15913P	23	23	0	23
GT7	Land at 23 Windmill Street	99/00382/FUL	6	6	0	6
GT2, GT5	Warrington Road Transit Site	07/00924/HBCFUL	24	10	12	24
GTX - Not Allocated	Former Ivy House, Marsh Lane (Off Brindley Road)	15/00115/COU	8	0	8	8
GT6	Land to north of Warrington Road (Western Parcel)	22/00157/FUL	9	9	0	0

Figure 16 also shows:

- that whilst there has been an application (22/00157/FUL) on GT6 for 9 pitches, this has not yet started. Therefore, there have been no additional pitches delivered over the plan period.
- **Reduction in % lost to other uses over the plan period 2014-2037 – 0**
- Over the plan period so far 2017 – 2024 there have been *allocated Gypsy and Travelling Show People sites lost to other uses.

3.7 Health and Well-being



Strategic Objectives SO11

Health Related DALP Policies: CS (R) 22 Health and Well-Being

Policy CS(R)22 sets out how healthy environments will be supported, and healthy lifestyles encouraged across the Borough.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Improvement in life expectancy at birth	Improvement on baseline (2008-2010) life expectancy at birth: Male – 75.5 years: Female – 79.6 years	Life expectancy data for Halton has improved since the 2008-2010 data was published but remains below regional and national averages for both men and women. Figure 16 demonstrates 2018 -2020 life expectancy at birth data for Halton which is compared with regional and national data. ³¹
Health Impact Assessment (HIA)	100% of large-scale major development applications to undertake HIA over the plan period 2014-2037	Table 7 of the Appendix provides a table of major applications determined between 01/04/2023 and 31/03/2024. There are two records detailing where a Health Impact Assessment has been submitted as part of the application.

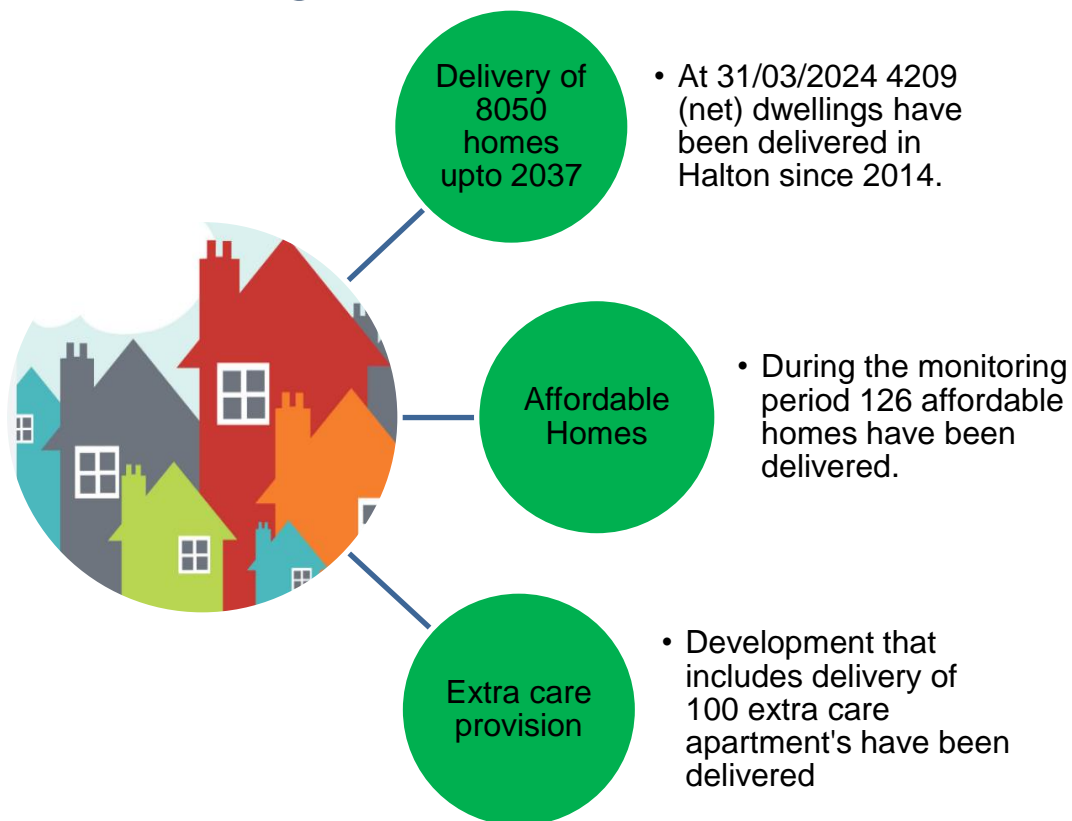
FIGURE 17 LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH (2018 TO 2020)

Area	Male	Female
Halton	77.4	81.4
Regional	77.9	81.7
National	79.4	83.1

Data Source: [understanding the drivers of HLE.pdf \(halton.gov.uk\)](#)

³¹ [understanding the drivers of HLE.pdf \(halton.gov.uk\)](#)

3.8 Housing



In addition to publication of the Authority Monitoring Report (AMR), a standalone Authority Housing Monitoring Report (HMR) is produced and published that provides additional detail to that published in the AMR. The HMR can be viewed at: [Background Documents \(halton.gov.uk\)](https://www.halton.gov.uk/background-documents)

Strategic Objective: All

Housing Related DALP Policy CS (R) 1 Halton's Spatial Strategy

Policy CS(R)1 sets out the Spatial Strategy for Halton for the plan period up to 2037.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Net number of homes delivered	8,050 homes (2014-37)	4209 (net) dwellings have been delivered in Halton between 01/04/2014 and 31/03/2024. The DALP target is for a minimum of 8050 homes to be delivered over the plan period to 2037, therefore a minimum of an additional 3,841 (net) homes must be delivered over the remaining plan period.

Strategic Objective: SO1, SO2

Housing Related DALP Policy CS(R)3 Housing supply and Locational Priorities

Policy CS(R)3 sets out the provision and locations for at least 8050 net additional dwellings to be developed over the plan period.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Supply of available housing land	Maintain a 5-year supply of deliverable housing land, (with appropriate buffer as per NPPF)	In December 2024 a revised NPPF (Para 78) was published which means that there is a requirement to evidence a 5-year supply. At this point in time, Halton has an appropriate supply meeting the conditions of the NPPF.
Percentage of new and converted dwellings on previously developed land	At least 30% of dwellings to be built on previously developed land (2014-37)]	Between 01/04/2014-31/03/2024 60% of dwellings have been built on previously developed land, which is twice the target of 30%. (See Housing AMR Table 3)
Percentage of new dwellings completed at less than 30 dwellings per hectare (dph)	[100% of completions to be at or above 30dph // 100% of completions in proximity to Town and	During the monitoring period (01/04/2023-31/03/2024) 45% of dwellings were built at less

between 30-50dph and above 50dph	Local Centres or Transport Interchanges to be at or above 40dph	than 30dph, 37% of dwellings were built at 30-50dph and 18% of dwellings were built at greater than 50dph. The targets have therefore not been fully met for this period.
Amount of new residential development within 30 minutes public transport time of a GP, a hospital, a primary school, a secondary school, areas of employment and a major retail centre	Increase	During the monitoring period 32 applications for new residential development were permitted. As the data has not been previously collected, the subsequent years data will be assessed against this year's data.

Strategic Objective: SO1, SO2, SO11

Housing Related DALP Policy CS(R)12 Housing Mix and Specialist Housing

Policy CS(R) 12 sets out the type and mix of housing that is required to meet the needs of Halton's existing population, address imbalances in the existing housing stock and ensure that homes provided can adapt to changing demographics, particularly an ageing population.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Supply of a mix of new property types contributing to addressing identified need in the most up to date SHMA	Delivery of a range of house sizes (varying number of bedrooms) and types provided on sites of 10 or more dwellings (2014-2037)]	Figures 18 and 19 extracted from the Housing AMR 23/24 set out the range of dwellings by tenure, dwelling type and bedroom size. As demonstrated in these figures a good range of dwellings have been completed during the monitoring period.
To ensure that new homes are adaptable	Increase planning applications approved where dwellings are	This information is not currently recorded in a format that would provide accurate data.

	designed to meet Building Regs M4(2)	
Provision of specialist housing for the elderly	Delivery of 22 extra care units for adults with learning difficulties (2014-2037)	Development is under construction to include extra care provision on one site. See Figure 20
Vacant bedspaces within Residential Care Accommodation	Maintain percentage of vacant bedspaces within Residential Care Accommodation at below 20% (2014-2037)]	During the monitoring period Halton is recorded as having 805 bed spaces. ³² Data for vacant bedspaces is not readily available
Self-Build Register registrations	Self-Build Register registrations]	The Council keeps an up-to-date Self Build Register. See: self build (halton.gov.uk)
Self-build permissions	100%+ delivery of approvals against registered demand (3 yearly reporting period	Table 8 of the Appendix provides details of planning permissions for self-build dwellings and the status of the development.

FIGURE 18 COMPLETIONS BY DEVELOPER TYPE, DWELLING TYPE AND BEDROOM SIZE (2023/24)

	Houses							Flat, Maisonettes, Apartments					Total
	1 Bed	2 Bed	3 Bed	4 Bed	5 Bed	5+ Bed	ALL	1 Bed	2 Bed	3 Bed	4/+ Bed	ALL	Total
RSL	6	23	23	6	0	0	58	48	20	0	0	68	126
Private Sector	0	26	99	79	0	2	206	14	20	0	0	34	240
Affordable Units via S106	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All	6	49	122	85	0	2	264	62	40	0	0	102	366

³² [Adult Social Care Outcomes Framework \(ASCOF\) for your area | LG Inform \(local.gov.uk\)](#)

FIGURE 19 COMPLETIONS BY BEDROOM SIZE (2023/24)							
	1 Bed	2 Bed	3 Bed	4 Bed	5 Bed	5+ Bed	ALL
All tenures / All Dwelling Types	68	89	122	85	0	2	366
	19%	24%	33%	23%	0%	1%	100%

FIGURE 20 EXTRA CARE PROVISION

Planning Reference	Decision Date	Location	Description	Status
19/00325/FUL (Local Plan Reference EDU1)	06/12/2019	Land to the East of Village Street, Sandymoor	Development to include 100 extra care apartments	Complete

Strategic Objective: SO1, SO2

Housing Related DALP Policy CS(R)13 Affordable Homes

Policy CS(R) 13 sets out the criteria for the delivery of affordable homes as part of new residential development.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Provision of affordable housing completions	Delivery of affordable housing units on sites of 10 or more dwellings	126 affordable dwellings were completed in 2023/24, this equates to around 34% of the gross numbers of homes completed in the year.
Provision of affordable housing completions	Through planning agreements on private developments 25% Greenfield sites	All 126 affordable dwellings were provided by a Registered Provider, none were secured through S106 agreements on market housing sites.
Provision of affordable housing completions	By RSLs Strategic Housing Sites	All 126 affordable dwellings were provided by a Registered Provider.
Provision of affordable housing completions	0% Brownfield sites	During the monitoring period 44% of affordable

		homes were built on brownfield sites.
Provision of affordable housing completions	over the plan period (2014-37	Figure 21 demonstrates affordable units delivered between 01/04/2014-31/03/2024
Affordable Housing	Average House Price	Average house price in Halton has reduced by 1.5% when comparing November 2022 (£191,139) with November 2023 (£188,336). This figure is lower than compared with Northwest and England averages. In all cases house prices were lower in November 2023 than November 2022. See Figure 22.
Affordable Housing	Average Rentals	<p>The average rent in Halton is £655 according to a survey of properties carried out by HMRC's Valuation Office agency between September 2022 and September 2023. Between the years ending September 2022 and September 2023, average rents in Halton grew by £66. Compare average rent by area.</p> <p>Halton's average rent of £655 is £339 lower than the £994 average rent in England. Halton is the 48th most expensive unitary authority (of 63 total) based on average rent price.</p> <p>The average rent growth rate in Halton between the years ending September 2022 and September</p>

		<p>2023 was 11.2% per year. If rents continue to grow at this rate, average rents will reach £810 by 2025.</p> <p>The average cost of rent in Halton varies depending on property type, prices start at £367 for a single room and rise to £1,130 for a house with four or more bedrooms³³.</p>
Provision of social and affordable rented units as a percentage of all affordable housing units secured from market housing developments	Delivery of 50% social and affordable rented 10% Starter Homes + 40% other intermediate housing	<p>During the monitoring period 126 affordable units have been delivered and 13 shared ownership units. This does not meet the split set out within policy.</p>

FIGURE 21 AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS DELIVERED BETWEEN 01/04/2014 AND 31/03/2023.

	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Totals
Total Gross Dwellings	506	484	703	380	601	603	132	159	368	366	4302
Private Sector	249	338	565	288	538	528	107	137	283	240	3273
Affordable Units by Housing Associations / RPs	257	146	138	92	63	75	25	22	85	126	1029
Affordable Units Secured via S106	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Proportion of Affordable Dwellings	51 %	30 %	20 %	24 %	10 %	12 %	19 %	14 %	23 %	34 %	24%

FIGURE 22 AVERAGE HOUSE PRICE COMPARISON

Period	Halton	Northwest	England
November 2022	£191,139	£217,738	£311,000
November 2023	£188,336	£213,333	£302,000

Data Source: [UK House Price Index - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](https://ons.gov.uk/house-price-index)

³³ [Halton Rental Market | Stats & Graphs](#)

Strategic Objective: SO1, SO2

Housing Related DALP Policy RD1: Residential Development Allocations

Policy RD1 provides a list of sites allocated in the DALP for residential development.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Delivery of residential development on allocated sites	100% of development for residential use	There have not been any permissions allowed for an alternate use to residential on sites allocated in the DALP for residential use.
Delivery of residential development on allocated sites	Completions	9 sites allocated in the DALP for residential purposes are now completed, delivering a total of 216 dwellings. See Housing AMR 2023/24 Appendix A.
RD1 - Delivery of residential development on allocated sites	Permissions	Appendix A and B of the Housing AMR 2023/24 provides details of the progress of sites allocated for residential use in the DALP.
Delivery of residential development on allocated sites	Reduction in the % lost to other uses	No non -residential uses have been delivered on sites allocated for residential development in the DALP.

Strategic Objective: SO1, SO8

Housing Related DALP Policy RD3: Dwelling Alterations, Extensions, Conversions and Replacement Dwellings

Policy RD3 sets out the criteria that should be considered for residential proposals relating to dwelling alterations, extensions, conversions, and replacement dwellings.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Number of appeals upheld and policy	Reduction in the number of appeals upheld over	During the monitoring period no residential planning appeals have

reason for this (refer to policy content	the plan period 2014-2037]	been upheld were policy RD3 has been quoted.
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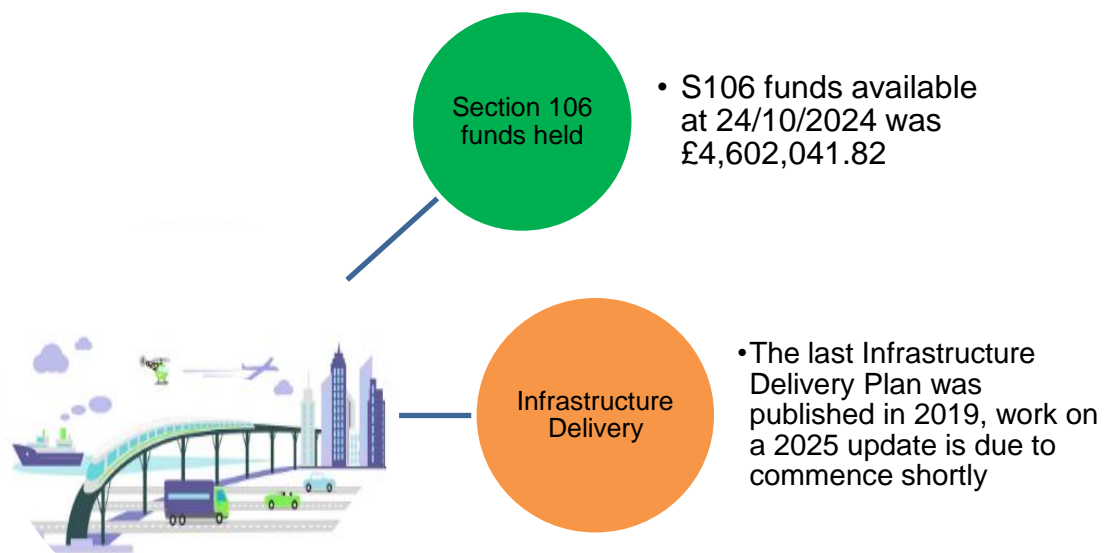
Strategic Objective: SO1, SO8

Housing Related DALP Policy RD5: Primarily Residential Areas.

Policy RD5 sets out the development opportunities for additional infill or redeveloped housing or other non-residential uses that may arise, that can make a valuable contribution to meeting the Borough's development needs.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
No. times RD5 cited in decisions		Data gap to be reviewed for future monitoring.

3.9 Infrastructure



Strategic Objective: SO6,

Infrastructure Related DALP Policies: CS(R)7 Infrastructure Provision

Policy CS(R)7 sets out the requirements of infrastructure provision associated with new development.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Annual amount of planning gain secured	Secure planning-gain on all applicable	The latest Infrastructure Funding Statement (2019-2024) ³⁴ confirms

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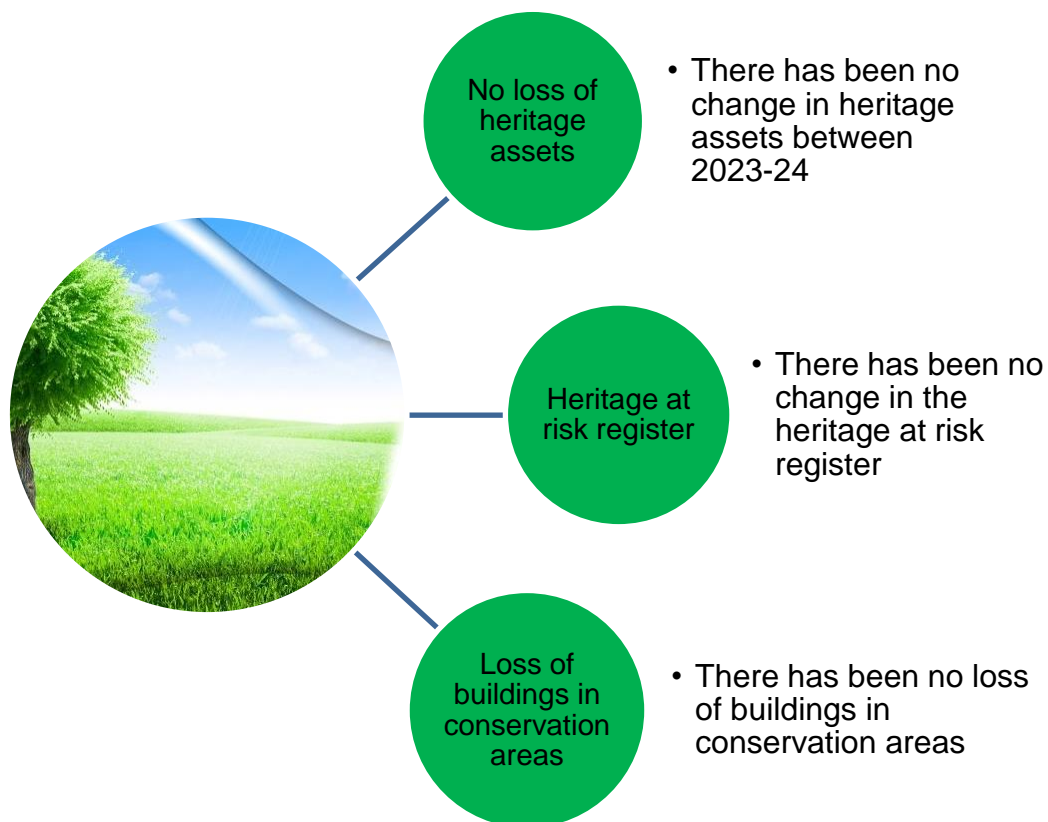
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	developments for the plan period (2014-2037)	that as of the 30 th October 2024 (outside of the AMR monitoring period) the Council holds £4,602,041.82 of Section 106 money that was available to fund public open space, highways infrastructure, and environmental projects within the Borough.
Delivery of projects detailed with associated Infrastructure plan	In line with timescales in Infrastructure Plan	The latest published Infrastructure Plan Update is dated July 2019. ³⁵ The plan sets out pressing infrastructure needs for the Borough over the Delivery and Allocations plan period, particularly those requirements that are generated by development proposed in Delivery and Allocations Local Plan or by subsequent Local Plan documents. A 2025 update is being developed and will provide a review and update of infrastructure delivered and necessary.

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³⁵ [Microsoft Word - Infrastructure Plan v3 formatted \(halton.gov.uk\)](#)

3.10 Nature and Historic Environment



SO10: Maintaining Designated Heritage Assets

Heritage Related DALP Polices CSR20 and HE2

FIGURE 23 HERITAGE ASSETS

No loss in Designated Heritage Assets 2023:	No loss in Designated Heritage Assets 2024:
Number of Listed Buildings – [132*] <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grade I – [2]• Grade II* - [17]	Number of Listed Buildings – [132] <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grade I – [2]• Grade II* - [17]

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade II – [113] <p>Number of Scheduled Monuments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 <p><i>*The numbers of Historic assets reported in the DALP in the justification for policy CSR20 and in the Monitoring indicator framework were incorrect at time of publication the figures noted above were from the monitoring framework in Appendix F of the DALP.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade II – [113] <p>Number of Scheduled Monuments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 <p><i>*There is a difference with the Historic England register and HBC register as HBC take into consideration Grade II assets at the following locations which overlap into adjoining boundaries in Warrington/CWAC:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moor Lane Bridge(Over Manchester Ship Canal) • Viaduct Over Weaver Navigation Number 54
<p>There are two additional Grade II Listed buildings since adoption of the DALP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former Widnes Corporation Bus Depot • Borrow's Bridge and Associated Hand-cranked Crane, Bridgewater Canal, Norton 	

- In this monitoring period there have been two additional Grade II Listed buildings in Halton.

FIGURE 24 HERITAGE AT RISK REGISTER

Heritage at risk register 2023	Heritage at risk register 2024
5 listed buildings and 1 Scheduled Monument on Historic England's Heritage at Risk Register	5 listed buildings and 1 Scheduled Monument on Historic England's Heritage at Risk Register

- In this monitoring period, there have been no changes to the Heritage at Risk Register in Halton.

FIGURE 25 CONSERVATION AREAS

Numbers of Conservation Areas 2023	Numbers of Conservation Areas 2024
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- In this monitoring period, there have been no changes to the existing Conservation Areas in Halton and there have also been no new Conservation Area designations.

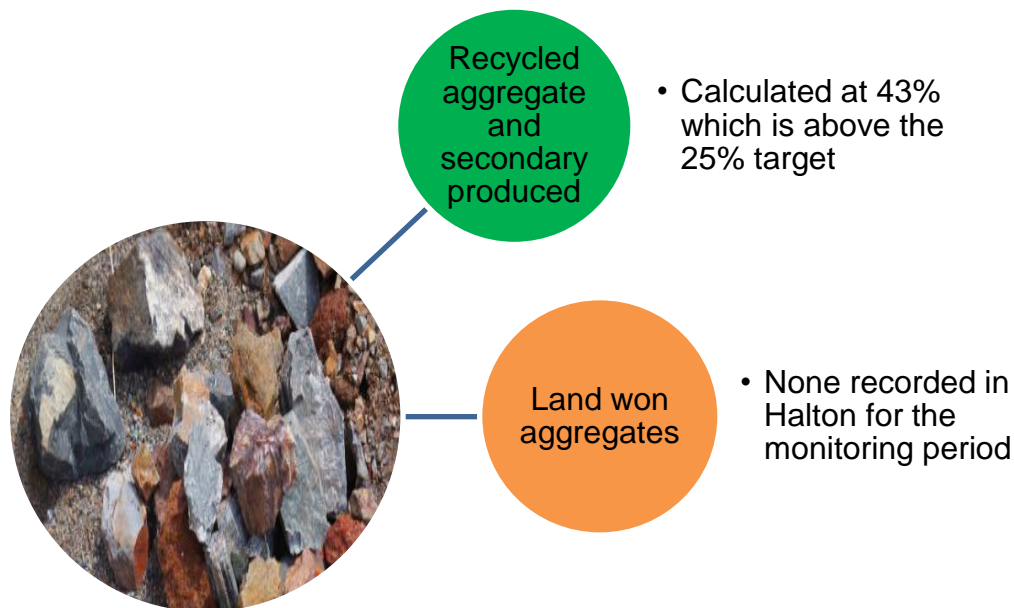
FIGURE 26 LOSS OF BUILDINGS IN CONSERVATION AREAS

Year	Number of lost dwellings in Conservation Areas
2014 – 2015	0
2015 - 2016	0
2016 – 2017	0
2017- 2018	0
2018 – 2019	0
2019 – 2020	0
2020 – 2021	0
2022 – 2023	0
2023-2024	0

**This does not account for changes of use*

- In this monitoring period, there have been no changes in the number of buildings in Conservation Areas in Halton.

3.11 Minerals



Minerals

Minerals such as crushed rock aggregates, sand, gravel and clay are the essential raw materials that underpin development of the built environment. Halton Borough Council as a Minerals Planning Authority has the responsibility to plan for a steady and adequate supply of aggregate minerals to ensure primary resources are maintained for future generations, minimise potential environmental impacts of such developments and to support economic growth. Annual monitoring of the DALP Mineral indicators and targets will identify progress in this area throughout the plan period.

Minerals data is collated by Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service (MEAS) on behalf of the six districts that make up the Liverpool City Region: Liverpool City Council, Knowsley MBC, Sefton MBC, St Helens MBC and Wirral MBC. More

information is available here: [Home \(meas.org.uk\)](https://meas.org.uk) The latest MEAS Minerals data can be found here: * and is for the period *

Strategic Objective: SO13

Minerals Related DALP Policies: CS (R) 25 Minerals

Policy CS(R)25 sets out how the Borough will plan for a steady and adequate supply of aggregate minerals to ensure primary resources are maintained for future generations, minimize potential environmental impacts of such developments and secure growth.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Total land won aggregates to contribute to Northwest regional requirement	Contribution to Merseyside/Greater Manchester/ Warrington/Halton apportionment of 4.1million tonnes of sand and gravel and 26 million tonnes of crushed rock over the plan period 2014-2037]	There are no recorded land won aggregates recorded for Halton, there is one quarry within Merseyside, however no site returns have been provided to MEAS.
Total land won aggregates to contribute to Northwest regional requirement	20% of aggregates used in construction to be from secondary or recycled sources, rising to 25% by 2021	The total aggregate sales for 2022 in the Northwest (including sand and gravel and crushed rock) was 8.48Mtonnes. The total recycled and secondary aggregate produced was 6.49Mtonnes. Assuming this was all used in construction, then the recycled/secondary aggregate equates to 43% of total aggregate used.
Designation of sites as minerals safeguarding areas or Minerals Areas of Search	Safeguarding of sites where there may be minerals resources, as identified through evidence base over the plan period 2014-2037	Policy HE10 sets out the Minerals Safeguarding Areas located in Halton. Safeguarding of sites also occurs across the Liverpool City Region.
Onshore oil and gas permissions	100% within least sensitive locations	No permissions recorded during the monitoring period.

Strategic Objectives: SO12, SO13

Minerals Related DALP Policies: HE10 Minerals Safeguarding Areas

Policy HE10 identifies the Boroughs mineral safeguarding areas.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Mineral Safeguarding Areas and Mineral area of search	Maintain 0% of MSAs and MAS from sterilisation by other forms of development over the plan period 2014-2037.	MEAS are not consulted on all planning applications, but are not aware that any proposals have resulted in sterilisation of Mineral Safeguarding Areas and/ or Mineral Areas of Search

Strategic Objective: SO13

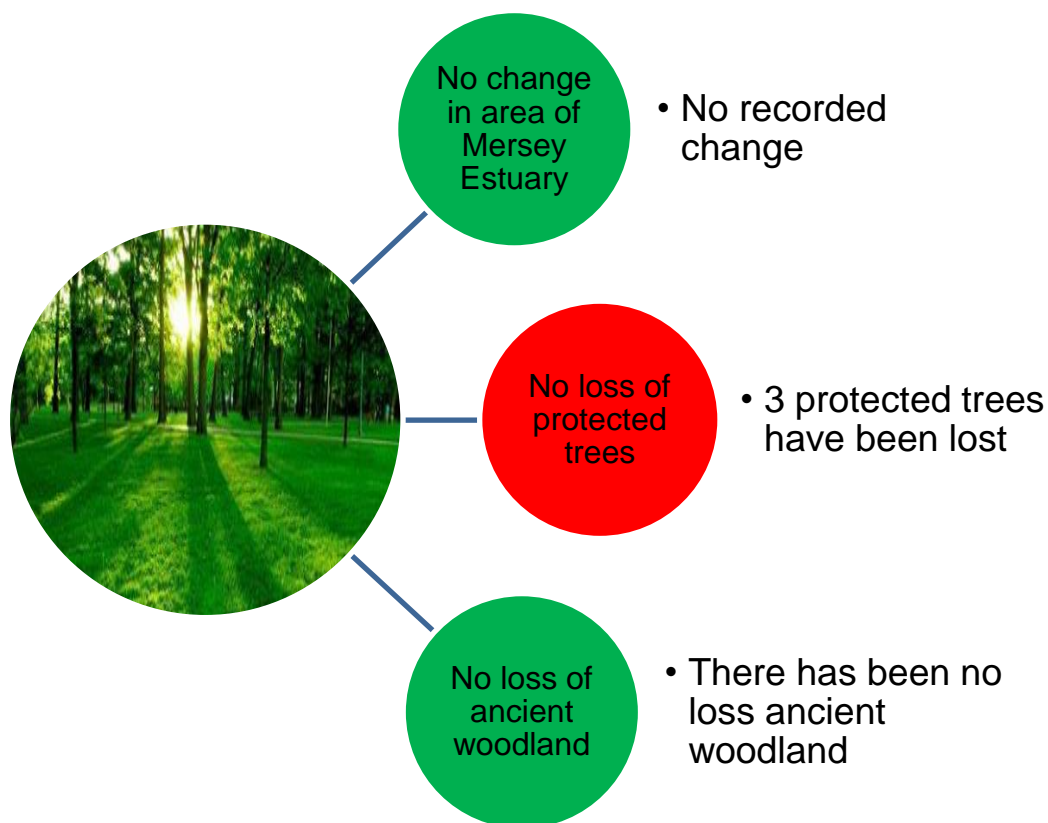
Minerals Related DALP Policies: HE11 Minerals

Policy HE11 seeks to ensure that proposals do not have unacceptable harm on interests of acknowledged importance as defined by DALP policies.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Maintain 0% of MSAs and MAS from sterilisation by other forms of development over the plan period 2014-2037	0% of MSA sterilised by consents	MEAS are not consulted on all planning applications, but are not aware that any proposals have resulted in sterilisation of Mineral Safeguarding Areas and/ or Mineral Areas of Search
Mineral Extraction	0% of MAS sterilised by consents	MEAS are not consulted on all planning applications, but are not aware that any proposals have resulted in sterilisation of Mineral Safeguarding Areas and/ or Mineral Areas of Search

Mineral Extraction	100% providing a restoration plan	No records that any mineral extraction has taken place during the monitoring period.
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3.12 Natural Environment and Nature Conservation



Strategic Objectives All

Nature Related DALP Policies: CS (R) 1 Halton Spatial Strategy

Policy CS(R)1 sets out the Spatial Strategy for Halton for the plan period up to 2037.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Residential development and	100% of planning applications for residential	No applicable planning permissions during the

certain major tourism development within 5km of protected accessible coast	development of 10 or more (net) and certain major tourism development within 5km of protected accessible coasts make financial contribution in relation to recreation disturbance towards avoidance and mitigation schemes	monitoring period (01/0/2023 and 31/03/2024)
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Strategic Objectives SO10

Nature Related DALP Policies: CS (R) 20 Natural and Historic Environment

Policy Cs(R)20 sets out how Halton's natural and heritage assets and landscape character will contribute to the Borough's sense of place and local distinctiveness.

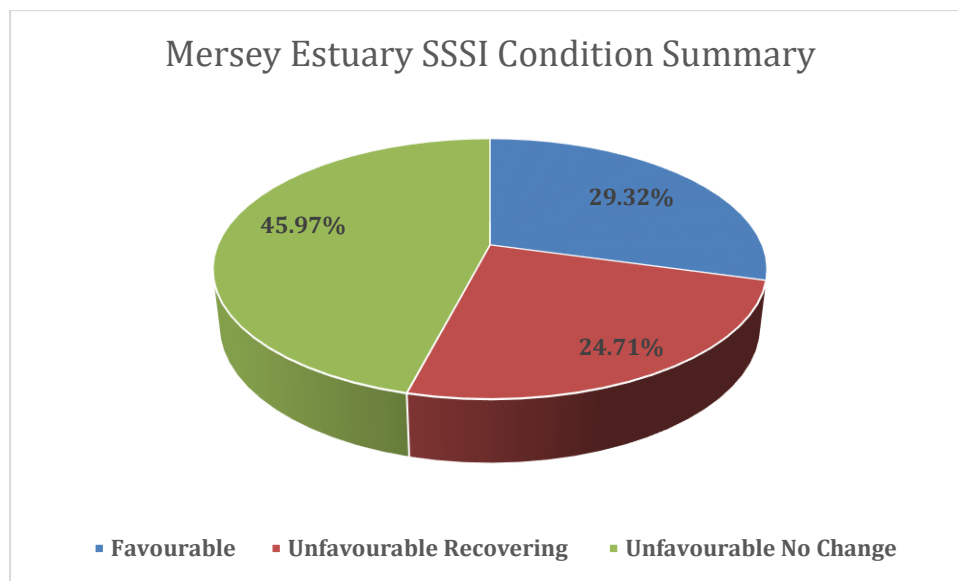
Since April 1st, 2023, Natural England produce a single condition for each feature of interest within a SSSI, using data gathered from across the feature's extent. As such if the site consists of more than one unit or feature there is not a direct comparison between 2012 base line data and that provided in this year's DALP AMR. Therefore 2023 condition data will be used for comparison purposes in future monitoring reports.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Condition of SSSIs over the plan period	No decline in condition of: Mersey Estuary -99.18% ('favourable 'or 'unfavourable but recovering' at May 2012)	% area meeting 'favourable or unfavourable recovering': 54.03% (See Figure 27)
Condition of SSSIs over the plan period	No decline in condition of: Red Brow Cutting – (100% 'favourable' at May 2012	The SSSI covers an area of 0.17ha, has one unit and remains 100% favourable. ³⁶
Condition of SSSIs over the plan period	No decline in condition of: Flood Brook Clough –	The SSSI covers an area of 5.25ha, has one unit and remains 100% favourable. ²

³⁶ [SSSI detail \(naturalengland.org.uk\)](https://naturalengland.org.uk)

	(100% 'favourable' at May 2012)	
Change in priority habitats and change in species (by type)	Expansion of Reedbed habitat, Preservation of Saltmarsh habitats, increase in BAP species over the plan period	<p>Table 9 of the Appendix provides details of a planning permission approved in habitat priority areas for the avoidance, minimisation, mitigation or compensation of priority habitats.</p> <p>JNCC is the public body that advises the UK Government and devolved administrations on UK-wide and international nature conservation. For the monitoring period it has not been possible to identify data sheets specific to Halton ³⁷</p>
Change in areas designated for their intrinsic environmental value including sites of international, national, regional, sub regional or local significance	No change in the area of Mersey Estuary SPA/ Ramsar, or three SSSIs in Halton. No net loss of Local Wildlife Sites. No net loss of functionally linked supporting habitat to the SPA over the plan period 2014-2037	There are no recorded changes in the areas of Mersey Estuary SPA/ Ramsar of the three SSSIs in Halton. Two planning permissions have been approved on a local wildlife site that required mitigation. See Figure 28.

³⁷ [Our role | JNCC - Adviser to Government on Nature Conservation](#)

FIGURE 27 MERSEY ESTUARY SSSI CONDITION SUMMARY (2024)**FIGURE 28 PLANNING PERMISSIONS LOCATED IN SSSI, SPA/RAMSAR AND LOCAL WILDLIFE SITES**

Planning Reference	Location	Site Designation	Proposal	Measures
23/00193/FUL	Clifton Lagoon	Wildlife	Installation of a 135KV substation	Conditions were added to the approval of this scheme to follow CS(R)20 and HE1 conditions, with special mentions for small mammals, lizards and breeding birds. Wildlife protection after construction and during the development's lifetime and usage has also been considered in these conditions. The applicant had also submitted a wildlife protection plan with their documents, which became an

				enforceable part of the granted permission's conditions to be followed.
23/00036/HBCFUL	Haystack Lodge	Wildlife	Proposed 150mm foul water connection	Conditions were added to the approval of this scheme to follow CS(R)20 and HE1 conditions

Strategic Objectives SO10

Nature Related DALP Policies: HE1 Natural Environment and Nature Conservation

Policy HE1 sets out how development proposals affecting the natural environment and/or nature will be considered.

Since April 1st, 2023, Natural England produce a single condition for each feature of interest within a SSSI, using data gathered from across the feature's extent. As such if the site consists of more than one unit or feature there is not a direct comparison between 2012 base line data and that provided in this year's DALP AMR. Therefore 2023 condition data will be used for comparison purposes in future monitoring reports.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Condition of SSSIs over the plan period 2014-2037	No decline in the condition of SSSIs: Mersey Estuary -99.18% 'favourable' or 'unfavourable but recovering' May 2012, Red Brow Cutting - 100% 'favourable' (May 2012), Flood Brook Clough -	% area meeting 'favourable or unfavourable recovering': 54.03% The SSSI covers an area of 0.17ha, has one unit and remains 100% favourable. ¹

	100% 'favourable' at (May 2012)	The SSSI covers an area of 5.25ha, has one unit and remains 100% favourable. ²
Proportion of land allocations on best and most versatile agricultural land (grades 1 and 2)	No loss of best and most versatile agricultural land (grades 1 and 2)	During the monitoring period there has been * loss of grades 1 or 2 agricultural land resulting from planning permission.
Change in priority habitats and change in species (by type)	No decline	Table 9 of the Appendix provides details of planning permissions approved in habitat priority areas and the mitigation measures conditioned to the applications for the avoidance, minimisation, mitigation or compensation of priority habitats.

Strategic Objectives SO3, SO4, SO6, SO10

Nature Related DALP Policies: HE3 Waterways and Waterfronts

Policy HE3 sets out the matters that should be considered for development proposals affecting the Boroughs waterways and/or waterfronts.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Proposals within Coastal Change Management Area	100% require Coastal location or necessary for public safety, nature conservation or human health over the plan period 2014-2037	Table 10 of the Appendix details two planning approvals (01/04/2023 and 31/03/2024) located within coastal change management areas.

Strategic Objectives SO8, SO10

Nature Related DALP Policies: HE5 Trees and Landscaping

Policy HE5 sets out the matters that should be considered for development proposals affecting the Boroughs trees, woodlands and landscaping.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
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Protected trees (TPO)	No loss of protected trees (TPO)	During the monitoring period planning permission was approved for the removal of 3 trees protected by a TPO. Table 11 of the Appendix provides the reasoning for approval of the felling.
Ancient woodlands (Ha.)	No loss of ancient woodland	During the monitoring period 0 applications have been received or approved that would result in the loss of ancient woodland.
Trees within Conservation Areas / Nature Conservation assets	No loss of trees within Conservation Areas / Nature Conservation assets	During the monitoring period no requirement for a TPO was concluded for the felling of 7 trees within conservation area. As a result, the target was not met in the monitoring period. See Table 12 of the Appendix.

3.13 Open Space



Strategic Objective: SO1, SO6, SO8, SO11

Open Space Related DALP Policies: RD4 Greenspace Provision for Residential Development

Policy RD4 requires that: *‘All residential development of 10 or more dwellings that create or exacerbate a projected shortfall of greenspace or are not served by existing accessible greenspace will be expected to make appropriate provision for the needs arising from the development.’*

The Council publish a standalone S106 Infrastructure Funding Statement that provides a summary of receipt and spend of planning obligations, infrastructure delivered and links to individual S106 agreements.³⁸

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
On-site open space provided as % of requirement	Provision of 100% of required open space	As on site open space is often delivered by the developer, Halton does not have access to details of onsite open space s106 agreement's. Table 13 of the Appendix provides details of previous year funds received for provision of on-site open space from 2014 to 2024.
Off-site open space provided as % of requirement		As off-site open space s106 agreements are delivered by Halton, there is information available on these agreements. Table 14 of the Appendix provides details of funds received for provision off-site open space.

Strategic Objective: SO3, SO4, SO6, SO10

Open Space Related DALP Policies: HE3 Waterways and Waterfronts

Policy HE3 sets out the matters that should be considered for development proposals affecting the Boroughs waterways and/or waterfronts.

³⁸ [s106 registers - All Documents \(halton.gov.uk\)](https://www.halton.gov.uk/s106-registers)

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Public access to waterfront	No reduction in public access to waterfronts	There have been no recorded losses of public access to the waterfront during the monitoring period.
Protection / delivery of Runcorn Locks	No consents prejudicial to delivery of Runcorn Locks scheme	No consents have been approved that would be prejudicial to the delivery of the Runcorn Locks Scheme. ³⁹

Strategic Objective: SO6, SO10

Open Space Related DALP Policies: HE4 Green Infrastructure and Greenspace

Policy HE4 sets out the requirements for the incorporation of high-quality green infrastructure on new development.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Extent of Green Infrastructure network	Delivery of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additions to the extent and quality of the green infrastructure network against 2014 	Since 2014 there has been a reduction in the extent of green infrastructure largely due to the build of the new bridge at Mersey Gateway. Tables 13 and 14 of the Appendix provide details of onsite and off-site Section 106 planning obligations that have been secured in relation to planning permissions for relevant new housing developments of 10 or more dwellings.
Extent of Green Infrastructure network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduction of the loss of Green Infrastructure assets over the plan period 2014-2037. 	985 hectares of green infrastructure was recorded for Halton in 2024. This figure will be used as the benchmark moving forward to assess amount of green infrastructure across Halton. The Development Management Team

³⁹ [Runcorn Locks Restoration Society \(haltonheritage.co.uk\)](http://RuncornLocksRestorationSociety(haltonheritage.co.uk))

		will continue to negotiate new green infrastructure provision for relevant housing development delivered over the plan period.
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Strategic Objective: SO11

Open Space Related DALP Policies: HE6 Outdoor and Indoor Sport Provision

Policy HE6 sets out the requirements for the provision of outdoor and indoor sport provision.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Sports / playing pitch provision	No net loss of sports / playing pitch provision	Table 15 of the Appendix provides detail of 4 planning permissions approved between 01/04/2014 and 31/03/2024 for indoor or outdoor sports provision. None of these lead to a net loss of provision.
Provision against assessed demand (x sport)	No deficits in provision against assessed demand (x sport)	Planning permissions have been approved for the refurbishment and/or replacement of existing provision. There have been no approvals of planning permission that would result in a deficit of existing provision. Of major benefit for Halton is planning permission 20/00206/HBCFUL. Once complete a new leisure centre will be delivered at Moor Lane, replacing the existing facility at Kingsway. ⁴⁰

Strategic Objective: SO11

Open Space Related DALP Policies: CS (R) 21 Outdoor and Indoor Sport Provision

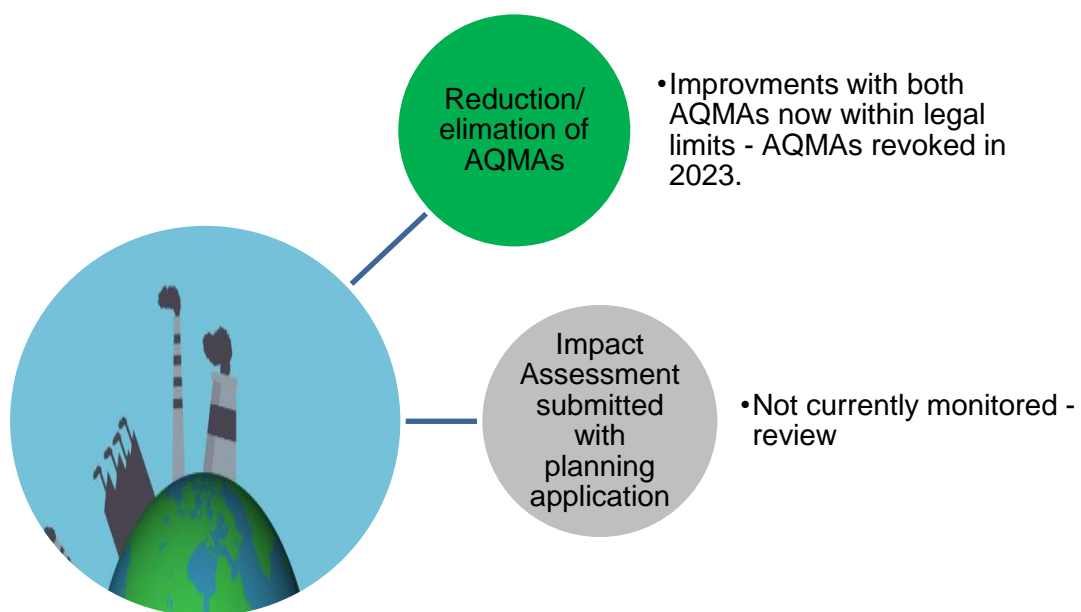
⁴⁰ [Designs revealed for Halton's new leisure hub | HBC newsroom](#)

Policy CS(R)21 sets out the requirements for the provision of outdoor and indoor sport provision.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Extent of Green Infrastructure network	Additions to the extent and quality of the Green Infrastructure network (2009 baseline of 1,484.064 ha) Avoidance of the loss of Green Infrastructure over the plan period 2014-2037.	<p>In 2014 the total area of green infrastructure network across Halton was recorded as 1010.86 ha. This has reduced to 985 ha in 2024. The bulk of this loss was due to the Mersey Gateway new bridge build. Other reasons for losses of open space are summarized below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land originally mapped in error. • Development of land for alternate use • Land disposal • Land under lease to third parties
CS(R)21 - Developments meeting open space requirements on site.	100% of required open space development provided on site or full contribution made for off-site provision for over the plan period 2014-2037	See Tables 13 and 14 of the Appendix
Number of green infrastructure assets awarded the Green Flag standard	Maintain and increase the number of green infrastructure assets meeting Green Flag award standards (Baseline of 12 Green Flag awards in 2010)	At 31/03/2024 there were 3 remaining parks with Green Flag Status: Victoria Park, Hale Park and Runcorn Hill. This figure is much lower than a total of 12 recorded in 2010. To provide more accurate and up to date annual comparison data the total of 3 will be used as the baseline moving forwards. ⁴¹

⁴¹ [Parks, Allotments and Bowling Greens: Find Out More \(halton.gov.uk\)](https://www.halton.gov.uk/parks-allotments-and-bowling-greens)

3.14 Pollution and Noise



Strategic Objective: SO12

Pollution and Noise Related DALP Policies: HE7: Pollution and Noise

HE7 - Pollution and Nuisance

The Policy looks to ensure that development considers the potential environmental impacts on people, buildings, land, air and water arising from the development itself and any former use of the site, including, in particular, adverse effects arising from pollution and nuisance.

Reduction / Elimination of AQMAs

- Halton Widnes No 1 (Deacon Road from the junction at Sayce Street, Albert Road from the Bradley public house to 150 Albert Road, Robert Street, Peelhouse Lane from the junction with Albert Road to the junction with Belvoir Road) Date Declared - 01/03/2011 Pollutant - Nitrogen dioxide NO₂. – Now revoked 2023.
- Halton AQMA No 2 (Milton Road (starting at the junction with Kingsway heading east), Gerrard Street (incorporating the roundabout by Lugsdale Road)) Date Declared - 01/03/2011 Pollutant - Nitrogen dioxide NO₂. – Now revoked 2023.

In 2011 Halton Council declared two air quality management areas in Widnes Town Centre. These included parts of Milton Road and Simms Cross and the bottom of Peel House Lane and Albert Road.

The Air Quality Management Areas were declared because routine monitoring had detected levels of nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) in excess of the legal limit of 40µg/m³

The excessive levels of nitrogen dioxide were considered to be due to vehicle emissions caused by congestion in parts of Widnes Town Centre.

Short-term exposure to concentrations of NO₂ can cause inflammation of the airways and increase susceptibility to respiratory infections and to allergens. NO₂ can exacerbate the symptoms of those already suffering from lung or heart conditions.

The Government have implemented legal limits for a number of pollutants that can have potential health effects. When these legal limits are exceeded, there is a duty on the council to declare an Air Quality Management Area and implement an action plan to reduce emissions to within legal limits. Progress on the action plan must be reported to the Government in an annual report.

Therefore in 2011 Halton declared two air quality management areas and implemented an action plan.

Action taken to reduce emissions.

The actions taken at the time and in subsequent years included highway alterations in the affected areas, reducing emissions from public transport and promotion of cycling and alternative forms of transport. Improvements in vehicle emission technology including the increase in electrical vehicle use have also contributed to the improvements in air quality. However, the most significant impact on reduced

congestion in Widnes Town Centre has been the opening of The Mersey Gateway Bridge in 2017 and the reopening of the Silver Jubilee Bridge in 2021.

In recent years there has been consistent improvements in air quality within the air quality management areas. Levels are now well within legal limits.

Evidence that emissions have improved:

Figure 29 below shows the levels of nitrogen dioxide at the time the air quality management areas were declared and the latest year of monitoring data.

FIGURE 29 AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREAS NO2 LEVELS AT TIME OF DECLARATION

AQMA Name	Date of Declaration	Pollutants and Air Quality Objectives	Site Description	Level of NO2: Declaration	NO2: Current Year
Marzahn Way (Widnes No 1)	01/03/2011	NO2 Annual Mean	Roadside Residential Properties	49	27
Milton Road (Widnes No2)	01/03/2011	NO2 Annual Mean	Roadside Residential Properties	49	31

Figure 30 shows the levels of nitrogen dioxide monitored in the air quality management areas in previous years which demonstrates the sustained improvement in air quality.

FIGURE 30 AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREAS MONITORING DATA 2017-2021

Diffusion Tube ID	X OS Grid Ref (Easting)	Site Type	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021

4	Milton Road	Roadside	37.0	35.0	31.3	25.1	30.1
5	Milton Road	Roadside	38.0	35.0	32.5	26.2	32.5
6	Milton Road	Roadside	32.0	32.0	26.4	23.7	29.5
9	Peel House Lane	Roadside	33.0	33.0	30.03	23.8	26.2
10	Peel House Lane	Kerbside	39.0	38.0	37.5	30.9	34.8
12	Deacon Road	Roadside	32.0	30.0	27.2	21.2	23.8
13	Deacon Road	Roadside	33.0	28.0	28.1	22.02	24.8

Limit = 40 µg/m³

Revocation of Air Quality Monitoring Areas

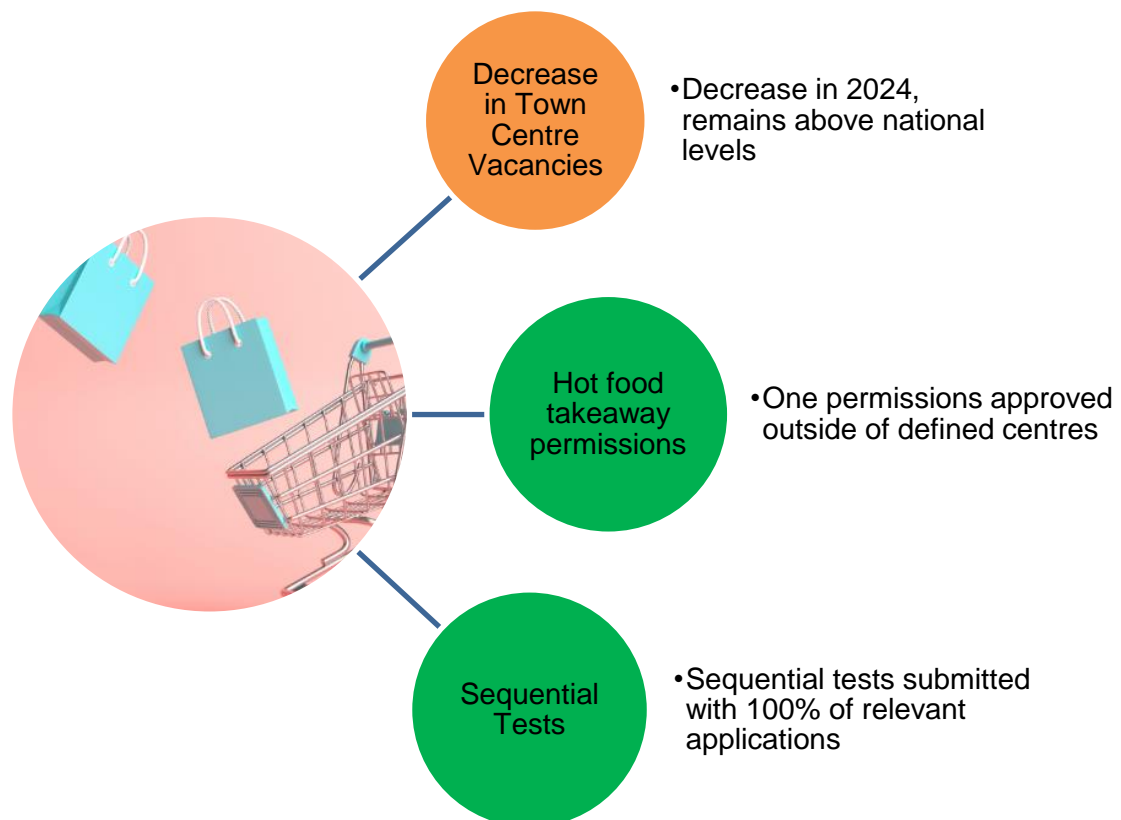
Due to the sustained improvement in air quality the council has now revoked the air quality management areas. The Council will continue to monitor air quality in those areas but will no longer be required to produce a detailed action plan and report progress to the government. The final decision on revoking the air quality management areas was taken by the council's executive board in 2023.

The consultation closed on 7th June 2023 and a decision is yet to be made.

100% proposals accompanied by an impact assessment demonstrating mitigation measures.

The Council do not monitor the number of planning applications that are accompanied by an impact assessment demonstrating mitigation measures. Mitigation measures are often conditioned as part of a planning decision notice.

3.15 Retail



Prior to adoption of the DALP in March 2022, other than defined retail area annual use class/trader surveys retail development was not closely monitored as such there will be some data gaps prior to 2022. Moving forward retail and town centre development will be monitored more closely to ensure data is collected and reported in the annual DALP Monitoring Reports.

Use Class Order

The use class order was revised on 1st September 2020. Along with other changes 'Retail Use Classes' A1, A2, A3, A4 and A5 have been replaced by a range of commercial, business and service categories that come under category 'E' see: [Use Classes - Change of use - Planning Portal](#)

Main Town Centre Uses are defined as:

'Retail development (including warehouse clubs and factory outlet centres); leisure, entertainment and more intensive sport and recreation uses (including cinemas, restaurants, drive-through restaurants, bars and pubs, nightclubs, casinos, health and fitness centres, indoor bowling centres and bingo halls); offices; and arts, culture and tourism development (including theatres, museums, galleries and concert halls, hotels and conference facilities)'. Source: [National Planning Policy Framework \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

Halton Retail Hierarchy

Figure 31 demonstrates the retail hierarchy for Halton. Halton has two town centres, one in Widnes and one in Runcorn new Town. A district centre in Runcorn Old Town. Eighteen local centres in Runcorn and fifteen in Widnes, which includes Ivy Farm Court at Hale. There are also two allocations for new local centres, one at Daresbury and one a west Bank. Further information including the role and function of the designations is located at: [DALP Adopted.pdf \(halton.gov.uk\)](#) (pages 53 -55)

FIGURE 31 HALTON BOROUGH RETAIL HIERARCHY

Location	Designation
Runcorn Halton Lea	Town Centre
Widnes	Town Centre
Runcorn Old Town	District Centre
·Ascot Avenue ·Beechwood ·Brookvale ·Castlefields ·Grangeway ·Greenway Road ·Halton Brook ·Halton Road ·Halton Village · Langdale Road ·Murdishaw · Palacefields · Picton Avenue · Preston Brook ·Russell Road ·	Local Centres (Runcorn)

Sandymoor · Sutton Park · Windmill Hill	
· Alexander Drive · Bechers · Cronton Lane · Farnworth · Halebank · Hale Road · Halton View Road · Hough Green · Liverpool Road · Moorfield Road · Queens Avenue · Upton Rocks · Warrington Road · West Bank · Ivy Farm Court (Hale)	Local Centres (Widnes)
· Daresbury (Keckwick Hill) · South Widnes (West Bank)	Allocations for Local Centres

Strategic Objective: All

Retail Related Policies: CS (R) 1 Halton's Spatial Strategy

Policy CS(R)1 sets out the Spatial Strategy for Halton for the plan period up to 2037.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Retail Floorspace delivered	Up to 9293 sqm town centre Convenience / Comparison (2014-37) / Up to 5,112 sqm Retail Warehousing (2014-37)	There are 0 recorded gains of convenience/comparison use within the town centres. This indicator has not been monitored prior to adoption of the DALP in March 2022. The indicator and target will be monitored closely moving forward. It is assumed that as of 01/04/2024 the targets for delivery of 9293sqm of convenience/comparison uses and up to 5112sqm of retail warehousing remains unchanged.

Strategic Objective: SO5

Retail Related Policies: CS (R) 5 A Network of Centres

Policy CS(R)5 sets out the retail hierarchy for the Borough, reflecting the role and relationship of centres in the Borough's retail network.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
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Amount of completed retail development in town centres	Up to 9293 sqm town centre Convenience / Comparison (2014-37)	There are no recorded gains of convenience/comparison use within the town centres. This indicator has not been monitored prior to adoption of the DALP in March 2022. The indicator and target will be monitored closely moving forward. It is assumed that as of 01/04/2024 the targets for delivery of 9293sqm of convenience/comparison uses and up to 5112sqm of retail warehousing remains unchanged.
Completions of main town centre uses within designated centres, by type	100% of Use Class completions for shops, Financial / Professional Services, Restaurants, Cafes, Drinking Establishments, Hot Food Takeaways and Assembly and Leisure within the Borough's Town Centres, the District Centre and Local Centres	See Tables 16 to 19 of the Appendix for details completions of loss and gain of main town centre uses inside and outside of defined centres. The tables detail planning permissions dating back to the start of the plan period in 2014, when different national policy applied to defined retail centres. There are permissions for main town centre uses outside of designated areas, this is largely as a result of change of use to existing buildings. This indicator will be monitored closely moving forwards.
Percentage of retail development in edge-of-centre or out-of-centre locations	Minimise development outside of designated Town Centres (2014-37)	Two applications have been approved for retail development convenience use outside of the defined centres. One permission was for a replacement store and the other a change of use from a former public house. See Table 18 of the Appendix.
Number of vacant units within Town Centre locations	Decrease vacancy levels within Town Centre locations (2014-2037)	Town centre surveys are carried out during the month of April on an annual basis. There are gaps in data for 2021 and 2022 this

		<p>was as a result of lock down. The latest GB vacancy rates were collected by the British Retail Consortium for the third quarter of 2021, demonstrated that the overall GB vacancy was 14.5%.⁴²</p> <p>Tables 20 to 22 of the Appendix demonstrate the vacancy rates for Halton Lea, Runcorn Old Town and Widnes Town Centre since the start of the plan period. Data indicates that vacancy rates are above the national average, with peaks during and immediately post covid lock down.</p>
Percentage long-term vacant units	Decrease in percentage of long-term vacant units	<p>Figure 32 demonstrates a summary of total and long-term vacant units within the defined retail centres of Runcorn Old Town, Halton Lea and Widnes Town Centre that were vacant at the time of both the April 2022 and April 2023. The latest two years were selected as surveys were now completed during 2020 and 2021 because Of lockdown. Figures 33 to 35 demonstrate details of each vacant unit within the three centres. Vacancy rates are above the 2021 national averages.</p>

FIGURE 32 LONG TERM VACANT UNITS

⁴² [Vacancy rate plateaus \(brc.org.uk\)](https://www.brc.org.uk/vacancy-rate-plateaus)

Designation	Total Units	Vacant Rate in April 2024 (vacant for a minimum of 2 consecutive years)	Percentage of Long-Term Vacant units
Runcorn Old Town	136	25	18%
Halton Lea Runcorn	139	40	29%
Widnes Town Centre	260	40	15%
Total	535	105	Average of 3 centres 20%

FIGURE 33 RUNCORN OLD TOWN CENTRE VACANT UNITS COMPARISON DATA

Year of Survey (April)	Total units within defined centre	Vacant units at time of survey	Percentage of vacant units at time of survey	Difference between Previous Year
2022	136	36	26%	
2023	136	34	25%	2
2024	136	41	30%	↓7

*No information has been provided for 2014 – 2021 due to the town centre boundaries changing as part of the Delivery and Allocations Local Plan therefore the data would not be comparable to include those years.

FIGURE 34 HALTON LEA RUNCORN TOWN CENTRE VACANT UNITS COMPARISON DATA

Year of Survey (April)	Total units within defined centre	Vacant units at time of survey	Percentage of vacant units at time of survey	Difference between Previous Year
2022	139	49	35%	
2023	139	46	33%	↑3
2024	139	44	32%	↓2

*No information has been provided for 2014 – 2021 due to the town centre boundaries changing as part of the Delivery and Allocations Local Plan therefore the data would not be comparable to include those years.

FIGURE 35 WIDNES TOWN CENTRE VACANT UNITS COMPARISON DATA

Year of Survey (April)	Total units within defined centre	Vacant units at time of survey	Percentage of Vacant units at time of survey	Difference between Previous Year
2022	259	58	22%	
2023	260	49	19%	9
2024	260	52	20%	↓3

*No information has been provided for 2014 – 2021 due to the town centre boundaries changing as part of the Delivery and Allocations Local Plan therefore the data would not be comparable to include those years.

Strategic Objective: SO11

Retail Related Policies: CS (R) 22 Health and Well-Being

Policy CS(R)22 sets out how healthy environments will be supported, and healthy lifestyles encouraged in the Borough.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Percentage / number of (Hot-Food Take-away) units within town, district and local centres	100% designated frontages/centres complying with SPD policy	The Hot Food Takeaway SPD (2012) can be viewed at: Microsoft Word - Hot Food SPD final v4 (halton.gov.uk) One planning applications have been approved for hot food takeaways in Widnes, outside of the defined centres. See the Appendix Table 27.

Strategic Objective: SO5

Retail Related Policies: HC1 Vital and Viable Centres

Policy HC1 sets out how it seeks to support the vitality and viability of the Boroughs centres and their role at the heart of communities.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Proportion of retail development within defined centres	100% of retail development within defined centers	Two planning applications for out of centre retail convenience use have been approved, as such the target of 100% within defined centres has not been reached. One permission was for a change of use of a public house and the other was for a replacement store. Both approvals were prior to adoption of the DALP. See the Appendix Table 18.
Proposals for out / edge-of centre supported by a sequential test	100% of proposals for out / edge-of centre supported by a sequential test	Two planning applications have been approved for retail convenience use. Both applications were supported by sequential tests. See Appendix the Figure*
Change of use of upper floors		There are 1 recorded changes of use of upper floors from retail/town center uses. (Not previously monitored) See Table 18 of the Appendix.
Change of use to residential (non-primary frontage)		15 residential units have been created across 5 sites as a result of change of use from a former retail/ town centre use. See Table 24 of the Appendix.
Development for main town centre uses (excluding offices)		Table 17 of the Appendix details the 5 planning permissions for main town center uses located within and outside defined centres.

Amount of completed retail and office development		There are two completions of loss/gain of retail E(a) and office use E (g) (i) recorded. The most significant is a loss of hotel use in Widnes Town Centre and gain in office use of 929sq.m. See Table 19 of the Appendix.
Vacancy rates within the Town Centres	Decrease	<p>Town centre surveys are carried out during the month of April on an annual basis. The latest GB vacancy rates were collected by the British Retail Consortium for the third quarter of 2021, demonstrated that the overall GB vacancy was 14.5%. ⁴³</p> <p>See figures 32 to 35 for vacancy rates since the start of the plan period in 2014.</p>
Footfall within the Town Centres	Increase	<p>The method of footfall data collection has changed since the previous study conducted by Lyle and Good in 2017 for Widnes and Halton Lea Town Centres and Runcorn Old Town District Centre. Sensor and mobile phone data has assisted in the collection of this year's records. The average has been calculated over the year to provide a monthly summary.</p> <p>Runcorn Town Old Town 152,971 Runcorn Shopping City 239,730 Widnes Town Centre 230,914</p>

⁴³ [Vacancy rate plateaus \(brc.org.uk\)](https://www.brc.org.uk/vacancy-rate-plateaus)

Strategic Objective: SO5

Retail Related Policies: HC2 Retail and Town Centre Allocations

Policy HC2 sets out the sites allocated in the DALP for appropriate town centre uses.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Development of allocated sites	100% of development for allocated use	See Table 25 of the Appendix for progress of allocated sites

Strategic Objective: SO5

Retail Related Policies: HC3 Primary Shopping Areas

Policy HC3 sets out how the Primary Shopping Areas of each centre will help to maintain a focused and concentrated shopping core at the heart of each centre.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Use of ground floor units	60% + of ground floor units in E(a), E(b), E(c) use	Figure 39 demonstrates that both Runcorn Old Town and Widnes Town Centre exceeded the 60% target of use classes E(a) to E(c), whilst Halton Lea (ground floor) falls slightly below the target at 52%. This could be due to high vacancy rates. Latest data was collected in April 2024. Occupancy and use class splits will continue to be monitored through annual surveys.
Maintenance of continuous active frontages	No increase in breaks (2+ non-E(a), E(b), E(c) uses) in active frontages	Figure 40 demonstrates the number of breaks in active fronts of non- E(a) to E(c) units of 2 or more in the Primary Shopping Areas of the 3 centres. Halton Lea does not fare well, with a total of 6 breaks, predominantly due to vacant units. Runcorn Old Town fares much better with only 2 active breaks, whilst Widnes Town Centre has 3 breaks.

FIGURE 36 PERCENTAGE OF GROUND FLOOR UNITS IN PRIMARY SHOPPING AREAS IN USE CLASSES E (APRIL 2024)

Town Centre	Total Units in Primary Shopping Area	Total Units within Use Classes E(a) to E(c) (iii)	Percentage of Units within Use Classes E(a) to E(c) (iii)
Halton Lea (Ground Floor)	125	64	52%
Runcorn Old Town	57	38	66%
Widnes	139	103	74%

FIGURE 37 MAINTENANCE OF CONTINUOUS ACTIVE FRONTS IN PRIMARY SHOPPING AREAS (APRIL 2024)

Town Centre	Total Units in Primary Shopping Area	Number of Breaks in Active Fronts 2 units in non-E(a) to E(c) use	Number of Breaks in Active Fronts 3 units in non-E(a) to E(c) use	Number of Breaks in Active Fronts 4+ units in non-E(a) to E(c) use
Halton Lea (Ground Floor)	127	3	1	2
Runcorn Old Town	57	2	0	0
Widnes	139	3	0	0

Strategic Objective: SO5, SO8

Retail Related Policies: HC4 Shop Fronts, Signage and Advertising

Policy HC4 sets out the requirements in ensuring that shop fronts, signage and advertising make a positive contribution to the buildings on which they are located and to the surrounding area.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
No. times HC4 cited in decisions		Table 26 of the Appendix details 18 applications for advertisement consent, between 01/04/2023 and 31/03/2024. 18 applications

		were approved and 0 refused, all cited Policy HC4 in the decision notice.
% upheld at appeal	100% of appeals upheld	There have not been any relevant appeals recorded during the monitoring period.

Strategic Objective: SO5, SO12

Retail Related Policies: HC8 Food and Drink

Policy HC8 sets out the requirements for the development of hot food and drink uses in the Borough.

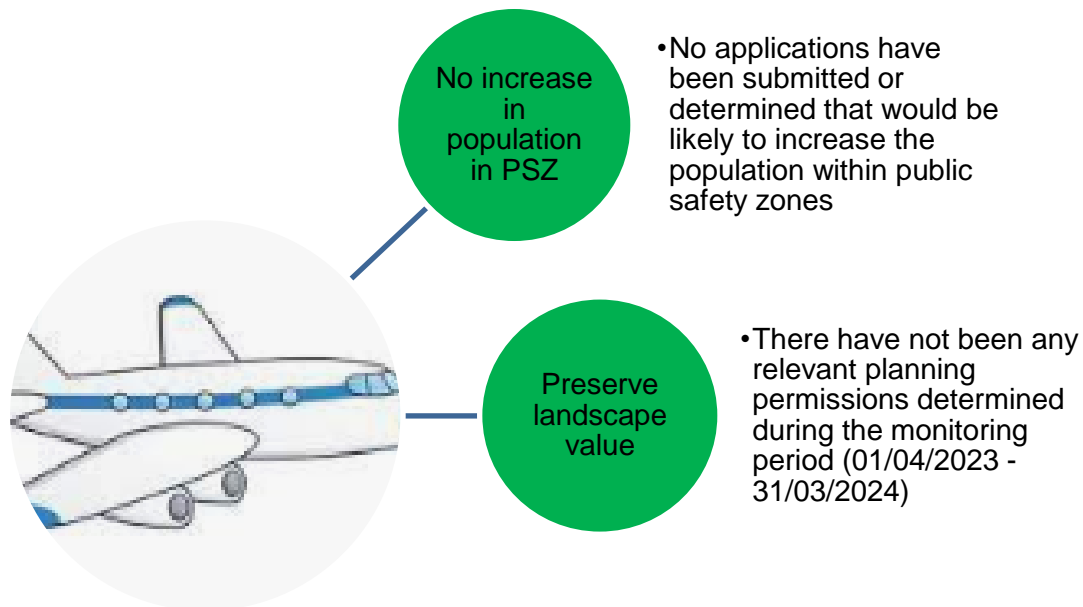
Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Proportion of consented HFTAs in Primary Shopping Area	0% granted above primary shopping area threshold (5%)	There are 139 units in Widnes Town Centre, Primary Shopping Area. Including planning permission 22/00154/COU that was granted approval for a change of use to a hot food takeaway. On 31/03/2024 there are 5 hot food takeaways in Widnes Town Centre, which equates to 3.5% of all units in the Primary Shopping Area, below the 5% threshold. There is no other recorded change of use in Primary Shopping Areas. This indicator will be closely monitored. (See Figure 41)
Proportion of consented HFTAs in non-primary TC areas	0% granted above non-primary TC threshold (10%)	One permission has been approved for a hot food takeaway which is in Widnes town centre outside of the Primary Shopping Area. See Table 27 of the Appendix.
Proportion of consented HFTAs in Local Centre	0% granted above centre thresholds (dominant use or greater of 2 units or more than 10%)	Halton has a total of 33 local centres. Planning permission has been approved for no hot food takeaways this year.

Proportion of permissions granted outside existing centre located within 400m of defined education or open space	0% granted outside existing centre within 400m of defined education or open space	There are no recorded planning approvals outside of existing centres for hot food takeaways.
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FIGURE 38 HOT FOOD TAKEAWAYS OUTSIDE OF THE PRIMARY SHOPPING AREAS (APRIL 2024)

Town Centre	Number of Units Outside of the Primary Shopping Area	Number of Hot Food Takeaways	Percentage of Hot Food Takeaways
Widnes	134	6	4.4%
Halton Lea Runcorn	20	1	1%
Runcorn Old Town	92	8	8.69%
Totals	246	15	

3.16 Transport-Airport



Strategic Objective: SO4, SO7

Transport - Airport Related Policy: CS (R) 17 Liverpool John Lennon Airport Operational Land and Airport Expansion.

Policy CS(R)17 sets out the criteria and considerations, associated with the development of operational and/or expansion of the airport.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Manage negative environmental and social impacts in Halton associated with the operation and expansion of Liverpool John Lennon Airport.	No permissions granted that are likely to increase in the population within the Public Safety Zone (PSZ)	No applications have been submitted or determined that would be likely to increase the population within public safety zones (01/04/2014 - 31/03/2024)
	Preserve landscape value, including through delivery of extension to Coastal Reserve	There have not been any relevant planning permissions determined during the monitoring period (01/04/2023 -31/03/2024)

	No change in area of Mersey Estuary SPA/Ramsar over the plan period 2014-2037	The Mersey Estuary covers an area of 5023.35ha ⁴⁴ which is the same area as recorded in 2015 ⁴⁵ . The figure of 5023.35ha will be used as the baseline figure for monitoring this particular target for future years monitoring of the DALP.
Air quality impacts	No adverse effects from atmospheric pollution on the integrity of European sites	The Council do not receive data specific to this target. Any adverse effects from atmospheric pollution created by the airport on the integrity of European sites would be dealt with on a reactive basis if/when made aware of concerns.

Strategic Objective: SO3, SO4, SO12

Transport- Airport Related Policies: C4 Operation of Liverpool John Lennon Airport

Policy C4 seeks to avoid poorly considered development associated with Liverpool John Lennon Airport that has the potential to adversely impact the safe operation of traffic in the locality.

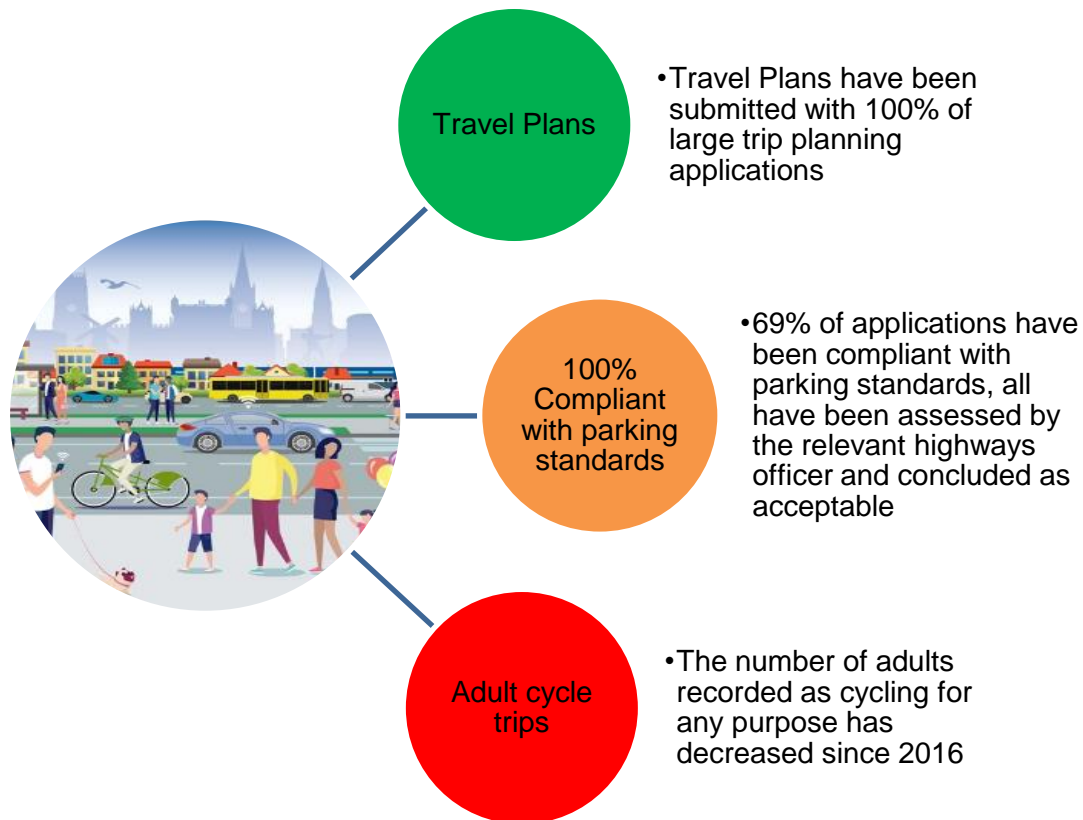
Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Development likely to increase population within Public Safety Zones (PSZ)	No development likely to increase population within PSZ	No applications have been submitted or determined that would be likely to increase the population within public safety zones (01/04/2014 -31/03/2024)
Development in excess of Height Restriction Zone	No development in excess of Height Restriction Zone	No applications have been submitted or determined for development in excess of height restriction zones in Halton (01/04/2014 -31/03/2024)

⁴⁴ [Magic Map Application \(defra.gov.uk\)](https://defra.gov.uk/magic-map-application)

⁴⁵ [UK9005131.pdf \(jncc.gov.uk\)](https://jncc.gov.uk/UK9005131.pdf)

Off-site airport parking developments	No off-site airport parking developments	No applications have been submitted or determined for the development of off-site parking in Halton (01/04/2014 -31/03/2024)
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3.17 Transport



Strategic Objective: SO1, SO2

Transport Related Policies: CS (R) 3 Housing Supply and Locational Priorities

Policy CS(R)3 sets out the required housing provision and locations for development for the plan period.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Amount of new residential development within 30 minutes public transport time of a GP, a hospital, a primary school, a secondary school, areas of employment and a major retail centre	Increase	Table 32 from the Appendix demonstrates the residential development within 30 minutes public transport time of a GP, a hospital a primary school, a secondary school, areas of employment and a major retail centre.

Strategic Objective: SO7

Transport Related Policies: CS (R) 15 Sustainable Transport

Policy CS(R)15 sets out the transport and traffic considerations that development proposals should address. The policy seeks to ensure that new development is accessible by sustainable transport methods such as walking, cycling and public transport.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Provision of sustainable transport in Halton	Increase modal share of sustainable modes (bus, rail, cycling and walking)	<p>The following sustainable transport schemes have progressed In Halton during the monitoring period (01/04/2023 – 31/03/2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In the previous year, Runcorn Busway from Palacefields Avenue by the hospital to Murdishaw Local Centre (2.3km) was completed. This year, Murdishaw Local Centre to Whitehouse industrial estate (1.3km) was completed and HBC plan to further connect this scheme to Runcorn East Station. - RSQ route final completion of Waterloo bridge. - Ongoing Section 38 works as part of the Sandymoor and Daresbury (Wharford Lane & Delph Lane spine 0.5km) developments is ongoing and highway adoptions are ongoing but not currently adopted

	Increase total length of cycle ways in the Borough (2014-37)	<p>This is what has been delivered in the monitoring period (01/04/2023 – 31/03/2024).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completed the LCRCA LCWIP route From Warrington Rd via Manor Park to Daresbury Science Park. (5km) - Wharford Lane & Delph Lane spine (0.5km)
	Number of cycle trips (157 trips annualised index, LTP Indicators 2007/08)	<p>Figure 42 details the percentage of adults across Halton Borough cycling for 'Any Purpose' and 'Leisure Purposes' at least Weekly and/or Monthly (Between 2016 and 2022). In all instances there has been a reduction in trips since 2016. The data is not comparable with the 2007/08 baseline data. As a result, the data set out in Figure 42 will be used for comparison purposes for future monitoring periods.</p> <p>*These figures are a best estimate of the completions for the monitoring period 01/04/2023 – 31/03/2024</p>
Number of Travel Plans associated with development applications for large trip generating uses	Delivery of 100% for all relevant large trip generating planning applications over the plan period (2014-37)	100% of development applications for large trip generating uses have supplied Travel Plans. The production of a Draft Transport and Accessibility SPD will provide further guidance and will outline the requirements for Transport

		Assessments and Travel Plans associated with development. Table 28 of the Appendix provides details of planning permissions approved between 01/04/2023 and 31/03/2024 that have travel plans, as a result of the development being associated with large trip generating uses. ⁴⁶
Provision of transport schemes in Halton.	Progress and delivery of transport schemes in Halton as identified in the most up to date LTP or Combined Authority program over the plan period 2014-2037	The latest Halton Borough Council LTP is the Local Transport Plan 3 (2011/12 – 2025/26) ⁴⁷ The council is currently feeding into the development of a City Region Local Transport Plan. This LTP subsumes the Halton LTP along with other neighbouring authorities documents and strategies and updates them with this single, integrated plan. This will also be available in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan and Schedule that will be updated later this year.

Several studies have been commissioned in this monitoring period which have led to the proposed revision to CS15. Increasing the proportion of journeys made by sustainable modes including walking, cycling and public transport is an important priority for Halton and expressed in revised policy CS(R)15.

FIGURE 39 PERCENTAGE OF HALTON'S ADULTS CYCLING FOR ANY PURPOSE AND LEISURE PURPOSES AT LEAST WEEKLY AND/OR MONTHLY (BETWEEN 2016 AND 2022)

⁴⁶ [Planning Applications \(halton.gov.uk\)](https://www.halton.gov.uk/planning-applications)

⁴⁷ [Layout 1 \(halton.gov.uk\)](https://www.halton.gov.uk/layout-1)

Frequency (% of adult population) Purpose	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
At least once per month (Any Purpose)	14.9	12.5	14.2	12.1	9.4	11.3	11.3	10.5
At least once per week (Any Purpose)	9.9	9.1	9.9	10.3	7	7.3	9.2	7.7
At least once per month (Leisure)	12.6	11.8	12.9	10.6	8.5	8.9	9.1	9.4
At least once per week (Leisure)	8.2	8.4	8.1	8.1	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/A

Data Source: CW0302: Proportion of adults that cycle, by frequency, purpose and local authority: England [Walking and cycling statistics \(CW\) - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/walking-and-cycling-statistics-cw)

Strategic Objective: SO11

Transport and Airport Related Policies: CS (R) 22 Health and Wellbeing

Policy CS(R)22 sets out how healthy environments will be supported, and healthy lifestyles encouraged in the Borough.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Amount of new residential development within 30 minutes public transport time of a GP and a hospital	Increase	See table 32 from the Appendix

Strategic Objectives: SO6, SO7

Transport Related Policies: C1 Transport Network and Accessibility

Policy C1 seeks to encourage and enable a shift to more sustainable modes of travel and to ensure that a successful sustainable transport network is in place.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
ULEV Charging Points installed	ULEV Charging Points installed	There are 29 public charging points registered within Halton. (at

		08/12/2023) ⁴⁸ National changes to policy/funding has led to the decrease. The Halton Borough Council Electric Vehicle Charging Point Strategy provides in depth data for Halton including baseline data for electric vehicle ownership. ⁴⁹
Development within 400m of a bus stop / train station	100% of development within 400m of a bus stop / train station	Table 30 provides details of major development that is within 400m of a bus stop / train station
Canal towpath improvements	Provision of 100% of required contributions towards Canal towpath improvements	There have not been any canal towpath contributions negotiated during the monitoring period. Where relevant contributions will continue to be negotiated in compliance with criteria set out in policy C1.
PRoW Improvements	Delivery / progress of	Figure 43 provides details of the delivery and progress of public rights of way improvements across Halton
Delivery / progress of	EATC	LCRCA Scheme Long term Delivery Plans 2030+
Delivery / progress of	A558 Daresbury Expressway	Scheme promoted for CRSTS2
Delivery / progress of	Watkinson Way / Ashley Way Gyratory	Ongoing

⁴⁸ [Find and use data on public electric vehicle chargepoints - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

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Delivery / progress of	A562 Speke Road	Identified in the IDP Long term plan
Delivery / progress of	A557 Access improvements; and	Early scheme appraisal. Reliant on consortium of development funding and partners
Delivery / progress of	Reconfiguration / improvement of infrastructure to the south of the SJB	Completed 2021/22
Delivery of Transport assessments and travel plans for all qualifying development over the plan period	100% of qualifying applications supported by Transport assessments / travel plans	Table 28 provides details of planning permissions determined between 01/04/2023 and 31/03/2024 where transport assessments/travel plans were required as part of the application process.
Protection and enhancement of transport hubs	100% retention of transport hubs	There has been no loss of public transport hubs (01/04/2023 – 31/03/2024)

FIGURE 40 PROGRESS OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY (PROW) IMPROVEMENTS IN HALTON

Reference	Location	Scheme	Progress
20/00337/OUTEIA	Land at Daresbury Park, Runcorn	Public Rights of Way contribution and railway crossing in vicinity of land.	Section 106 legal agreement, to make a financial contribution towards a PROW and a railway crossing in the location of Daresbury Park.

Strategic Objective: SO7, SO8

Transport Related Policies: C2 Parking Standards⁵⁰

Policy C2 sets out the requirements for parking standards expected on new development.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Development compliant with parking standards (car spaces)	100% compliant with parking standards (car spaces)	During the monitoring period (01/04/2023 -31/03/2024) 29 decisions cited parking standards criteria set out in Policy C2. Of the 29 decisions (20) 69% were, compliant and (9) 31% were not. In each case the application has been fully assessed by the case officer following recommendations made by the Highways Team and where 100% compliance with parking standards has not been met, the Highways Team were satisfied with the provision agreed in the planning decision.
Development compliant with parking standards (disabled spaces)	100% compliant with parking standards (disabled spaces)	During the monitoring period (01/04/2023 -31/03/2024) 29 decisions cited parking standards and disabled spaces criteria set out in Policy C2. Of the 29 decisions (15) 52% were, compliant and (14) 48% were not. In each case the application has been fully assessed by the case officer following recommendations made by the Highways Team and where 100% compliance with parking standards for disabled spaces has not been met, the Highways Team were satisfied with the provision agreed in the planning decision.
Development compliant with cycle parking standards	100% compliant with cycle parking standards	During the monitoring period (01/04/2023 -31/03/2024) 29 decisions cited parking standards

⁵⁰ [DALP Adopted.pdf \(halton.gov.uk\)](#) Appendix D

		for provision of cycle spaces criteria set out in Policy C2. Of the 29 decisions (22) 76% were, compliant and (7) 24% were not. In each case the application has been fully assessed by the case officer following recommendations made by the Highways Team and where 100% compliance with parking standards for cycle spaces has not been met, the Highways Team were satisfied with the provision agreed in the planning decision.
Amount of completed non-residential development complying with local car parking standards	100% compliant with parking standards	During the monitoring period 14 relevant non- residential completion was recorded that cited parking standards criteria set out in Policy C2. Of the 14 decisions, 5 (36%) were compliant, 2 (14%) were not applicable and 7 (50%) were not compliant. In each case the application has been fully assessed by the case officer following recommendations made by the Highways Team and where 100% compliance with parking standards for cycle spaces has not been met, the Highways Team were satisfied with the provision agreed in the planning decision.

Strategic Objective: SO6

Transport Related Policies: C3 Delivery of Telecommunications Infrastructure

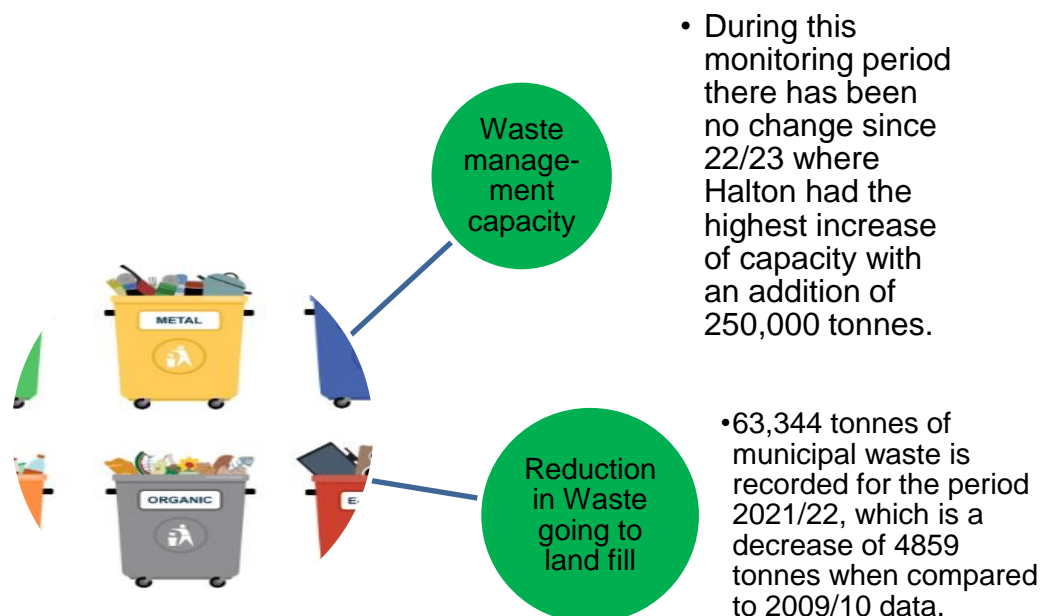
Policy C3 seeks to ensure that new telecommunications infrastructure development within the Borough is appropriately designed and sited in accordance with the principles of minimizing impacts.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
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No. times cited in decisions % upheld at appeal	100% of appeals upheld	There have not been any relevant planning appeals during the monitoring period. (01/04/2023 - 31/03/2024)
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3.18 Waste Management



The Joint Merseyside and Halton Waste Local Plan (WLP)

The Joint Merseyside and Halton Waste Local Plan (WLP) was formally adopted by the six Merseyside (Liverpool City Council, Knowsley MBC, Sefton MBC, St Helens MBC and Wirral MBC) and Halton Councils, with effect from 18th July 2013. A separate high-level 5- year review of the WLP is currently underway. The review will identify any areas of the WLP which are sufficiently ineffective or out of date. 7. The WLP forms the waste planning element of the adopted Local Plans of the six Councils.

Monitoring of the WLP

Regulation 34 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 requires Local Authorities to publish a Monitoring Report on an at least annual basis that shows progress with Local Plan implementation. The WLP, Waste Monitoring Reports and other related documents can be viewed on the Merseyside Environmental Advisory Service (MEAS) at: [Home \(meas.org.uk\)](http://meas.org.uk)

Definition of Waste

Waste is any material or object that is no longer wanted, and which requires management. If a material or object is reusable, it is still classed as waste if it has first been discarded.

Waste Management

Veolia manage waste for six authorities of the Joint Merseyside and Halton Waste Local Plan area. Further information relating to performance can be found at:

[Performance | Veolia Merseyside and Halton](#)

The explanation data has been extracted from the 2018 Waste Monitoring Report published by MEAS and data provided to Halton Borough by MEAS in January 2024.

The following indicators and targets are included in the DALP (Adopted March 2022)

Strategic Objective SO13

Waste Related DALP Policy: CS24 Waste

Policy CS24 seeks to promote sustainable waste management in accordance with the waste hierarchy.

Indicators	Targets	Explanation
Safeguarding of sites for the purpose of waste management	Provision of sites for waste management purposes through DPD	Sites safeguarded through allocations H1. Allocation H2 no longer available. Policy WM7 safeguards existing waste management capacity and is used if there is a change of use from waste management to another use.
Capacity of new waste management facilities by waste planning authority	Increasing recovery capacity of waste facilities in the Borough	Figure 44 shows new consented waste capacity for the six authorities between 2016 and 2019. During this period Halton had the highest increase of capacity with an addition of 250,000 tonnes. There has been no new capacity in Halton since adoption of DALP. Of note: Note since adoption of the Waste Local Plan in 2013, Halton has contributed a large percentage of new waste capacity across the LCR.

		Table 30 of the Appendix details the provision of sites for waste management purposes.
Total municipal waste	Decrease waste going to landfill each year (45,006 tonnes, 2009/10) and decrease in total municipal waste (68,203 tonnes, 2009/10)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 tonnes of Halton waste is recorded as going to land fill during the period 2014/15 to 2021/22 63,344 tonnes of municipal waste is recorded for the period 2021/22, which is a decrease of 4859 tonnes when compared to 2009/10 data. <p>ENV18 - Local authority collected waste: annual results tables 2021/22 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</p>

FIGURE 41 CONSENTED CAPACITY OF NEW WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES BY WASTE PLANNING AUTHORITY

	Apr 2016 – Mar 2017		Apr 2017 – Mar 2018		Apr 2018 – Mar 2019		Trend
District	Consented capacity (tonnes per annum)	No. of sites	Consented capacity (tonnes per annum)	No. of sites	Consented capacity (tonnes per annum)	No. of sites	
Halton	250000	2	0	0	250000	2	↑
Knowsley	0	0	Unspecified	1	0	1	-
Liverpool	0	0	0	0	unknown	1	-
Sefton	186000	2	60000	2	0	1	↓
St.Helens	270000	2	20000	1	150000 ¹⁰	2	↑
Wirral	0	0	0	0	0	1	↑
Total:	706000	6	80000	4	400000	8	↑

Source: Development Management planning application lists and Waste Local Plan sites database

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Climate Change

TABLE 1: RENEWABLE ENERGY PLANNING PERMISSIONS

Planning Reference	Development stage	Location	Description	Capacity
18/00087/FUL	Completed	St Michaels Jubilee Golf Course, Widnes	Solar photovoltaic array	Up to 1MW
21/00475/FUL	No start, permission granted 01/10/2021	Daresbury Science Park, Keckwick Lane, Daresbury	Proposed installation of a ground-mounted solar array	561.6KW
22/00019/PLD	Not Started, Refused, Appeal Granted 14/09/2023	Land at Liverpool John Lennon Airport	Proposed installation of a ground-mounted solar array	3MW

Economy

TABLE 2: COMPLETIONS OF EMPLOYMENT LAND AND ANCILLARY USES

Ref	Location	Town	Plan Status	KURA	Site Type	Application No.	Description	Use Class	Floorspace (sq.m)	Gain Employment Area (ha)
1919/0	Land between Delph Lane and Daresbury Sci Tech	Runcorn	Allocated in Local Plan (E11), Strat Employment	East Runcorn	G	21/00466/FUL	Proposed construction of a supercomputing centre providing 3,070 sqm of floor space (Use Class E1) with formation of new access, landscaping and associated infrastructure at Vacant Land South Of Sci-Tech Daresbury Campus	E(g)(ii)	Gain of 3070sq.m of E(g)(ii)	1.56
2055/0	Grundy Skip Hire, Pickerings Road	Widnes	Primarily Employment	Halebank and Ditton Corridor	B	21/00700/WST	Proposed two storey forward extension to the existing commercial building to improve office entrance at GSH Waste Recycling LTD Pickerings Road Widnes Cheshire WA8 8XW	E(g)(i)	Gain of 80sq.m of E(g)(i)	0
2531/0	Contact House, Ditton Road	Widnes	Primarily Employment	Halebank and Ditton Corridor	B	22/00384/FUL	Proposed demolition of existing fire damaged office building, workshop shed and redundant 3G tower; erection of new two storey office building with workshop and increase in height of existing boundary wall to north and south boundaries at Contact House Ditton Road (west) Widnes Cheshire WA8 0TH	E(g)(i)	Loss of 94sq.m of E(g)(i), Loss of 62sq.m of E(g)(iii)	0
2464/0	Mathieson Road	Widnes	Allocated in Local Plan	Halebank and	B	21/00657/FUL	Proposed erection of a storage and distribution building (Use	B8	Gain of 17651sq.	4.19

Ref	Location	Town	Plan Status	KURA	Site Type	Application No.	Description	Use Class	Floorspace (sq.m)	Gain Employment Area (ha)
			(E26), Strat Employment	Ditton Corridor			Class B8) including ancillary (integral) offices, creation of a service yard and parking areas for cars and HGVs, with associated access and servicing (Plot A2)		m of B8, Gain of 928sq.m of E(g)(i)	
2486/0	Onyx, 350 Blackheath Lane	Runcorn	Primarily Employment	East Runcorn	B	22/00260/FUL	Proposed extension to existing warehouse (use class B8), ground works and associated works at Onyx 350 Blackheath Lane Runcorn WA7 1SE	B8	Gain of 10,405sq.m of B8	0
2498/0	Suite 2 Weaver House Ashville Point	Runcorn	Primarily Employment		B	22/00227/COU	Proposed change of use from offices to veterinary practice, together with minor external works at Suite 2 Weaver House Ashville Point Runcorn Cheshire WA7 3FW	E(g)(i)	Loss of 170sq.m of E(g)(i), Gain of 170sq.m of E(e)	0
2507/0	Unit 3 Monks Way	Runcorn	Primarily Employment		B	21/00612/COU	Proposed change of use from office to small animal veterinary practice at Unit 3 Monks Way Runcorn Cheshire WA7 3GH	E(g)(i)	Loss of 752sq.m of E(g)(i), Gain of 752sq.m of E(e)	0
Total gross hectares of land completed for employment purposes between 01/04/2023 and 31/03/2024										5.75

TABLE 3: LOSS OF EMPLOYMENT LAND

For demolitions only, loss of floorspace had been recorded, but not loss of hectares of land.

(This table includes the total loss of hectares of employment use over the plan period so far 2014 to 2024)

Ref	Location	Town	Plan Status	KURA	Application No.	Description	Site Status	Area (Ha)	Floorspace	Use Class
2498/0	Suite 2 Weaver House Ashville Point	Runcorn	Primarily Employment		22/00227/COU	Proposed change of use from offices to veterinary practice, together with minor external works at Suite 2 Weaver House	Site Completed	0.03	Loss of 170sq.m of E(g)(i), Gain of 170sq.m of E(e)	E(e)
2507/0	Unit 3 Monks Way	Runcorn	Primarily Employment		21/00612/COU	Proposed change of use from office to small animal veterinary practice at Unit 3 Monks Way	Site Completed	0.2	Loss of 752sq.m of E(g)(i), Gain of 752sq.m of E(e)	E(e)
Total hectares lost to non-employment use between 01/04/2023 and 31/03/2024								0.23		
Total hectares lost to non-employment use over the plan period so far 2014 to 2024								33.84		

TABLE 4: COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT ACHIEVING BREEAM STANDARDS FROM 01/04/2023 TO 31/03/2024

Planning Reference	Location	Proposal	Achieving BREEAM Standards
22/00194/FUL	Borax Uk Gorse Lane Widnes Cheshire WA8 0RP	Proposed alterations to yard and building envelope, inclusion of operations hub and sheltered loading areas along with associated mechanical and electrical equipment to ensure client functionality at	No

TABLE 5: PROGRESS OF MIXED USE AREAS

(Inclusive of Loss or Gain of Employment Use) Allocations with Planning Permission – Runcorn Area (Non employment is in red text, h/a not included in totals)

Address	Gross H/A of Land	DALP Reference	Planning Application Reference	Description of Development	Status	Year of Completion
Elite Housewares Ltd, Shaw Street	0.45	MUA5	16/00119/COU	Change of use from Storage and Distribution to Assembly and Leisure	Site Completed	2016/17
Land between Greenway Road and Expressway	0.69	MUA5	19/00446/COU	Change of use from tyre and exhaust fitting and vehicle repairs to tyre and exhaust fitting, vehicle repairs and MOT station	Site Completed	2020/21
Former National Grid Depot, Halton Road	0.99	MUA6	18/00616/FUL	Extension to existing storage facility comprising an additional 171 containers,	Site Completed	2019/20
Land between the expressway and the Bridgewater Canal and west of Norton Priory.	4.7	MUA11	24/00020/REM	Application for the approval of reserved matters for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of permission 20/00337/OUTEIA - Outline planning permission for the residential led mixed use development of the site	No Start	N/A
Totals of H/A of Employment Land	6.83					

Facilities

TABLE 6: PLANNING PERMISSIONS FOR GAIN AND LOSS OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Planning Permission	Location	Proposal	Within or Adjacent to Existing Centres	Reasoning for Loss of Provision
14/00077/FUL	St Johns Church Greenway Road Widnes	Proposed extension to north side to create Community room	Within existing centre	N/a
14/00318/HBCFUL	Grangeway Youth and Community Centre Grangeway Runcorn	Proposed removal of 2m high steel mesh fencing from three sides of ball court and replacement to same line with 6m high steel ball stop fencing, erection of 2.4m high steel mesh perimeter fencing and double gate to existing garden area and creation of new pedestrian access to Community Centre grounds from highway footpath	Within existing centre	N/a
14/00336/COU	Preston Brook Marina Marina Lane Runcorn	Proposed change of use of 42 no. leisure berths to residential moorings	Within existing centre	The proposal complies with Policies BE 1, TP 12, TP 15 and S22 of the Halton Unitary Development Plan and is acceptable.
14/00555/FUL	Halebank C Of E Controlled Primary School Heath View Road	Proposed redevelopment of existing school, comprising demolition of existing buildings (except nursery building) and erection of new single storey school	Within existing centre	N/a

	Widnes	building, car parking, landscaping, play areas and ancillary works		
15/00107/FUL	Croftwood Whitchurch Way Runcorn	Proposed single storey extension to existing care home	Within existing centre	N/a
15/00295/FUL	Palacefields Community Park The Glen Runcorn	Proposed construction of play and recreational facilities, including children's climbing apparatus and a wheeled sports facility.	Within existing centre	N/a
15/00508/FUL	Halton St Marys C Of E Primary School Castlefields Avenue South Runcorn	Proposed addition of 2 no. extensions to the front elevation of the school providing additional staff accommodation space and a secure lobby	Within existing centre	N/a
15/00585/HBCFUL	Fairfield Primary School Peel House Lane Widnes	Proposed extensions to both the junior and infant schools	Within existing centre	N/a
16/00076/FUL	Ormiston Chadwick Academy Liverpool Road Widnes	Proposed refurbishment of existing Artificial Grass Pitch to form extended pitch area with new playing surface, new 4.5m high ball stop fencing, replacement flood lighting, maintenance / sports equipment store	Within existing centre	N/a
16/00144/FUL	The Heath Specialist Technology College	Proposed phased redevelopment of existing high school comprising provision of separate construction and school	Within existing centre	N/a

	Clifton Road Runcorn	accessible zones, development of new school buildings, demolition of redundant buildings, hard and soft landscaping and provision of sports facilities		
16/00223/HBCFUL	Beechwood Primary School Grasmere Drive Runcorn	Proposed extension to existing play surface adjacent to southwest elevation of school including the construction of new retaining walls	Within existing centre	N/a
17/00202/COU	Land to the East of Wharford Lane And North of Sandymoor High School Runcorn	Proposed Change of Use to a sports ground including the provision of a new grassed playing field, two tennis courts, a 3G football pitch and associated works	Within existing centre	N/a
17/00216/FUL	St Michaels Catholic Primary School St Michaels Road Widnes	Proposed erection of standalone single storey meeting room within the grounds to the south of the school	Within existing centre	N/a
17/00279/COU	Unit 10B Whitworth Court Runcorn	Proposed change of use from office to enable use as gym / fitness studio	Within existing centre	N/a
17/00307/P3JPA	44 Victoria Road Widnes	Prior notification for proposed change of use at ground floor from retail for use as a Dance Studio	Within existing centre	N/a

18/00275/FUL	Cartref House Nursing Home 61 Derby Road Widnes	Conversion of existing care home to 9 no. apartments	Within existing centre	The proposal complies with Policies BE1, BE2, TP6, TP17 and GE27 and satisfies the requirements of the Core Strategy and the NPPF.
18/00532/PLD	23 South Parade Runcorn	Application for a certificate of proposed lawful development for use of the premises as a small children care home within the C3 (b) use class	Within existing centre	N/a
18/00582/DEM	Lord Taverners Woodside Youth Club Palace Fields Avenue Runcorn	Prior notification of proposed demolition of former youth club	Within existing centre	The Council had no objection to the demolition and full planning permission was not required.
19/00024/ELD	12 Lunts Heath Road Widnes	Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an existing use being the continuance of the use of the property as a small children's care home (use class C3b)	Within existing centre	N/a
19/00298/EDU	St Augustines Catholic Primary School Conwy Court Runcorn	Proposed erection of treehouse classroom within the school grounds	Within existing centre	N/a
19/00325/FUL	Open Land to Northeast of Village Street to The East and West of Keckwick	Proposed erection of 235 dwellings and 100 extra care apartments, together with car parking, landscaping, roads, bridges,	Allocation	The site is allocated for development and forms parts of the

	Brook and to the West of the West Coast Rail Line	footways, drainage infrastructure and associated works		Sandymoor Masterplan.
19/00359/COU	10 Coronation Drive Widnes	Proposed change of use from a former care home to a place of worship and meditation with ancillary living accommodation	Within existing centre.	The proposal complies with policies BE1, BE2 and H8 of the UDP and Core Strategy.
19/00500/COU	4 Bamford Close Runcorn	Proposed change of use from dwelling house (use class C3) to residential care home for up to two children (use class C2)	Within existing centre	N/a
19/00548/FUL	25 - 27 Appleton Village Widnes Cheshire	Proposed single storey wrap around extension to existing annexe to create contemporary teaching space for pre-school children (resubmission of refused application 19/00224/FUL	Within existing centre	N/a
19/00615/HBCFUL	Chesnut Lodge School Green Lane Widnes	Proposed extension to school to provide one extra classroom	Within existing centre	N/a
20/00206/HBCFUL	Land At Moor Lane Widnes	Proposed demolition of existing buildings and the erection of a 2-storey leisure centre	Within existing centre	N/a
21/00102/FUL	Boat House Cholmondeley Road Runcorn	Proposed demolition of existing facilities and development of new clubhouse incorporating changing facilities, gym, social areas and ground floor boat and canoe	Within existing centre	N/a

21/00161/FUL	East Lane House East Lane Runcorn	Proposed demolition of the existing vacant office building and the erection of apartment block and townhouses totalling 153no. dwellings (use class C3), a 66no. bedroom care home (use class C2) and an 85no. bedroom hotel (use class C1) with associated hard and soft landscaping and parking	Within existing centre	N/a
22/00004/FUL	Land At Naylor Road Widnes	Proposed development of a two-storey special education needs and disability school (SEND) (use class F), as well as hard and soft landscaping, multi-use games area (MUGA) and sports pitches, creation of on-site car parking and creation of new vehicular	Adjacent to existing centre	The proposed development is consistent with Policies GR1, GR2, C1, C2 and HC10 of the Delivery and Allocations Local Plan, and paragraph 95 of the NPPF which recognises the importance of ensuring sufficient choice of school places is available to meet the needs of existing and new communities. ⁵¹
22/00056/COU	Former Doctor's Surgery 18 Lugsdale Road	Proposed change of use of the site from doctors to an SEN school, with associated car park layout changes and ancillary work	Within existing centre	N/a

⁵¹ [\(Public Pack\)Agenda Document for Development Management Committee, 09/05/2022 18:30 \(halton.gov.uk\)](#)

	Widnes			
22/00072/COU	59 Coroners Lane Widnes	Proposed change of use from former residential care home (use class C2) to 3. no residential dwellings (use class C3) along with internal and external remodelling	Within existing centre	The proposed change of use to 3no residential dwellings in this location would be an acceptable use for the land given the application site is designated as a primary residential area on the DALP Policies map. The means of access to the development are acceptable and a sufficient amount of parking would be provided as advised by the Council's Highways Officer. The proposal would bring back into use the vacant property that is in a prominent location and would also provide residential accommodation in the borough.
22/00625/COU	Westway Delph Lane	Proposed change of use from a residential dwelling to a care facility) operating as a children and young person's specialist	Within existing centre	N/a

	Daresbury	care facility for a maximum of six residents.		
22/00417/HBCFUL	The Brindley Theatre, High Street	Proposed two storey extension to the Brindley Theatre including cafe/restaurant and library with ancillary accommodation. Demolition works to the existing building, ie the current glazed entrance and to internal elements where there is also some proposed remodelling works, together with ancillary works including landscape works within the site boundary.	Adjacent to existing centre	N/a
23/00057/PRIOR	Cavendish High Academy Lincoln Close Runcorn	Prior notification of proposed remodelling of school to include removal of a redundant garage, and the erection of a two-classroom extension	Within existing centre	N/a

Health

TABLE 7: MAJOR PLANNING PERMISSIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL USE (PROVISION OF HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENTS)

Planning Reference	Type	Decision Date	Address	Town	Total Dwellings	Provision of Health Impact Assessment
20/00594/FUL	Full	21/04/2023	Appleton Village Pharmacy Appleton Village Widnes Cheshire	Widnes	12	No

			WA8 6DZ			
22/00374/FUL	Full	31/05/2023	The Croft 1 Halton Lodge Avenue Runcorn Cheshire WA7 5YQ	Runcorn	16	No
22/00370/REM	Reserved Matters	02/08/2023	Land To The South East Of Bridgewater Canal Red Brow Lane Cheshire	Runcorn	97	No
23/00128/FUL	Full	21/09/2023	Land Within And Adjacent To And Surrounding Palacefields Local Centre Runcorn	Runcorn	63	No
22/00318/FUL	Full	10/11/2023	Land North Of Lunts Heath Road Widnes	Widnes	328	Yes

22/00377/FUL	Full	21/12/2023	Land At South Lane Widnes Cheshire	Widnes	Application limited to 99 dwellings	No
21/00319/FULEIA	Full Planning Application with Environmental Impact Assessment	22/12/2023	Land At Crows Nest Farm Delph Lane Daresbury Runcorn Cheshire WA4 4AW	Runcorn	151	Yes (Partially included in EIA)
20/00476/FUL	Full	01/02/2024	Waterloo Centre & Carnegie Library Egerton Street Waterloo Road Runcorn WA7 1JN	Runcorn	29	No
22/00462/FUL	Full	20/02/2024	Woodfalls Farm Stockham Lane Runcorn Cheshire	Runcorn	59	No

			WA7 6PT			
22/00638/FUL	Full	27/03/2024	Land Bounded By Church End & Town Lane Hale L24 4AX	Widnes	13	No
22/00543/OUTEIA	Outline Planning Application with Environment al Impact Assessment	27/03/2024	Sandymoor South Phase 2 Windmill Hill Avenue East Runcorn Cheshire	Runcorn	250	Yes

Housing

TABLE 8: PLANNING PERMISSIONS FOR SELF-BUILD DWELLINGS

Planning Reference	Decision Date	Address	Location	Description of Development	Status (31/03/2024)
20/00033/FUL	10-Jul-20	Land at 386 Hale Road	Widnes	Proposed erection of two storey detached dwelling on a similar footprint and in the same location as the previously demolished dwelling and erection of single storey detached garage at 386 Hale Road Widnes Cheshire WA8 8UT	Site Not Started

22/00144/FUL	28-Jul-22	Land Adjacent to 22 Kemberton Drive	Widnes	Proposed erection of a dwelling on Land Adjacent To 22 Kemberton Drive Widnes	Site Not Started
15/00423/FUL	13-Jan-16	St.Lukes Vicarage, Coroners Lane, Farnworth	Widnes	Proposed erection of 2 No. two storey detached dwellings on Land to Northwest of The Junction Of Coroners Lane And Pit Lane Widnes	Site Completed
15/00423/FUL	13-Jan-16	St.Lukes Vicarage, Coroners Lane, Farnworth	Widnes	Proposed erection of 2 No. two storey detached dwellings on Land to Northwest Of The Junction Of Coroners Lane And Pit Lane Widnes	Site Completed
17/00078/FUL	26-Apr-17	Land adjoining 5 Weston Road	Runcorn	Proposed erection of 1 no. three storey dwelling house and creation of access on Land Adjoining 5 Weston Road	Site Completed
17/00425/FUL	03-Nov-17	Land To The North West Of The Rookery, Hobb Lane	Runcorn	Proposed development of 1 no. detached dwelling with integral garage, turning area and garden space at Land to The Northwest Of The Rookery Hobb	Site Completed
17/00509/REM	08-Feb-18	Barn To The Rear Of Morphany Cottage	Runcorn	Application for approval of reserved matters on permission 16/00453/OUT for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale (together with discharge of conditions 5 to 11 inclusive for development of 1 no. 4 bedroom 1.5 storey dwelling	Site Completed
18/00289/FUL	28-Nov-18	Rear of (Ivy Cottage) 106 Runcorn Road	Runcorn	Proposed erection of dwelling with access from Moss Lane within the rear garden area at Ivy Cottage 106 Runcorn Road Moore Cheshire WA4 6UB	Site Completed
17/00309/FUL	08-Nov-17	317 Upton Lane	Widnes	Proposed demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new 2 storey dwelling at 317 Upton Lane	Site Completed

20/00053/REM	17-Nov-20	Land at side of 137 Runcorn Road	Runcorn	Application for approval of Reserved Matters (Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale) of outline permission 17/00602/OUT at Land to The East Of 137 Runcorn Road Moore Warrington Cheshire	Site Under Construction
18/00559/FUL	21-Dec-18	Land to rear of 21 Highlands Road	Runcorn	Proposed erection of one detached dwelling on land to rear of 21 Highlands Road Runcorn Cheshire WA7 4PS	Site Completed
19/00521/FUL	11-Dec-19	The Chains, Warrington Road	Runcorn	Proposed construction of 1no. two storey, four bed detached dwelling, single storey detached garage and associated works at The Chains Warrington Road Runcorn Cheshire WA7 1TB	Site Completed
19/00530/FUL	31-Mar-20	Rose Farm Barn, Moss Lane	Runcorn	Proposed demolition of single storey block of 9 stables and construction of 1 no. single storey dwelling at Rose Farm Barn Moss Lane Moore Warrington Cheshire WA4 6WF	Site Completed
21/00367/FUL	20-Sep-21	Land Between Grange Road North and Grange Park Avenue	Runcorn	Proposed erection of 1 no. detached dwelling with access and ancillary works at Land Between Grange Road North and Grange Park Avenue Runcorn	Site Under Construction
21/00295/FUL	11-Nov-21	Church End Farm, 5 Church End, Hale	Widnes	Proposed subdivision of plot, conversion and extension of existing annexe to form single dwelling at Church End Farm 5 Church End Hale Liverpool L24 4AX	Site Completed
23/00336/OUT	10-Jan-24	2 Moss Lane, Moore, Warrington, Cheshire, WA4 6UN	Runcorn	Outline application, with all matters reserved, for erection of 3 bed detached dormer bungalow at	Site Not Started

Nature

TABLE 9: PLANNING PERMISSION LOCATED IN PRIORITY HABITAT AREAS

Planning Reference	Location	Site Designation	Proposal	Measures
14/00161/FUL	Sandymoor North Phase 1, Runcorn	FGM Meadow and Reedbed Tier 4	Development of 219 dwellings	Conditions 4 and 17 sets out the requirements for survey work and biodiversity and ecology/habitat enhancement ⁵²
15/00152/FUL	Manor Park, Runcorn	FGM Meadow and Reedbed Tier 4	Extension to warehouse storage	Condition 2 (drawings) and the Ecology Report submitted with the application documents set out the requirements for reasonable avoidance measures to minimise the potential impacts on great crested newts ⁵³
15/00332/FUL	Johnsons Lane, Widnes	Woodland and Orchard Tier 3 and FGM Meadow and Reedbed Tier 3	Solar photovoltaic farm	Condition 9 sets out the requirements for the habitat management plan ⁵⁴
20/00064/FUL	Clifton former Land Fill Site, Runcorn	FGM Meadow and Reedbed Tier 1	Application for power generating facility	Conditions 8,9 and 10 set out the requirements for protection of breeding habitats, the Biodiversity Management Plan and the Reasonable Avoidance Measures for protection of the common lizard and terrestrial mammals ⁵⁵

⁵² [DN_1400161FUL.pdf \(halton.gov.uk\)](#)

⁵³ [DN_1500152FUL.pdf \(halton.gov.uk\)](#)

⁵⁴ [DN_1500332FUL.pdf \(halton.gov.uk\)](#)

⁵⁵ [DN_2000064FUL.pdf \(halton.gov.uk\)](#)

21/00565/FUL	Land SE of Junction between Weaver Road and Cholmondely Road, Runcorn	FGM Meadow and Reedbed Tier 1	Installation of 100MW battery storage facility	Conditions 7 and 8 (breeding birds' mitigation and protection measures, Biodiversity Management Plan) ⁵⁶
22/00260/FUL	350 Blackheath Lane Runcorn	FGM Meadow and Reedbed Tier 4	Extension to warehouse storage	Condition 5,7 and 9 set out the requirements for breeding birds protection, Environmental Management Plan and Off-site Ecological Mitigation. ⁵⁷
23/00193/FUL	Land SE of Junction between Weaver Road and Cholmondely Road, Runcorn	FGM Meadow and Reedbed Tier 1	Installation of a 135kw ancillary sub-station	Conditions 6,7,9 and 10 set out the requirements for reasonable avoidance measures for terrestrial mammals, common lizards, breeding birds protection and the biodiversity mitigation plan ⁵⁸

TABLE 10: PLANNING PERMISSIONS LOCATED WITHIN COASTAL CHANGE MANAGEMENT AREAS

Planning Reference	Location	Description
22/00047/MGCON	Land At Widnes Lying Between Speke Roads	Application to discharge condition No(s). 7 (COPE/CEMP/contamination) of permissions 12/00001/FULEIA, 12/00002/FULEIA, 12/00003/FULEIA, 13/00328/FUL and 08/00200/FULEIA and 15 (contamination) of permissions 12/00001/FULEIA, 12/00002/FULEIA and 12/00003/FULEIA and 16 (contamination) of 08/00200/FULEIA

⁵⁶ [DN_2100565FUL.pdf \(halton.gov.uk\)](#)

⁵⁷ [DN_2200260FUL.pdf \(halton.gov.uk\)](#)

⁵⁸ [DN_2300193FUL.pdf \(halton.gov.uk\)](#)

	and The River Mersey	
22/00325/MGCON	Land At Widnes Lying Between Speke Road And The River Mersey	Application to discharge condition No(s). 7 (COPE/CEMP/contamination) of permissions 12/00001/FULEIA, 12/00002/FULEIA, 12/00003/FULEIA, 13/00328/FUL and 08/00200/FULEIA and 15 (contamination) of permissions 12/00001/FULEIA, 12/00002/FULEIA and 12/00003/FULEIA and 16 (contamination) of 08/00200/FULEIA
22/00460/FUL	Pickerings Pasture Mersey View Road Widnes	Retrospective application for proposed erection of a brazier beacon in celebration of the Queens platinum jubilee
22/00546/MGCON	Land At Widnes Lying Between Speke Road And The River Mersey	Application to discharge condition No(s). 7 (COPE/CEMP/contamination) of permissions 12/00001/FULEIA, 12/00002/FULEIA, 12/00003/FULEIA, 13/00328/FUL and 08/00200/FULEIA and 15 (contamination) of permissions 12/00001/FULEIA, 12/00002/FULEIA and 12/00003/FULEIA and 16 (contamination) of 08/00200/FULEIA
22/00586/MGCON	Land At Widnes Lying Between Speke Road And The River Mersey	Application to discharge condition No(s). 7 (COPE/CEMP/contamination) of permissions 12/00001/FULEIA, 12/00002/FULEIA, 12/00003/FULEIA, 13/00328/FUL and 08/00200/FULEIA and 15 (contamination) of permissions 12/00001/FULEIA, 12/00002/FULEIA and 12/00003/FULEIA and 16 (contamination) of 08/00200/FULEIA a
23/00093/MGCON	Land At Widnes Lying Between Speke Road and The River Mersey	Application to discharge condition No(s). 7 (COPE/CEMP/contamination) of permissions 12/00001/FULEIA, 12/00002/FULEIA, 12/00003/FULEIA, 13/00328/FUL and 08/00200/FULEIA and 15 (contamination) of permissions 12/00001/FULEIA, 12/00002/FULEIA and 12/00003/FULEIA and 16 (contamination) of 08/00200/FULEIA

TABLE 11: PLANNING PERMISSIONS FOR LOSS OF PROTECTED TREES (01/04/2023 AND 31/03/2024)

Planning Reference	Location of TPO	Description	Number of Trees Felled	Reasoning why Tree(s) given Permission to be Felled
23/00177/TPO	Tunnel Top Cottage Northwich Road Runcorn Cheshire WA4 4JY	Proposed removal of oak tree under TPO 070 at	1	Tree has died
23/00202/TPO	All Saints Vicarage Daresbury Lane Daresbury Warrington Cheshire WA4 4AE	Proposed tree works to groups G2, G3 and A5 of TPO 011 at	1	A specimen in extensive decline and displaying symptoms of bleeding cankers
23/00270/TPO	12 McKeagney Gardens Widnes Cheshire WA8 8TP	Proposed felling of tree protected by a tree preservation order 103 at	1	To prevent further damage to the land and to prevent further injuries.

TABLE 12: NO OBJECTION RAISED FOR LOSS OF TREE(S) IN A CONSERVATION AREA (01/04/2023 TO 31/03/2024)

Planning Reference	Location of Tree	Description	Number of Trees Felled
23/00210/TCA	8 Village Farm Chester Road Daresbury Warrington Cheshire WA4 4AS	Proposed works to tree standing within the conservation area, felling of 1 x Field Maple situated in the rear garden at	1
23/00278/TCA	90 Runcorn Road Moore Warrington Cheshire WA4 6TZ	Proposed work to T1 Conifer fell and T2 Laburnum fell at	2
23/00439/TCA	St Pauls Church Vicarage Road Widnes Cheshire WA8 7QU	Proposed works to tree standing within the Conservation Area - Fell 1 no. Silver Birch tree to provide area for gardening / food growing project at	1

23/00457/TCA	9 Pheasant Field Hale Liverpool L24 5SD	Proposed works to trees standing in a conservation area: removal of three large Poplar trees at the rear boundary of property at	3
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Open Space

TABLE 13: ON-SITE OPEN SPACE SECURED BY A SECTION 106 AGREEMENT (01/04/2014 TO 31/03/2024)

Planning Reference	Decision Date	Location	Proposal	Obligation Secured	Status
14/00087/FUL	17/09/2014	Land on the north-side of Beechwood Avenue, Runcorn	In-lieu of on-site open space provision	£35,692.42	Funds received and secured for Wood Land Pond
16/00024/FUL	17/05/2016	Land to the northeast of Abbots Park and bounded by the M56 and Chester Road, Preston Brook, Runcorn	In-lieu of on- site open space	£22,299.75	Funds received
17/00389/FUL	20/06/2018	Land to rear of Appleton Village Pharmacy, Widnes	In lieu on-site open space	£11,714.64	Funds received
20/00028/FUL	19/11/2020	Canal Walks site, Halton Road Runcorn	In-lieu of on-site open space	£35,501.66	Funds received
21/00613/FUL	17/03/2022	Former site of Express Dairies Perry Street/Sewell Street Runcorn	In lieu on-site open space	£8659	Funds received

TABLE 14: OFF-SITE OPEN SPACE SECURED BY A SECTION 106 AGREEMENT

Planning Reference	Decision Date	Location	Reason for Requirement	Obligation Secured	Status
13/00042/FUL	16/04/2015	Former HDL, Queens Avenue, Widnes	Loss of designated greenspace Off-site open space contribution	£12,890.82	Funds received
13/00235/FUL/ 14/00476/S73	20/03/2015	188 Derby Road, Widnes	Off-site open space	£17,452.64	Funds received
15/00015/FUL	25/04/2016	Land at Crossway, Widnes	Provision and establishment of off-site open space / boundary improvements to King George V playing fields	£12,890.82	Funds received
15/00493/FUL	21/01/2016	Land bounded by Grangeway, Pine Road and Thorn Road, Runcorn	Loss of greenspace/in-lieu of on-street open space in the locality	£37,596.76	Funds received
20/00618/S73 application to vary condition of 17/00351/FUL	03/01/2023	The New Inn 294 Hale Road Widnes Cheshire WA8 8PZ	Off-site open space	£13,750.21	No funds received
21/00161/FUL	06/02/2023	East Lane House East Lane Runcorn Cheshire WA7 2UR	Open space (in lieu of on site provision)	£196,865.98	No funds received

22/00318/FUL	10/11/2023	Land North Of Lunts Heath Road Widnes	Off-site open space	£153,785.90	50% received
22/00377/FUL	21/12/2023	Land At South Lane Widnes Cheshire	Off-site open space	£71,995.92	No funds received
22/00638/FUL	27/03/2023	Land Bounded By Church End & Town Lane Hale L24 4AX	Off-site open space	£21,204.52	Funds received

TABLE 15: LOSS AND GAIN OF SPORTS/PLAYING PITCH PROVISION

Planning Permission	Location	Proposal	Loss/Gain Detail
16/00076/FUL	Ormiston Chadwick Academy Liverpool Road Widnes	Proposed refurbishment of existing Artificial Grass Pitch to form extended pitch area with new playing surface, new 4.5m high ball stop fencing, replacement flood lighting, maintenance / sports equipment store	Refurbishment -no loss or gain
17/00202/COU	Land to the East of Wharford Lane and North of Sandymoor High School Runcorn	Proposed Change of Use of vacant land to a sports ground including the provision of a new grassed playing field, two tennis courts, a 3G football pitch and associated works	Creation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3g synthetic grassed football pitch • 2 synthetic grassed tennis courts • Grass pitched running track. Facilities are available for public use
20/00206/HBCFUL	Land At Moor Lane	Proposed demolition of existing buildings and the erection of a 2-storey leisure centre	The proposal will replace the existing facility at Kingsway, Widnes

	Widnes		
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Retail

TABLE 16: COMPLETIONS OF MAIN TOWN CENTRE USES WITHIN DESIGNATED CENTRES (GAIN AND LOSS)

District/Town Centre	Location Address	Planning Reference	Completion Date	Description	Loss/Gain	Floorspace (GIA) (SQM)
Widnes Town Centre	1A Deacon Road	23/00247/COU	31/03/2024	Proposed change of use from residential flats to offices	Loss	Loss of 85sq.m of E(c)(ii)

TABLE 17: PLANNING PERMISSIONS FOR MAIN TOWN CENTRE USES (GAIN AND LOSS)

Area	Location Address	Planning Reference	Stage of Development	Description	Floorspace (Gross)
Runcorn					
	The Brindley Theatre, High Street	22/00417/HBCFUL	Site Not started	Proposed two storey extension to the Brindley Theatre including cafe/restaurant and library with ancillary accommodation. Demolition works to the existing building, ie the current glazed entrance and to internal elements where there is also some	0.99

				proposed remodelling works, together with ancillary works including landscape works within the site boundary, all at The Brindley Theatre	
	Mcdonalds Restaurants Ltd, West Lane	23/00153/FUL	Site Not Started	Proposed extension to existing restaurant including a new remote refuse store to be formed within the car park and associated works to the site. Relocation of the customer order displays and amendments to fenestration at Mcdonalds Restaurants	017
	Runcorn Library, Granville Street	23/00450/HBCCOU	Site Not Started	Proposed change of use from existing library (use class F1) to health and education hub with multi-purpose spaces (use class E) at Runcorn Library	0.06
Widnes					
	1A Deacon Road	23/00247/COU	Site Completed	Proposed change of use from residential flats to offices	0.02

	58 Albert Road	23/00293/COU	Site Not Started	Proposed change of use from retail to form 1 No. bedroom apartment and 1 No. studio apartment at first floor level	0.01
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TABLE 18: APPLICATIONS FOR RETAIL DEVELOPMENT IN EDGE OR OUT OF CENTRE LOCATIONS

Area	Location Address	Planning Reference	Stage of Development	Description	Sequential Assessment / Impact Assessment	Floorspace (Gross)
Widnes Out of Centre	The Blundell Arms, Hale Road	21/00156/COU	No start	Proposed change of use of the ground floor (270m2) of the public house (use class sui generis) to convenience store (use class E)	Sequential	Loss of 270sq.m of public house (SG) Gain of 270sqm of convenience store (E (a))
Widnes Out of Centre	Aldi Food store, Green Oaks Way	21/00278/ FUL	Under construction	Replacement food store	Sequential	Gain of 412sq.m of convenience store (E (a))

TABLE 19: COMPLETED OFFICE AND RETAIL USE

District/ Town Centre	Location Address	Planning Reference	Status	Description	Loss/Gain of Office or Retail	Floorspace (GIA) (SQM)
Runcorn Out of Centre	22 Grange Road	14/00310/COU	Complete	Change of use from former shop to one bedroomed dwelling	Loss of retail	44sq.m
Widnes Town Centre	The Establish- ment, Victoria Square	15/00491/COU	Complete 2015	Change of use of first floor from a hotel to office space	Gain of office space	929sq.m

TABLE 20: LONG TERM VACANT UNITS RUNCORN OLD TOWN

Ref	Street Number	Road	Footprint (sqm)	Primary Shopping Area
OT008	8	Church Street	137.00	No
OT018	28	Church Street	117.1	Yes
OT021	32	Church Street	56.80	Yes
OT037	68	Church Street	48.45	No
OT038	70-72	Church Street	53.20	No
OT061	55	Church Street	56.70	Yes
OT065	67	Church Street	18.25	No
OT067	69	Church Street	90.00	No
OT113	5-6	Granville Street	262.00	Yes
OT117	2	Granville Street	32.40	Yes
OT129	44	High Street	68.82	No
OT161	35-37	High Street	89.44	No
OT162	39	High Street	21.66	No
OT186	3	Loch Street	33.30	No
OT194	12	Regent Street	72.60	No
OT195	14	Regent Street	14.62	No

OT197	26	Regent Street	13.76	No
OT203	50	Regent Street	36.00	No
OT205	3-5	Regent Street	42.90	No
OT206	7	Regent Street	31.60	No
OT209	13	Regent Street	42.75	No
OT210	19	Regent Street	25.20	No
OT211	21	Regent Street	36.75	No
OT215	29	Regent Street	32.66	No
OT217	33	Regent Street	13.00	No
OT242	3	High Street	47.00	No
OT243		Fryer Street	49.00	Yes

TABLE 21: LONG TERM VACANT UNITS, HALTON LEA, RUNCORN

Ref	Street Number	Road	Footprint (sqm)	Primary Shopping Area
HL009	207	Town Square (Above)	353.03	Yes
HL010		Town Square (Above)	16.72	Yes
HL011	213	Town Square (Above)	33.44	Yes
HL012	74	Town Walk	62.24	Yes
HL017	84-85	Forest Walk (South)	408.77	Yes
HL019	38	Orchard Walk	315.87	Yes
HL042	6	Orchard Walk	111.48	Yes
HL043	118	River Walk	278.71	Yes
HL044	201	Town Square (Above)	91.04	Yes
HL047		Town Square (Above)	33.44	Yes
HL049	5	Town Walk	353.03	Yes
HL050	4	Town Walk	62.24	Yes
HL051	10	Town Walk	92.90	Yes
HL052	92-93	Forest Walk	3,716.09	Yes
HL060	82-83	Forest Walk (South)	232.26	Yes

HL066	39	Orchard Walk	394.83	Yes
HL068	97	River Walk	62.24	Yes
HL076	77	Town Square	102.19	Yes
HL078	3	Town Walk	143.07	Yes
HL079	2	Town Walk	76.64	Yes
HL080	73	Town Walk	92.90	Yes
HL082	12	Orchard Walk	134.71	Yes
HL083	11	Town Walk	120.77	Yes
HL089	9	Town Walk	214.55	Yes
HL093	8	River Walk	111.48	Yes
HL094		Town Square (Above)	149.57	Yes
HL095	10	Orchard Walk	111.48	Yes
HL104		Town Square (Above)	875.14	Yes
HL105		Town Square (Above)	1,569.58	Yes
HL110	12	Halton Lea	1,223.00	Yes
HL111	13	Halton Lea	358.00	Yes
HL131	1	Halton Lea	265.00	Yes
HL136	1	Halton Lea	265.00	Yes
HL156		Northway	2,023.00	No
HL162		Town Square (Above)	33.44	Yes
HL163		Town Square (Above)	33.44	Yes
HL164		Town Square (Above)	33.44	Yes
HL165		Town Square (Above)	33.44	Yes
HL166		Town Square (Above)	322.40	Yes
HL168		Town Square	378.50	Yes

TABLE 22: LONG TERM VACANT UNITS WIDNES TOWN CENTRE

Ref	Street Number	Road	Footprint (sqm)	Primary Shopping Area
W016	1	Brook Street	29.76	Yes

W022	46	Albert Road	31.50	No
W025	52-56	Albert Road	257.25	No
W029	66	Albert Road	45.90	No
W031	70	Albert Road	51.78	No
W307	72	Albert Road	89.10	No
W039	86	Albert Road	38.48	No
W096	65-67	Albert Road	76.00	No
W099	71	Albert Road	402.17	No
W101	75	Albert Road	63.11	No
W103	79	Albert Road	59.40	No
W128	15	Albert Square	138.60	Yes
W130	18	Albert Square	50.40	Yes
W131	20	Albert Square	72.80	Yes
W141	9	Albert Square	164.90	Yes
W145	15-16	Albert Square	501.62	Yes
W146	19	Albert Square	97.30	Yes
W149	25	Albert Square	89.40	Yes
W150	26	Albert Square	82.15	Yes
W152	28a	Albert Square	129.94	Yes
W157	17	Albert Square	170.45	Yes
W196	4	Robert Street	16.00	No
W199	3	Rylands Street	13.75	No
W297	152	Widnes Road	51.25	Yes
W308	7-11	Widnes Road	142.54	No
W309	13	Widnes Road	79.29	No
W310	15	Widnes Road	26.25	No
W311	17	Widnes Road	70.20	No
W312	19	Widnes Road	30.80	No
W313	21-23	Widnes Road	693.12	No
W315	27-29	Widnes Road	76.18	No

W319	33b	Widnes Road	57.40	No
W333	65	Widnes Road	29.25	No
W363	17-18		266.43	Yes
W425	57-61	Widnes Road	345.90	No
W433	116	Widnes Road	116.29	No
W438	102-104	Widnes Road	218.82	No
W439	106	Widnes Road	50.51	No
W498		Widnes Road	151.27	No
W549	Magistrates Court & Police Station	Kingsway	2,016.27	No
W569	Rear of 1	Frederick Street	60.00	No

TABLE 23: CHANGE OF USE OF UPPER FLOORS

Location	Address	Planning Reference	Status at April 2024	Previous Upper Floor Use	Proposed Upper Floor Use
Widnes Town Centre	52 - 56 Albert Road	19/00372/COU	Under Construction (stalled)	Restaurant - E (b)	Residential - C3
Halton Lea, Runcorn	Grosvenor House, Northway	20/00354/COU	Under Construction	Office - E (g) (i)	Residential -C3
Runcorn, Out of Centre	31 - 33 Ashridge Street	22/00640/COU	Completed (Retrospective)	Public House - SG	Residential – C3

TABLE 24: CHANGE OF USE TO RESIDENTIAL

Location	Address	Planning Reference	Status at April 2024	Previous Upper Floor Use	Number of Residential Units Created
Runcorn, Out of Centre	22 Grange Road	14/00310/COU	Completed	E (a)	1
Widnes, Out of Centre	281 Warrington Road	14/00338/COU	Completed	Bookmakers SG	1
Widnes Town Centre	52 - 56 Albert Road	19/00372/COU	Under Construction	Restaurant E (b)	7
Halton Lea Town Centre	Grosvenor House, Northway	20/00354/COU	Under Construction	Offices E (g) (i)	5
Runcorn, Out of Centre	31 - 33 Ashridge Street	22/00640/COU	Completed (Retrospective)	Public House -SG	1
Total Dwellings Created					15

TABLE 25: PROGRESS OF RETAIL AND TOWN CENTRE ALLOCATIONS

Allocation Reference	Location	H/a	Proposed Use	Progress
TC1	Land to the north of the Brindley (former Brindley Mound), Runcorn Old Town	0.42	Retail & Leisure	22/00417/HBCFUL approved: Proposed two storey extension to the Brindley Theatre.
TC2	Bus Interchange, Car Park and Former HDL, Runcorn Old Town	0.54	Retail	Not progressed

TC3	Widnes Retail Park (Phase 2)		Retail	Not progressed
TC5	East Lane House	1.14	Mixed (Retail, Leisure & Residential)	Demolition approved: 22/00065/DEM. 21/00161/FUL.
TC6	Sandymoor Local Centre	1.35	Retail	Completed development of a local district centre to include Retail units 1 & 2: Display or retail sale of goods, other than hot food, Use Class E(a) and/or Restaurants and Cafes, Use Class E(b); Retail units 3 & 4: Takeaways, Use class Sui Generis - hot food takeaways; Retail unit 5: Veterinary Practice, Use Class E(e). Elderly living facilities for the over 55's in the form of: an apartment block providing 20no. one bed flats and 24no. two bed flats, and 5no two bed bungalows - all Use Class C3(a) Dwelling houses; together with ancillary development including cycle stores for 20no cycles, and landscaping etc planning permissions: 21/00053/COND; 21/00177/COND; 21/00628/FUL; 21/00688/COND; 22/00029/COND; 22/00432/COND; 23/00230/NMA
TC7	TA Centre	1.44	Mixed (Retail & Residential)	Not progressed
TC8	Library, Grosvenor House, Former Magistrates Court, Police Station et al, Halton Lea	2.32	Mixed (Office, Retail, Leisure and Residential)	20/00354/COU; 21/00185/NMA Change of use of part of the building to 5 apartments

TC9	Albert Square car park		Retail	Not progressed
TC10	Daresbury Local Centre	0.39	Retail	Not progressed
TC11	South Widnes (West Bank)		Retail	Not progressed

TABLE 26: PLANNING DECISIONS CITING POLICY HC4

Planning Reference	Location	Proposal	Decision	Policy HC4 Cited
23/00104/ADV	Borax Uk Gorsey Lane Widnes Cheshire WA8 0RP	Proposed advertisement consent for the display of various non-illuminated signage	Permitted 12/05/2023	Yes
23/00126/ADV	Smart Storage Hutchinson Street Widnes Cheshire WA8 0PZ	Proposed replacement corporate advertising display comprising 3 no. externally illuminated fascia signs and 26 no. non-illuminated vinyl signs	Permitted 01/06/2023	Yes
23/00211/ADV	32 Church Street Runcorn Cheshire WA7 1LR	Proposed new signage	Permitted 22/06/2023	Yes
23/00235/ADV	Kammac Gorsey Lane	Application for advertisement consent for proposed installation of 2 illuminated flex face boxes	Permitted 27/06/2023	Yes

	Widnes Cheshire			
23/00174/ADV	B And M Home Bargains Earle Road Widnes Cheshire WA8 0TA	Application for advertisement consent for display of: 1 no. Illuminated building sign, 2 no. Illuminated flexface signs, 2 no. product panels non-illuminated, 1 no. totem sign non illuminated, 1 no. post sign non-illuminated, 1 no. set of 2 click & collect signs and 1 no. welcome sign	Permitted 11/07/2023	Yes
23/00249/ADV	Land South Of A558 Daresbury Expressway Runcorn	Application for advertisement consent for 2x V Stack Signage and 16x Flag Poles	Permitted 03/08/2023	Yes
23/00260/ADV	Former HSS Hire Group Plc Moor Lane Widnes WA8 7AL	Application of advertisement consent for 4 fascia signs, 2 quattro dot signs, and various directional and promotional signs around the site relating to a drive-thru unit and a totem sign	Permitted 18/08/2023	Yes
23/00252/ADV	Daresbury Laboratory Keckwick Lane Daresbury Warrington Cheshire WA4 4AD	Advertisement consent for the proposed installation of fascia sign	Permitted 18/08/2023	Yes
23/00151/ADV	Mcdonalds Restaurants Ltd West Lane	Proposed relocation of 1 digital freestanding sign	Permitted 24/08/2023	Yes

	Runcorn Cheshire WA7 2PE			
23/00313/ADV	Land North Of A5080 Derby Road Widnes	Application for advertisement consent for 3x V Stack Signage and 13x Flag Poles	Permitted 14/09/2023	Yes
23/00340/ADV	Land North Of A5080 Derby Road Widnes	Application for advertisement consent for 2x V Stack Signage and 8x Flag Poles	Permitted 25/09/2023	Yes
23/00418/ADV	Land South Of South Lane Widnes Cheshire	Application for advertisement consent to display signage on the front wall of the building between the top of the ground floor windows and the sill of the first floor windows	Permitted 10/11/2023	Yes
23/00431/ADV	14 Evenwood Close Runcorn Cheshire WA7 1TZ	Application for advertisement consent to renew company logos on four items to front of premises	Permitted 21/11/2023	Yes
23/00433/ADV	51 - 53 Halton Road Runcorn Cheshire WA7 5QU	Application for advertisement consent for a building fascia sign	Permitted 21/11/2023	Yes

22/00299/ADV	Cestrian Court 2 Eastgate Way Runcorn Cheshire WA7 1NT	Application for advertising consent for the installation of 16 non-illuminated signs for car park management system	Permitted 29/11/2023	Yes
23/00467/ADV	The Hillcrest Hotel 75 Cronton Lane Widnes Cheshire WA8 9AR McDonalds Restaurants Ltd West Lane Runcorn Cheshire WA7 2PE	Application for advertisement consent for installation of 6no. new fascia signs	Permitted 15/12/2023	Yes
23/00461/ADV	Land To The North Of Horns Garage Lunts Heath Road Widnes Cheshire	Application for advertisement consent for V Stack Sign, small monolith signs, swing sign, flag poles and flags	Permitted 18/01/2024	Yes
24/00030/ADV	Unit 2A The Hive Earle Road Widnes	Application for advertising consent to erect a company sign above the main entrance	Permitted 06/03/2024	Yes

TABLE 27 PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED FOR HOT FOOD TAKEAWAY'S

Prior to adoption of the DALP in March 2022 development of/change of use to hot food takeaways was not closely monitored, as such there may be some data gaps.

District/Town Centre	Location Address	Planning Reference	Percentage of Hot Food Takeaways in Retail Centres	Date of Planning Permission	Floorspace (GIA) (SQM)	Description
Hale Local Centre	6/7 Ivy Farm Court, Town Lane, Hale	19/00332/COU 23/00372/S73	1 of 10 = 10%	09/04/2020	132	Proposed change of use from former NHS clinic to mixed use pizza cafeteria and takeaway
Bechers, Local Centre, Widnes	4 Danescroft	20/00353/COU	2 of 8 = 25%	27/08/2020	80	Proposed change of use from former pharmacy to snack/sandwich bar (Use Class A3)
Widnes Town Centre	45 Albert Road	22/00154/COU	4 of 136 = 3%	12/07/2022	95	Proposed change of use from former betting shop to a hot food takeaway
Widnes out of Town Centre	Land Adjacent, East And South East Of Intersection Between Johnsons Lane And Gorsey Lane, Widnes	23/00429/FUL		05.02.2024	70	Proposed removal of existing Munch Mobile food truck adjacent to Johnsons Lane and installation of new Munch Mobile truck in existing space. Installation of new 20ft long, 6ft tall gate in existing fence line to match existing.

Transport

TABLE 28: PLANNING PERMISSIONS WITH TRAVEL PLANS (01/04/2023 TO 31/03/2024)

Planning Reference	Decision Date	Address	Proposal
21/00161/FUL	06/02/2023	East Lane House East Lane Runcorn	Proposed demolition of the existing vacant office building and the erection of apartment block and townhouses totalling 153no. dwellings (use class C3), a 66no. bedroom care home (use class C2) and an 85no. bedroom hotel (use class C1) with associated hard and soft landscaping and parking
21/00628/FUL	12/08/2022	Land Bounded By Pitts Heath Lane and Otterburn Street Sandymoor Runcorn	Proposed development of a local district centre to include Retail units 1& 2: Display or retail sale of goods, other than hot food, Use Class E(a) and/or Restaurants and Cafes, Use Class E(b); Retail units 3 & 4: Takeaways, use class Sui Generis - hot food takeaways; Retail unit 5: Veterinary Practice, Use Class E(e). Elderly living facilities for the over 55's in the form of: an apartment block providing 20no. one bed flats and 24no. two bed flats, and 5no two bed bungalows - all Use Class C3(a) Dwelling houses; together with ancillary development including cycle stores for 20no cycles, and landscaping
22/00094/COU	03/11/2022	Unit 1 Melba House Picow Farm Road Runcorn	Proposed change of use to Class B8 (Storage or Distribution), together with associated external alterations

22/00101/FUL	12/10/2022	Riverside College Kingsway Widnes	Proposed alterations to fenestration of existing facade to main building and four storey extension to main building to create engineering workshops and classrooms, plus new substation to west of the site
22/00106/S73	19/05/2022	Unit 1 Land Off Gorsey Lane Widnes	Section 73 to vary conditions 21 and 22 of permission 21/00010/S73, Section 73 to vary condition 1 of permission 19/00240/FUL and amended by application 20/00611/NMA
22/00130/FUL	24/11/2022	81 High Street Runcorn	Proposed demolition of existing building and the erection of up to 66 independent living apartments with ancillary support services and communal facilities, together with associated landscaping, amenity space and car parking
22/00152/FULEIA	20/12/2022	Land Off Lovels Way Halebank, Widnes	Proposed storage and distribution unit (B8 use) with ancillary offices (E(g)(i) use), electricity substation, two security gatehouses, vehicle wash, highways infrastructure including accesses, car parking, service and delivery areas and associated other works including ground works, drainage and landscaping
22/00260/FUL	08/11/2022	Onyx 350 Blackheath Lane Runcorn	Proposed extension to existing warehouse (use class B8), ground works and associated works

22/00278/S73	03/08/2022	Land To the West of Junction Between Hardwick Road and Astmoor Road Runcorn	Section 73 to vary condition numbers 2, 7, 8, 13 and 17 of planning permission 20/00536/FUL [Proposed employment development comprising 13 units totalling 2545 sqm metres to provide E(g), B2 & B8 uses]
22/00307/REM	17/01/2023	Land to the South of Newstead Road Bound by The London and Western Railway and Ditton Brook	Application for the approval of reserved matters (access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) of outline planning permission 20/00445/OUT for the erection of two storage and distribution buildings (Use Class B2/B8) including ancillary office space/staff facilities (Use Class E(g)(i)) with associated loading bays, HGV/car parking, landscaping, pedestrian/cycle connections and associated infrastructure (dual unit scheme)
22/00308/REM	17/01/2023	Land to the South of Newstead Road Bound by The London and Western Railway and Ditton Brook	Application for the approval of reserved matters (access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) of outline planning permission 20/00445/OUT for the erection of a single storage and distribution building (Use Class B2/B8) including ancillary office space/staff facilities (Use Class E(g)(i)) with associated loading bays, HGV/car parking, landscaping, pedestrian/cycle connections and associated infrastructure (single unit scheme)

23/00057/PRIOR	23/03/2023	Cavendish High Academy Lincoln Close Runcorn	Prior notification of proposed remodelling of school to include removal of a redundant garage, and the erection of a two-classroom extension
22/00370/REM	02/08/2023	Land To The South East Of Bridgewater Canal Red Brow Lane Cheshire	Application for the approval of reserved matters (access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) of permission 20/00337/OUTEIA (Outline planning permission, with all matters reserved except for access, for the residential led mixed use development of the site, comprising of residential (Use Class C3), employment (Use Class B1) and local centre uses (Use Class A1-A4/D1) and associated infrastructure, landscaping and land remodelling) for erection of 97 No. dwelling houses and associated works at

TABLE 29: COMPLETIONS OF NON-RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT COMPLYING WITH PARKING STANDARDS (01/04/2023 TO 31/03/2024)

Address	Planning Application Reference	Description of Development	Compliance with Car Parking Standards
Daresbury Laboratory Keckwick Lane Daresbury Warrington Cheshire WA4 4AD	23/00117/REM	Application for the approval of reserved matters (scale, access, appearance, layout and landscaping) for the erection of two laboratory and office buildings including associated drainage and earthworks pursuant to outline application ref: 21/00166/OUT at	Does not comply with car parking standards as set out at Appendix D of the DALP. The Highways Officer was satisfied that provision was acceptable for the site.

Borax Uk Gorsey Lane Widnes Cheshire WA8 0RP	22/00194/FUL	Proposed alterations to yard and building envelope, inclusion of operations hub and sheltered loading areas along with associated mechanical and electrical equipment to ensure client functionality at	Not applicable – the proposal is ancillary to the existing employment use, no additional parking deemed to be necessary
Saffil Ltd Pilkington Sullivan Site Sullivan Road Widnes WA8 0US	22/00369/FULEIA	Proposed installation of an additional production line, involving an extension to an existing building and the installation of associated plant and machinery at	Does not comply with car parking standards as set out at Appendix D of the DALP. The Highways Officer was satisfied that provision was acceptable for the site.
Widnes Sixth Form College Cronton Lane Widnes Cheshire WA8 5WA	23/00236/FUL	Proposed demolition of existing changing rooms and construction of two storey extension within the footprint of the main college building to provide a new music hub with music practice rooms, band rooms and two classrooms. Construction of a new build teaching block providing three ICT classrooms, laboratory and six classrooms, with staff and sanitary facilities. Associated landscaping and covered walkway at	Does not comply with car parking standards as set out at Appendix D of the DALP. The Highways Officer was satisfied that provision was acceptable for the site.
Riverside College Kingsway Widnes Cheshire WA8 7QQ	23/00234/FUL	Proposed re fenestration of existing façade to main college building and new four storey building housing engineering workshops and classrooms, plus new substation and switch room to west of the site at	Does not comply with car parking standards as set out at Appendix D of the DALP. The Highways Officer was satisfied that provision was acceptable for the site.

Superior Catering Pitt Street Widnes Cheshire WA8 0TG	22/00500/FUL	Proposed single storey front extension to provide additional production space and enlarged ancillary shop facility, and customer car park at	Does not comply with car parking standards as set out at Appendix D of the DALP. The Highways Officer was satisfied that provision was acceptable for the site.
Asda Stores Ltd West Lane Runcorn Cheshire WA7 2PY	22/00608/FUL	Proposed erection of 1 no. coffee shop drive thru unit (Class E Use) and associated works at	Does not comply with car parking standards as set out at Appendix D of the DALP. The Highways Officer was satisfied that provision was acceptable for the site.
Gateway Recovery Centre Bennetts Lane Widnes Cheshire WA8 0GT	23/00043/FUL	Proposed dormer extension to existing sports hall with alterations, replacement of existing boundary fences and resubmission of previously permitted overspill car park at	Does comply with car parking standards as set out at Appendix D of the DALP.
Land To The North Site Entrance To Croda Europe Foundry Lane Widnes Cheshire WA8 8UB	22/00496/FUL	Proposed development comprising new site parking area segregated from the site goods entrance and heavy goods vehicles, together with new gatehouse at	Does comply with car parking standards as set out at Appendix D of the DALP.
Ten Lock Flight Crossville Way Runcorn Cheshire WA7 5TW	23/00232/FUL	Proposed erection of a substation, electric vehicle rapid charging hub consisting of 8 high power chargers and associated electrical equipment at	Does comply with car parking standards as set out at Appendix D of the DALP.
Land West Of St Michaels Road (Off Ditton Road) Widnes WA8 0TH	22/00623/FUL	Proposed development of a battery energy storage system and associated infrastructure and equipment at	Not applicable - proposed unit will not significantly increase parking demand nor will it contribute toward increased trip generation. The proposals

			therefore have no significant highway implications.
St Patricks Nursing Home Crow Wood Lane Widnes Cheshire WA8 3PN	23/00213/HBCFUL	Proposed single storey extension to an existing care home to provide 16 additional bedrooms with ancillary care facilities and the addition of air source heat pumps at	Does comply with car parking standards as set out at Appendix D of the DALP.
Beechwood Hotel Beechwood Avenue Runcorn Cheshire WA7 2PZ	23/00324/FUL	Retrospective patio addition to external area with resin gravel surface, timber picket fence and festoon lighting on timber posts at	Does not comply with car parking standards as set out at Appendix D of the DALP. The Highways Officer was satisfied that provision was acceptable for the site.
Land And Buildings To The Rear Of 162 - 164 Albert Road Widnes Cheshire WA8 6LJ	23/00383/COU	Proposed change of use from a mixed use comprising light industrial, office space and retail sales, to Class E use comprising of a wellness and therapy centre, associated cafe and retail sales at	Does comply with car parking standards as set out at Appendix D of the DALP.

TABLE 30: PLANNING PERMISSIONS WITHIN THE MONITORING PERIOD 01/04/23 TO 31/03/24 WITH 30 MINS OF BUS STOP OR TRAIN STATION

Planning Reference	Location	Development Type	Bus Stop	Train Station
20/00476/FUL	Waterloo Centre & Carnegie Library Egerton Street Waterloo Road Runcorn WA7 1JN		X	X

20/00594/FUL	Appleton Village Pharmacy Appleton Village Widnes Cheshire WA8 6DZ		X	
21/00723/FUL	48 Guernsey Road Widnes Cheshire WA8 3YH		X	
22/00104/FUL	Former Doctors Surgery 2 - 6 Appleton Village Widnes Cheshire WA8 6DZ		X	
22/00318/FUL	Land North Of Lunts Heath Road Widnes		X	
22/00374/FUL	The Croft 1 Halton Lodge Avenue Runcorn Cheshire WA7 5YQ		X	
22/00377/FUL	Land At South Lane Widnes Cheshire		X	
22/00439/FUL	Bevan Group Practice Beaconsfield Primary Care Centre Bevan Way Widnes Cheshire WA8 6TR		X	
22/00452/FUL	Bevan Group Practice Beaconsfield Primary Care Centre Bevan Way Widnes Cheshire WA8 6TR		X	
22/00462/FUL	Woodfalls Farm Stockham Lane Runcorn Cheshire WA7 6PT		X	
22/00543/OUTEIA	Sandymoor South Phase 2 Windmill Hill Avenue East Runcorn Cheshire		X	
22/00565/FUL	81 Runcorn Road Moore Warrington Cheshire WA4 6UA		X	

22/00638/FUL	Land Bounded By Church End & Town Lane Hale L24 4AX		X	
22/00639/S73	59 Coroners Lane Widnes Cheshire WA8 9JB		X	
23/00016/FUL	Former Workshop And Land To Side And Rear Of 34 Runcorn Road Moore Warrington Cheshire WA4 6TZ		X	
23/00128/FUL	Land Within And Adjacent To And Surrounding Palacefields Local Centre Runcorn		X	
23/00143/REM	Land At Daresbury Park Red Brow Lane Warrington WA4 4BB		X	
23/00163/FUL	132 Halton Road Runcorn Cheshire WA7 5RW		X	
23/00166/FUL	19 Lilac Crescent Runcorn Cheshire WA7 5JX		X	
23/00179/NMA	Land At Terrace Road Widnes WA8 0DL		X	
23/00184/OUT	93 Heath Road Widnes Cheshire WA8 7NU		X	
23/00262/OUT	Land North Of 60 Wilmere Lane Widnes Cheshire WA8 5UR		X	
23/00265/FUL	Land Adjacent To Beaconsfield Primary Care Centre Bevan Way Widnes Cheshire		X	

23/00336/OUT	2 Moss Lane Moore Warrington Cheshire WA4 6UN		X	
23/00392/FUL	1 Norton Tower Cottage Norton Lane Runcorn Cheshire WA7 6PX		X	
23/00413/FUL	Land To The North East Of Junction Between Wilmere Lane And Lunts Heath Road Widnes Cheshire		X	

TABLE 31: PLANNING PERMISSIONS WITH TRAVEL PLANS (01/04/2023-31/03/2024)

Planning Reference	Decision Date	Address	Proposal
23/00236/FUL	21.11.2023	Widnes Sixth Form College Cronton Lane Widnes Cheshire WA8 5WA	Proposed demolition of existing changing rooms and construction of two storey extension within the footprint of the main college building to provide a new music hub with music practice rooms, band rooms and two classrooms. Construction of a new build teaching block providing three ICT classrooms, laboratory and six classrooms, with staff and sanitary facilities. Associated landscaping and covered walkway at
23/00246/COND	03.07.2023	Cavendish High Academy Lincoln Close Runcorn Cheshire WA7 4YX	Application to discharge condition no(s). 2 (Travel Plan) of planning permission 23/00057/PRIOR at

20/00594/FUL	21.04.2023	Appleton Village Pharmacy Appleton Village Widnes Cheshire WA8 6DZ	Proposed demolition of existing pharmacy and construction of residential development comprising 12no. two bedroom apartments; cycle and bin storage at ground floor and commercial unit (Use Class E) at ground floor, with associated parking, landscaping and ancillary works at
22/00369/FULEIA	01.06.2023	Saffil Ltd Pilkington Sullivan Site Sullivan Road Widnes WA8 0US	Proposed installation of an additional production line, involving an extension to an existing building and the installation of associated plant and machinery at
23/00246/COND	03.07.2023	Cavendish High Academy Lincoln Close Runcorn Cheshire WA7 4YX	Application to discharge condition no(s). 2 (Travel Plan) of planning permission 23/00057/PRIOR at

22/00496/FUL	08.06.23	Land To The North Site Entrance To Croda Europe Foundry Lane Widnes Cheshire WA8 8UB	Proposed development comprising new site parking area segregated from the site goods entrance and heavy goods vehicles, together with new gatehouse at
22/00417/HBCFUL	31.07.23	The Brindley Theatre High Street Runcorn Cheshire WA7 1BG	Proposed two storey extension to the Brindley Theatre including cafe/restaurant and library with ancillary accommodation. Demolition works to the existing building, ie the current glazed entrance and to internal elements where there is also some proposed remodelling works, together with ancillary works including landscape works within the site boundary, all at
22/00370/REM	02.08.23	Land To The South East Of Bridgewater Canal Red Brow Lane Cheshire	Application for the approval of reserved matters (access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) of permission 20/00337/OUTEIA (Outline planning permission, with all matters reserved except for access, for the residential led mixed use development of the site, comprising of residential (Use Class C3), employment (Use Class B1) and local centre uses (Use Class A1-A4/D1) and associated infrastructure, landscaping and land remodelling) for erection of 97 No. dwelling houses and associated works at

23/00261/COND	02.08.23	Onyx 350 Blackheath Lane Runcorn WA7 1SE	Application to part discharge condition no(s). 13 (Electric Vehicle Charging Point) and 14 (Travel Plan) of planning permission 22/00260/FUL at
22/00542/HBCFUL	24.08.23	59, 63, 65 High Street Runcorn Cheshire WA7 1AH	Proposed change of use from vacant commercial/retail ground floor units with vacant commercial/retail/residential space above into mixed community based commercial and arts use, including new youth centre and new build two storey extension (Number 57) comprising of 7 photovoltaic solar panels to the east end of terrace adjacent number 59, existing buildings comprise basements, ground plus two storeys, less than 18m height at
23/00128/FUL	21.09.23	Land Within And Adjacent To And Surrounding Palacefields Local Centre Runcorn	Proposed demolition of existing buildings (including 26 existing dwellings, the existing local centre incorporating the Bethesda Church, and part of the Tricorn Public House), the infilling of the existing subway; the construction of a new local centre (comprising 63 extra-care dwellings, with associated communal facilities, ground floor retail floorspace (Use Class E) and 2 bungalows (extracare)); a replacement church / community facility (Use Class F1 / F2 / E); the change of use of the retained Tricorn Public House and associated Stables into 10 dwellings; the erection of a further 59 dwellings together with improved public realm, play facilities, improvements to open space, hard and soft landscaping works; and other associated infrastructure and works at

23/00236/FUL	21.11.23	Widnes Sixth Form College Cronton Lane Widnes Cheshire	Proposed demolition of existing changing rooms and construction of two storey extension within the footprint of the main college building to provide a new music hub with music practice rooms, band rooms and two classrooms. Construction of a new build teaching block providing three ICT classrooms, laboratory and six classrooms, with staff and sanitary facilities. Associated landscaping and covered walkway at
22/00608/FUL	11.12.23	Asda Stores Ltd West Lane Runcorn Cheshire	Proposed erection of 1 no. coffee shop drive thru unit (Class E Use) and associated works at
22/00377/FUL	21.12.23	Land At South Lane Widnes Cheshire	Proposed demolition of existing buildings and the erection of residential development (Use Class C3) with associated landscaping, access/egress, car parking, drainage, and other necessary supporting infrastructure at
21/00319/FULEIA	22.12.23	Land At Crows Nest Farm Delph Lane Daresbury Runcorn	Proposed development of 151 residential dwellings (comprising a mix of 3, 4, and 5 bedroom houses) and associated works at

		Cheshire WA4 4AW	
23/00450/HBCCOU	26.01.24	Runcorn Library Granville Street Runcorn Cheshire WA7 1NE	Proposed change of use from existing library (use class F1) to health and education hub with multi-purpose spaces (use class E) at
20/00476/FUL	01.02.24	Waterloo Centre & Carnegie Library Egerton Street Waterloo Road Runcorn WA7 1JN	Proposed refurbishment of existing Carnegie Library building to provide a new community hub, demolition of Waterloo Centre, erection of new build development of 29 one-bedroom supported living / extra care apartments with ancillary facilities, provision of access, parking and landscaping at

20/00477/LBC	12.02.24	Waterloo Centre & Carnegie Library Egerton Street Waterloo Road Runcorn WA7 1JN	Application for Listed Building Consent for proposed refurbishment of existing Carnegie Library building to provide a new community hub, demolition of Waterloo Centre and remedial works to adjacent listed building at
24/00015/LBC	20.02.24	Widnes Railway Station Victoria Avenue Widnes Cheshire WA8 7TJ	Application for Listed Building consent to replace like for like the existing waiting shelter on platform 1 at
23/00509/COND	05.03.24	Ikon House Tudor Road Runcorn Cheshire WA7 1TA	Application to discharge condition no(s). 5 (Scheme Identifying Areas of Parking), 10 (Bat and Bird Boxes Scheme) and 11 (Surface Water Drainage Scheme) of planning permission 21/00046/FUL at

23/00077/S73	12.03.24	Former Tarmac Site And Former Stobart Site Foundry Lane Widnes Cheshire WA8 8YZ	Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As amended) for variation of condition 1 attached to consented application for reserved matters (21/00470/REM - Application for the approval of reserved matters (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) 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 new plans as listed for the previously approved plans at
22/00543/OUTEIA	27.03.24	Sandymoor South Phase 2 Windmill Hill Avenue East Runcorn Cheshire	Application for outline planning permission with all matters reserved (except means of access) for residential development comprising up to 250 dwellings, electricity sub stations, along with recreational open space, landscape and other related infrastructure at
22/00638/FUL	27.03.24	Land Bounded By Church End & Town Lane Hale L24 4AX	Proposed development of 13 dwellings (Use Class C3) with associated landscaping, access/egress, parking, and associated works at

TABLE 32: NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT WITHIN 30 MINUTES PUBLIC TRANSPORT (31/04/2023 -31/03/2024)

Planning Reference	Location	GP	Hospital	Primary School	Secondary School	Employment Area	Major Retail Centre
18/00356/FUL	Daresbury Hall Daresbury Lane Daresbury Warrington Cheshire WA4 4AG	X	X	X	X	X	X
20/00476/FUL	Waterloo Centre & Carnegie Library Egerton Street aterloo Road Runcorn WA7 1JN	X	X	X	X	X	X

20/00594/FUL	Appleton Village Pharmacy Appleton Village Widnes Cheshire WA8 6DZ	X	X	X	X	X	X
21/00319/FULEIA	Land At Crows Nest Farm Delph Lane Daresbury Runcorn Cheshire WA4 4AW	X	X	X	X	X	X
21/00723/FUL	48 Guernsey Road Widnes Cheshire WA8 3YH	X	X	X	X	X	X
22/00104/FUL	Former Doctors Surgery 2 - 6 Appleton Village Widnes Cheshire WA8 6DZ	X	X	X	X	X	X
22/00257/FUL	4 Chapel Lane Widnes Cheshire WA8 4NX	X	X	X	X	X	X
22/00318/FUL	Land North Of Lunts Heath Road Widnes	X	X	X	X	X	X
22/00370/REM	Land To The South East Of Bridgewater Canal Red Brow Lane Cheshire	X	X	X	X	X	X
22/00374/FUL	The Croft 1 Halton Lodge Avenue Runcorn Cheshire WA7 5YQ	X	X	X	X	X	X
22/00377/FUL	Land At South Lane Widnes Cheshire	X	X	X	X	X	X

22/00439/FUL	Bevan Group Practice Beaconsfield Primary Care Centre Bevan Way Widnes Cheshire WA8 6TR	X	X	X	X	X	X
22/00452/FUL	Bevan Group Practice Beaconsfield Primary Care Centre Bevan Way Widnes Cheshire WA8 6TR	X	X	X	X	X	X
22/00462/FUL	Woodfalls Farm Stockham Lane Runcorn Cheshire WA7 6PT	X	X	X	X	X	X
22/00543/OUTEIA	Sandymoor South Phase 2 Windmill Hill Avenue East Runcorn Cheshire	X	X	X	X	X	X
22/00565/FUL	81 Runcorn Road Moore Warrington Cheshire WA4 6UA	X	X	X	X	X	X
22/00638/FUL	Land Bounded By Church End & Town Lane Hale L24 4AX	X	X	X	X	X	X
22/00639/S73	59 Coroners Lane Widnes Cheshire WA8 9JB	X	X	X	X	X	X
23/00016/FUL	Former Workshop And Land To Side And Rear Of 34 Runcorn Road Moore Warrington Cheshire WA4 6TZ	X	X	X	X	X	X

23/00077/S73	Former Tarmac Site And Former Stobart Site Foundry Lane Widnes Cheshire WA8 8YZ	X	X	X	X	X	X
23/00128/FUL	Land Within And Adjacent To And Surrounding Palacefields Local Centre Runcorn	X	X	X	X	X	X
23/00143/REM	Land At Daresbury Park Red Brow Lane Warrington WA4 4BB	X	X	X	X	X	X
23/00163/FUL	132 Halton Road Runcorn Cheshire WA7 5RW	X	X	X	X	X	X
23/00166/FUL	19 Lilac Crescent Runcorn Cheshire WA7 5JX	X	X	X	X	X	X
23/00179/NMA	Land At Terrace Road Widnes WA8 0DL	X	X	X	X	X	X
23/00184/OUT	93 Heath Road Widnes Cheshire WA8 7NU	X	X	X	X	X	X
23/00262/OUT	Land North Of 60 Wilmere Lane Widnes Cheshire WA8 5UR	X	X	X	X	X	X
23/00265/FUL	Land Adjacent To Beaconsfield Primary Care Centre Bevan Way Widnes Cheshire	X	X	X	X	X	X

23/00336/OUT	2 Moss Lane Moore Warrington Cheshire WA4 6UN	X	X	X	X	X	X
23/00392/FUL	1 Norton Tower Cottage Norton Lane Runcorn Cheshire WA7 6PX	X	X	X	X	X	X
23/00413/FUL	Land To The North East Of Junction Between Wilmere Lane And Lunts Heath Road Widnes Cheshire	X	X	X	X	X	X
23/00483/S73	The Doctors 67 Victoria Road Widnes Cheshire WA8 7RS	X	X	X	X	X	X

Waste

TABLE 33: PROVISION OF SITES FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT PURPOSES (2014 TO 2024)

Planning reference	Year of Permission	Status of Development	Facility type	Site Name	New Capacity (tonnes per annum)	Waste Hierarchy position
14/00613/FUL	14/15	Unknown	Incinerator Bottom	Ash Recycling Land Bounded by Dismantled Railway and South of Johnsons Lane Widnes	250000	Preparing for re-use/ Recycling

15/00180/FUL	15/16	Operational	Landfill restoration	Hedco Closed Landfill Site, Desoto Road, West Bank Estate, Widnes	32800	Disposal
15/00256/FUL	15/16	Operational	Anaerobic Digestion (extension	Refood UK Ltd, Desoto Road, Multi Modal Gateway, Widnes	20000	Other Recovery
15/00332/FUL	15/16	Unknown	Inert land raise (followed by installation of solar scheme)	South of Johnsons Lane, Widnes	189600	Disposal
16/00124/FUL EIA	16/17	Operational	Waste Transfer Station	WSR Recycling Ltd Ditton Road Widnes	100000	Recycling
16/00158/COU	16/17	Operational	Processing and storage of wood facility	Land To the Northwest of Junction Between Ditton Brook and Stewards Brook, Foundry Lane, Widnes	150000	Other Recovery
17/00435/WST	17/18	Unknown	Biomass boiler at Waste Transfer Station	GSH Waste Recycling LTD Pickerings Road Widnes	0	Other Recovery
18/00417/S73	18/19	Operational	Energy from Waste facility – variation of condition to increase amount of fuel delivered by road	Runcorn Energy from Waste Facility Barlow Way Off Picow Farm Road	250000	Other Recovery
19/00008/FUL	18/19	Unknown	Proposed extension to the	Secanim Desoto Road Widnes	0	Other Recovery

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REPORT TO:	Environment and Regeneration Policy and Performance Board
DATE:	18th June 2025
REPORTING OFFICER:	Executive Director Environment and Regeneration
PORTFOLIO:	Housing and Environmental Sustainability
SUBJECT:	Production of a Borough wide Housing Strategy – Progress Update
WARD(S)	Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 Provide the Board with an update on Production of a new Borough wide Housing Strategy.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Board:

- 1) Note the progress being made with production of a new Borough wide Housing Strategy; and**
- 2) Promote participation in the Stakeholder and Formal Consultation process.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 At its meeting on the 18 April 2024, the Council's Executive Board approved commissioning and production of a new Borough wide Housing Strategy and supporting evidence base. In approving this process, it was acknowledged that the previous Housing Strategy was adopted in 2013 and covered a period up to 2018.
- 3.2 Following a formal tender exercise, Arc4 a housing research and policy specialist were commissioned to support the production process. Arc4 have supported over 100 local authorities to shape housing documents and bring a wealth of expertise and best practice. As noted in the 2024 Executive Board report, the Council currently does not have a dedicated strategic housing function. The external advice provided by Arc4 is therefore critical to help with internal and external consultations, and data collection and analysis.
- 3.3 An anticipated 12 month production period commenced on 1st September 2024. The production process is broadly split into two Stages:
- Stage 1 – The identification, gathering and analysis of supporting

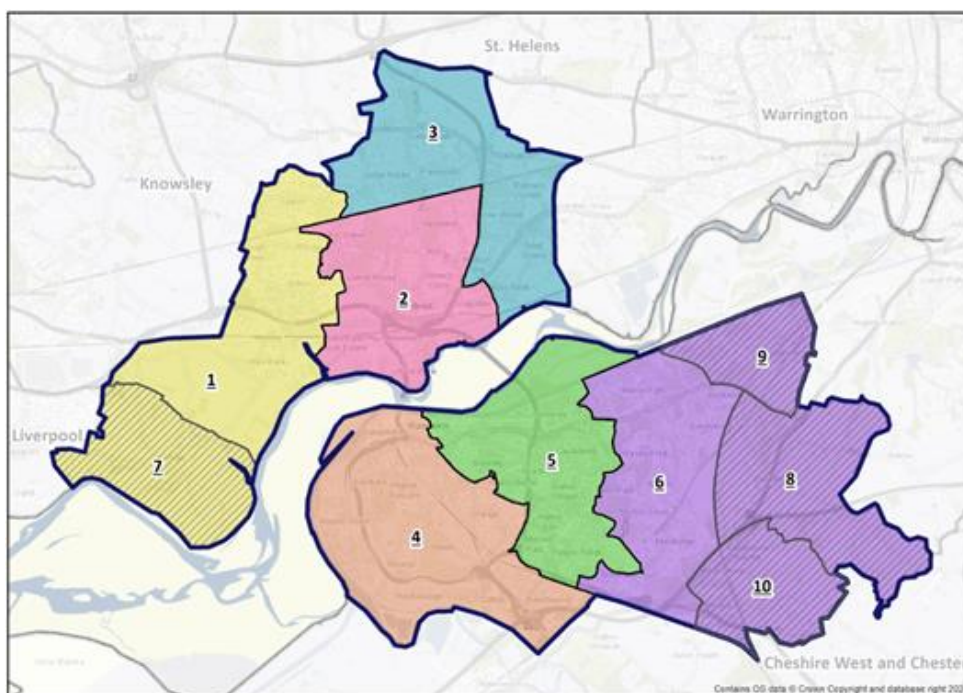
evidence base. This is called the “Housing Needs Assessment” (HNA) and include the undertaking of a Household Survey for residents in Halton; and engagement with a wide range of stakeholders such as housing developers, social housing providers, letting agents, third sector and lived experience groups. This ensures compliance with Government requirements for a robust housing strategy and HNA.

- Stage 2 – Strategy Production. Based on the findings and analysis of Stage 1 a draft Housing Strategy will be prepared. This will be followed by an informal period of stakeholder engagement and then a formal six-week public consultation.

3.4 Stage 1 has now concluded with the HNA being finalised. The HNA will be published alongside the draft Housing Strategy, as the anticipated timetable set out in paragraph 3.7 below. A key part of the HNA is undertaking a survey of existing data (secondary) data including 2021 census data and demographic analysis to inform understanding of current and future housing need; and, assessing the affordability of purchasing and renting a home in Halton. This was complemented by a comprehensive Household Survey sent to 16,530 households between November and December 2024, with 1,620 useable responses received. This provided a 9.8% response rate with a 2.4% sample error at borough level. The survey can be considered a robust data source. The survey covered four broad themes:

- Your home, neighbourhood, and household (including the need for adaptations, level access and supported accommodation).
- Housing history.
- Future housing requirements: whole household; and
- Future housing requirements: newly forming households

3.5 The main purpose of the survey is to provide evidence to help assess housing need by type, size, and tenure within different parts of the Borough (sub areas). This includes homes in different tenures such as social and affordable housing to rent and buy; as well owner-occupied and private-rented housing. It also considered the housing needs of older people and those with additional needs, such as the need for properties with adaptations and level access, and future demand for supported accommodation. The geographical sub areas are indicated below:



- 3.6 Achieving a statistically robust HNA is important, as the document will not only be used to inform the policies and priorities within the Housing Strategy but also form part of the evidence for any future Review of the Local Plan (Spatial Plan for Halton). Supporting justification for Planning Policy such as: Affordable Housing requirements; need for level access and adaptable homes; and mix of houses sizes built in the Borough.
- 3.7 The Housing Strategy is currently within an internal drafting process which needs to conclude before a draft strategy can be shared. The next planned milestones in the production process being:
- June/July – Internal stakeholder consultation (including selected partners) and final drafting.
 - July/August – Formal 6 week public and stakeholder consultation period.
 - September/October – Final revisions and Adoption process.
- 3.8 As part of the internal stakeholder process a Members Seminar took place in June to present the findings of the HNA and provide recommendations in terms of housing policies and interventions to respond to those findings.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Priority Six of Corporate Plan is “Valuing and appreciating Halton and Our Communities – Supporting Halton’s residents to live in decent and affordable homes, surrounded by safe and thriving communities”. Whilst as a Local Authority we no longer directly build or own housing, we do have a range of statutory and non-statutory services and responsibilities with a housing dimension. These are set out below:



- 4.2 The fundamental purpose of the Housing Strategy is to set out and coordinate policies and actions across these services and responsibilities to realise the Corporate Plan and respond to community needs. In line with the Corporate Values Framework, the Housing Strategy will define the Council's role in delivery and how we will work with our partners and stakeholders. It is anticipated that it will be a five-year Strategy 2025 – 2030. The Strategy will be accompanied by a delivery plan and set out priorities for implementation.
- 4.3 Early findings from HNA, has identified a number of potential prioritises for the Housing Strategy and these will be reported on verbally at the meeting.
- 4.4 The production of the Housing Strategy coincides with changing national housing policy and legislation. This includes the Renters Rights Bill (2025) currently going through the Parliamentary legislative process. This Bill is intended to transform the private rental sector and anticipated to introduce new responsibilities for the Council, including expanded enforcement powers and inspecting and enforcing compliance with new Decent Home Standards. The Strategy will seek to respond to these changes and the anticipated additional resource needs.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 A driver for the Strategy is how the Council can work more effectively across its housing services and responsibilities to improve the Council's financial position by both:
- a) Reducing council revenue expenditure, such as costs associated with homelessness and specialist accommodation; and
 - b) Increasing council revenue income, through accelerating housing delivery and diversifying the housing offer.

- 5.2 Given these drivers, it is possible that an 'invest to save' case will be made for implementation of some aspects of the Housing Strategy.
- 5.3 The Housing Strategy is likely to influence the way we use Council owned land and buildings, and in turn, affect Capital Land Receipts. Disposal of land to meet a particular supported housing needs, may reduce capital values, but in turn reduce the Councils revenue expenditure through cutting use of out of Borough or unsuitable accommodation placements. The Council are already beginning to implement this approach such as with the Kingsway Quarter, Widnes (incorporating older peoples independent living) and Crow Wood Lane, Widnes (Support accommodation for adults with complex needs). Each land disposal being approved through the governance process on a site-by-site basis and aligned with specific strategies such as the Children and Young People Sufficiency Strategy.
- 5.4 Successful Implementation of the Strategy will require coordination across the Council and with our partners. Gaps in organisational capacity already identified include improving the interface between the 'People' aspects of housing responsibilities (specialist housing requirements) and 'Place' aspects housing responsibilities (working with developers and Social Housing providers to deliver homes). Any recommendations to resourcing any strategic housing function or other organisational changes (to facilitate working differently) will be covered in the Housing Strategy Delivery Plan. The need for further work on organisational capacity has not been ruled out.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Improving Health, Promoting Wellbeing and Supporting Greater Independence

Housing standards and conditions is recognised as a wider determinant of Health and wellbeing outcomes of people. The Housing Strategy will seek better integration of health and housing policy and provision.

6.2 Building a Strong, Sustainable Local Economy

The choice, quality and affordability of the Borough's housing offer is a foundation stone for a strong and sustainable local economy. The Housing Strategy will support this.

6.3 Supporting Children, Young People and Families

Adequate and safe housing provides the security to enable children, young people and families to thrive. The Housing Strategy will support achieving this.

6.4 Tackling Inequality and Helping Those Who Are Most In Need

Provision of affordable and specialist housing is important to supporting individuals and communities who are most vulnerable. The Housing Strategy will ensure the Council and partners are more responsive to community needs.

6.5 Working Towards a Greener Future

Opportunities to support the Affordable Warmth Agenda will be integrated into the Housing Strategy.

6.6 Valuing and Appreciating Halton and Our Community

Realising this Priority is the fundamental purpose of the Housing Strategy.

7.0 Risk Analysis

- 7.1 There are no significant risks associated with the production of a new Housing Strategy.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

- 8.1 There are none.

9.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 Heating and energy use in homes accounts for approximately 15% of carbon emissions within the UK. The Housing Strategy will seek to support delivery of the housing matters set out within the Climate Change Action Plan. This will include policy to support residents in Halton to access grants to help make their homes warmer and use less energy for heating (the Affordable Warmth Agenda). The Strategy will also support a housing offer which gives residents choice to live more environmentally friendly and sustainable lives. Such as through opportunities to improve the choice and quality of housing offer within Borough's town centres.

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

Document	Place of Inspection	Contact Officer
A Housing Strategy for Halton (2013 – 2018)	Council Website	Nathan Renison, Regeneration Team

REPORT TO:	Environment and Regeneration Policy and Performance Board
DATE:	18 th June 2025
REPORTING OFFICER:	Executive Director Environment and Regeneration
PORTFOLIO:	Environment and Urban Renewal
SUBJECT:	Transport and Accessibility, Social Value in Planning and House Extensions Supplementary Planning Documents
WARD(S)	Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 This report seeks approval from the Board to support the Supplementary Planning Process for the following Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD):
- Transport and Accessibility
 - Social Value in Planning
 - House Extensions

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Board support and endorse the development of the above SPD's through the regulatory planning process until adoption.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Local Plan for Halton currently comprises of the adopted Delivery and Allocations Local Plan (2022) and the Joint Waste Plan (2013). The statutory Local Development Plan is the set of Local Plans (also known as Development Plan Documents (DPDs) that together form the statutory basis for determining whether or not planning permission should be granted.
- 3.2 Supplementary Planning Documents add further detail to the policies in the Local Plan. They can be used to provide further guidance for development on specific sites, or on issues such as Social Value, Transport and Accessibility or House Extensions. The production of such documents must meet the legal and procedural requirements but once adopted, SPDs are capable of being a material consideration in planning decisions but are not part of the development plan.
- 3.3 The Transport and Accessibility SPD has clear links to policy,

notably Policy CS(R)15 Sustainable Transport, although there are a number of other policies in the DALP which support this SPD, notably CS(R)7 Infrastructure Provision, CS(R)18 High Quality Design, CS(R)21 Green Infrastructure, C1 Transport Network and Accessibility and C2 Parking Standards and Appendix D Parking Standards.

- 3.4 The Social Value in Planning SPD also has clear links to policy, notably policy ED2 Employment Development. In addition to Policy ED2, the Local Plan contains other policies that are relevant to this SPD which, amongst others, include Policy CS(R)1: Spatial Strategy, Policy CS(R) 4: Strategic Employment Sites, Policy CS(R) 3: Housing Supply and Locational Priorities and Policy C1: Transport Network and Accessibility.
- 3.5 The House Extension SPD also has clear links to policy, Policy RD3: Dwelling Alterations, Extensions, Conversions and Replacement Dwellings. In addition to Policy RD3, the Delivery and Allocations Local Plan contains other policies that are relevant to this SPD which, amongst others, include: CS(R)18 – High Quality Design, CS(R)19 – Sustainable development and climate change, RD3 – Dwelling alterations, Extensions, Conversions and Replacement Dwellings, RD5 – Primarily Residential Areas, GR1 - Design of development, GR2 – Amenity and C2 – Parking Standards.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Planning applications should normally be determined in accordance with the Development Plan.
“If regard is to be had to the development plan for the purpose of any determination to be made under the Planning Acts the determination must be made in accordance with the plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.” [Section 38(6): Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004]
- 4.2 The Local Plan is a statutory development plan of a local area, drawn up by the local planning authority in consultation with the community, under the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. The Local Plan is designed to provide broad and strategic policies. SPDs provide detailed guidance on the implementation of policies outlined in the Local Plan. This helps ensure that policy intentions are clear.
- 4.3 Given the new National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and emerging Planning Policy Guidance (PPG) the Planning Policy team are preparing to adopt these SPDs to provide more guidance to internal and external stakeholders on the topic issues in question.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The adoption of the Social Value in Planning, Transport and Accessibility and House Extension SPDs have no direct financial implications for the Council.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S

6.1 Improving Health, Promoting Wellbeing and Supporting Greater Independence

The Transport and Accessibility SPD supports active travel which enables healthy lifestyles. House Extension SPD protects health and amenity for the householder and neighbouring properties. The Social Value in Planning SPD also creates opportunities to develop skills and knowledge leading to employment opportunities.

6.2 Building a Strong, Sustainable Local Economy

The Transport and Accessibility SPD helps ensure is well-connected to support the local economy. The House Extension SPD will provide more technical information, which will hopefully make the development process smoother and give back to the Local Economy. Social Value in Planning SPD reinvesting in the local communities through skills and training opportunities.

6.3 Supporting Children, Young People and Families

The Transport and Accessibility SPD helps promote healthy lifestyles for young people and families. Social Value in planning works with local education and further educations to create learning and apprenticeship opportunities. House Extensions SPD ensure householders still have access to amenity spaces like gardens and lighting, vital for the development of young children.

6.4 Tackling Inequality and Helping Those Who Are Most In Need

Social Value in Planning in SPD creates opportunities for more disadvantaged members of the community to engage in learning and employment. The Transport and Accessibility SPD is supported by Inclusive Mobility which supports people with accessibility issues.

6.5 Working Towards a Greener Future

The Social Value in Planning SPD focuses on increasing access to work and training opportunities by working in partnership with Developers and Halton Employment Partnership membership, whilst improved access to open spaces and promoting sustainable transport., supports the Council's commitment to reduce the borough's carbon footprint. The House Extension SPD ensures extensions meets energy efficiency standards.

6.6 Valuing and Appreciating Halton and Our Community

The community feel that they have a voice in how Halton is developed by participating in the opportunities offered in the Social Value in Planning SPD. The House Extension SPD helps preserve

the character of Halton. The Transport and Accessibility SPD aims to help create a well-connected sustainable community.

7.0 Risk Analysis

- 7.1 Supplementary Planning Documents provide up-to-date relevant information in support of the Local Plan and assists developers by providing clarity on topic area's therefore reducing the risk of a non-determination.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

- 8.1 Building stronger communities through community engagement and good planning is a key aspect of the Local Plan and its suite of supporting documents. The Council is already committed to equality regardless of age, sex, caring responsibility, race, religion, marital status, maternity issues, gender reassignment, socio economic need, sexuality or disability and these commitments are reflected in the Local Plan as far as is relevant. Planning Policy documents are subjected to Equality Impact Assessments during their production to ensure compliance.

9.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 All the SPDs support the council's commitment to protecting against climate change.

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

Document	Place of Inspection	Contact Officer
Transport and Accessibility SPD	Municipal Building, Widnes	Rebecca Taylor
Social Value in Planning SPD	Municipal Building, Widnes	Rebecca Taylor
House Extension SPD	Municipal Building, Widnes	Rebecca Taylor
The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended)	Municipal Building, Widnes	Rebecca Taylor
National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF 2025)	Municipal Building, Widnes	Rebecca Taylor

National Planning Practice Guidance (PPG)	Municipal Building, Widnes	Rebecca Taylor
Halton Delivery and Allocations Local Plan (DALP 2022)	Municipal Building, Widnes	Rebecca Taylor
Waste Local Plan (2013)	Municipal Building, Widnes	Rebecca Taylor



Transport and Accessibility

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Introduction

What is this document?

This scoping report is the first step in preparing a Transport and Accessibility Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). The SPD will provide detailed guidance on the interpretation and implementation of policies within the Halton's Local Plan period (2022-2037).

The purpose of this document is to engage key stakeholders in considering the scope and content of the SPD.

The responses on this scoping report will inform the preparation of a draft SPD, which will then in turn be published for consultation before it is then adopted. Once adopted the SPD will carry full weight as a material consideration in the determination of planning applications.

The Borough of Halton

Halton is a Unitary Authority located in the North West of England which straddles the upper estuary of the River Mersey. It is located to the east of Liverpool with the St Helens to the north, Warrington and Manchester to the east, and rural north Cheshire lying to the south. Home to 128,432 people, Halton lies within the Liverpool City Region with excellent transport linkages to the rest of the country. Halton is well located to accommodate the growth of both new and existing businesses. Whilst Halton still has an industrial footprint, there are a number of internationally recognised science, technology and research areas, and a significant number of logistical hubs located in the Borough, providing a wide range of employment opportunities for residents.

What is Transport and Accessibility?

Transport is an essential part of our everyday lives, and enables access to key services like employment, education, essential shopping facilities and healthcare. Transport also moves freight, which fuels industries, and keep businesses thriving. Advantages of using sustainable transport are many and varied. Reducing the number of private vehicles on the road lowers exhaust emissions, which in turn reduces our carbon footprint. Sustainable transport also enables healthy lifestyles, as encouraging people to use active modes of travel like walking or cycling has direct health benefits for the user, as well as the environment.

Accessibility focuses on travel time, cost of travel, number of travel options, comfort, and risk while addressing the needs and inequalities of the community. Accessibility is important as it gives people more options for how they make their journeys. Without sufficient accessibility provision, less affluent, older, and younger members of society can be left isolated and cut off from opportunities. Accessibility also includes good design to ensure accessibility by all users via various modes including location of parking. People with physical disabilities or mobility issues benefit from inclusive infrastructure design and better parking accessibility, as it enables them to visit places with less difficulty.

SPD Links with National Policy and Legislation

The Transport and Accessibility SPD will be produced so it is consistent with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. Regard will also be had to the Planning Practice Guidance (PPG).

Links with Halton's Local Plan up to 2037 (2022)

The Transport and Accessibility SPD will be prepared to provide further guidance in relation to the interpretation and implementation of the policies in the Local Plan, in particular, Policy CS(R)15: Sustainable Transport, which states

Policy CS(R)15: Sustainable Transport

1. In order to encourage journeys to be made by sustainable modes of travel including walking, cycling and public transport, the Council will:
 - a. support a reduction in the need to travel by car.
 - b. encourage a choice of sustainable transport modes; and
 - c. ensure new developments are accessible by sustainable modes.
2. To support sustainable transport across the Borough:
 - a. Halton's existing Sustainable Transport Network will be protected.
 - b. Improvements to the existing Sustainable Transport Network will be supported
 - c. The introduction of new sustainable routes and facilities will be encouraged and;
 - d. Promote the use of green technology to reduce transport emissions
3. High trip generating developments will be expected to minimise the need to travel, particularly by private car and maximise the opportunities for the use of walking, cycling and public transport. The Council will expect them to be located where there is public transport accessibility and good walking and cycling links.
4. Development proposals must be consistent with and contribute to the implementation of the transport strategies and priorities.

Policy CS(R)15 of the Local Plan, as noted above, recognises the need to work in partnership with local communities and businesses to ensure existing developments are well linked, where the need to travel by private car in the Borough is reduced and journeys are made using sustainable transport modes. Simultaneously, it is important that any new development proposals are located where public transport is accessible and other sustainable transport links such as walking and cycling route are included in the proposals.

In addition to Policy CS(R)15, the Delivery and Allocations Local Plan contains other policies that are relevant to this SPD which, amongst others, include:

- CS(R)7 Infrastructure Provision
- CS(R)18 High Quality Design
- CS(R)21 Green Infrastructure
- C1 Transport Network and Accessibility
- C2 Parking Standards and Appendix D Parking Standards

Liverpool City Region Local Transport Plan 4

Halton is currently supporting the development of the Liverpool City Region Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP). This LTP subsumes the following transport plans and strategies and updates them with a single, integrated plan:

- The Halton Local Transport Plan, 2011
- The Merseyside Local Transport Plan, 2011
- LCR Long Term Rail Strategy, 2018
- LCR Local Journeys Strategy, 2018
- The Combined Authority Transport Plan, 2019

The LTP's purpose is to set out plans for transport services and investment to 2040. It is consistent with Government guidance and is informed and shaped by a range of wider Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (LCRCA) policies and strategies. This LTP will help to inform and shape decisions for the future of travel in the Liverpool City Region.

Other Relevant Policy Documents

Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (LCRCA) Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIP)

- The LCRCA LCWIP sets out a strategic approach to developing a cohesive network of high standard active travel routes across the region, covering a period of 10 years (2019-2029).

Halton LCWIP

- Halton has recently developed its own LCWIP (2024) document which builds on the boroughs already excellent cycleway network. This is supported by an East Runcorn LCWIP.

Inclusive mobility

- The Department for Transport released a document on inclusive mobility in 2021. This document provides guidance on best practice for accessible infrastructure.

Scope of the Transport and Accessibility SPD

Proposed SPD Contents

The Transport and Accessibility SPD will aim to ensure Halton's residents and visitors are well-connected to all of the key services within the borough. It emphasises the importance of sustainable transport; while also ensuring it is accessible to all.

The Transport and Accessibility SPD will aim to:

- Make developers applying for planning permission more aware of the advice and practical support available in the Borough for contributions to Transport and Accessibility.
- Help applicants/developers understand that documents like Design and Access Statements are required for certain applications and so enable timely processing of applications.
- Inform developers of possible sources of funding and grants.
- Encourage the occupiers of new or expanded premises where new or improved transport links are being created to encourage sustainable transport modes where possible.
- Explain the difference between Travel Plans, Transport Statements and Transport Assessments to help developers/applicants identify what might be needed with their application.
- Encourage the use of sustainable travel wherever possible, while trying to lessen the impact of traffic generation.
- Help applicants/developer understand what is required of a Minimum Accessibility Standard Assessment
- Help applicants/developers understand what the Council expects in regard to car parking standards.

The broad context and coverage of the Transport and Accessibility SPD will be as follows:

- Introduction- Outline the Spatial Context of the borough and the current Climate Emergency. What to expect from a Transport and Accessibility Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)?
- How to use the Transport and Accessibility SPD- Information on Pre-application Advice
- Policies and Guidance. This includes the key policies and legislation which inform and support this SPD. These include:
 - The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)
 - The Delivery and Allocations Local Plan (DALP) (Adopted March 2022)
 - Other Supplementary Planning Documents
 - Halton Local Transport Plan
 - Liverpool City Region Combined Authority LTP4
 - Liverpool City Region (LCR) LCWIP
 - Halton Borough Council LCWIP
 - Infrastructure Plan
 - Inclusive mobility
 - Secure by Design, Building for Healthy Life
- Design and Access Statement- Explain what is a Design and Access Statement and What Should be Included in the Access Elements of a Design and Access Statement?
- Design Principles for Active Travel: What do the different levels of national, regional and local policy say about Walking and Cycling?
- Travel Plans, Transport Assessments and Statements - What are Travel Plans, Transport Assessments and Statements? How do they relate to each other? Why are they important? When are they required?
- Minimum Accessibility Standard Assessment (MASA) – What are MASA? Who Should Complete the Assessment?
- Parking Standards: What is the NPPF Policy for Local Parking Standards? What is DALP Policy? What does other national legislation say, like Manual for Streets?
- Air Quality- Halton's Air Quality Strategy and Management
- Freight Management
- Planning Conditions and Informative- What are the main legal powers relating to use of conditions? What approach should be taken to using conditions? Discharging and Modifying Conditions Once Permission is Granted.
- Enforcement, Monitoring, and Implementation

Time Schedule of SPD Preparation and Next Steps

Timescale for SPD Preparation and Adoption

Below is an indicative timescale for the preparation and adoption of the SPD.



Next Steps

This consultation will run for a minimum of four weeks. Following the consultation, Council Officers will review comments received, which will inform the drafting of the SPD. A public consultation will then be carried out on the draft SPD.

Following the consultation on the draft SPD, comments received will be reviewed with appropriate amendments made to the SPD before it is adopted at a Halton Borough Council Executive Board meeting. A Consultation Statement will be produced containing details of all those consulted when preparing the SPD, a summary of the main issues raised and how those issues have been addressed within the SPD.

How to get involved?

This document has been prepared to identify the scope of the emerging Transport and Accessibility SPD and raise awareness of, and interest in, the document. Comments are sought on the scope that has been set out through this document and the questions in Section 5 below.

A response form has been created which allows for comments and responses on the questions contained within this document, along with any additional comments if required. This can be found at <https://forms.microsoft.com/e/kukhpvzs2k>

Answering the questions in Section 5 is optional and the Council will also accept other forms of written response.

You can complete and return any comments by email or post to:

Email: forwardplanning@halton.gov.uk

Post: Planning Policy Team, Municipal Building, Kingsway, Widnes, WA8 7QF

All comments on this scoping report should be submitted by Friday 25th July 2025.

Consultation Questions

1. Do you support the proposal to prepare a Transport and Accessibility SPD for Halton Borough Council?
2. If not, what are the reasons as to why the Council should not prepare a Transport and Accessibility SPD?
3. Do you agree with the broad context and coverage of Transport and Accessibility SPD, as set out in this document?
4. Are there any other matters relating to the Transport and Accessibility that should be addressed through the SPD, beyond those set out in this document? If so, what?
5. Do you consider that further information could be included in the SPD to enable applicants submitting a planning application. If so, what?
6. Are there any specific reports, documents, or guidance that you think we should be considering to inform the SPD?
7. What level of detail should the Transport and Accessibility SPD go into, for example general advice or specific guidance (including case studies)?
8. Do you think it would be helpful for the SPD to include a list of plans, documents and information which would be required to support a planning application?
9. If you believe a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) or a Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) is required, please set out why (please see accompanying SEA and HRA Screening Report for further information).



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1. Introduction

1.1 What is this document?

This scoping report is the first step in preparing a Local Economy and Social Value Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). The SPD will provide detailed guidance on the interpretation and implementation of policies within the Halton's Local Plan period (2022-2037)

The purpose of this document is to engage key stakeholders in considering the scope and content of the SPD.

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1.2 The Local Economy within the Borough of Halton

Halton is a unitary authority located in the North West of England which straddles the upper estuary of the River Mersey. It is located to the east of Liverpool City with the Borough of St Helens to the north, Warrington to the east and rural north Cheshire lying to the south. Home to 128,432 people, Halton lies within the core of the Liverpool City Region with excellent transport linkages to the rest of the country. Halton's prime location is well located to accommodate the growth of both new and existing businesses. Halton still has an Industrial footprint, however there is a number of Internationally recognised Science, technology and research areas, a significant amount of Logistical hubs located in the borough, providing a wide range of employment opportunities for residents.

1.3 What is Social Value?

Social value is a consideration of how a proposed activity might also improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of the relevant area. It describes the difference an organisation, project or procurement can make to the local area and communities within it. It goes beyond financial value and considers how activities can increase equality, improve well-being and develop environmental sustainability, and is about maximising the local benefit that the Council can help create in everything it does and support the Council's wider aspirations related to community wealth building and inclusive growth.

The Council has a legal duty to consider social value in service contracts¹, as well as goods or works contracts where there is a service element, above a prescribed financial threshold, however, the Council can implement an approach to social value as wide as is practicable in order to optimise outcomes from procurement and

¹ [Public Services \(Social Value\) Act 2012](#)

commissioning activities. With direct implications to planning applications, there will be an expectation that developers who submit a planning application with more than 10 dwellings or 9290sqm (employment) will work with Halton's Employment Partnership to identify training and work opportunities or provide a commuted sum via a S106 agreement, in line with good practice and the DALP policy ED2.5, the Council will also consider where such activity might deliver greater social value.

Whilst there are no specific 'hooks' within the Local Plan for a separate Economy & Social Value SPD, thus reducing the need for a separate document and any repetition and overlap of similar information and guidance that that may create.

1.4 SPD Links with National Policy and Legislation

The Local Economy and Social Value SPD will be produced so it is consistent with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. Regard will also be had to the Planning Practice Guidance (PPG).

1.5 SPD Links with Halton Borough Council Local Plan up to 2037 (2022)

The Local Economy and Social Value SPD will be prepared to provide further guidance in relation to the interpretation and implementation of the policies in the Local Plan, in particular, Policy ED2: Employment Development, which states:

Policy ED2: Employment Development

1. Within Primarily Employment Areas development, for office, research and development, light industrial, factory or storage and distribution uses will normally be acceptable.
2. Redevelopment and regeneration within existing employment areas and Employment Renewal Areas will be supported where they make an improvement in the use of the site for employment purposes, having regard to:
 - a. The quality and type of employment floorspace provided;
 - b. The quality, type, number and density of jobs to be accommodated; and
 - c. The environmental quality of the site.
3. Employment uses outside of Primarily Employment Areas, Employment Allocations or Strategic Employment Sites will only be supported where they meet all of the requirements of Policy GR2: Amenity and they are considered to be of an appropriate scale and character for the area.
4. All proposals for new employment development, including extensions to existing properties, must where appropriate :
 - a. Be compatible with existing and proposed surrounding uses;
 - b. Not have a significant adverse effect on the character and appearance of the locality in terms of its size, scale, materials, design and siting;

- c. Be designed to allow for future flexibility for a range of uses, including future subdivision and/or amalgamation for a range of business accommodation;
- d. Have an adequate access that would not create a traffic hazard or have an undue environmental impact;
- e. Be served by public transport and provide pedestrian and cycle links to adjacent residential areas;
- f. Design storage areas to minimise visual intrusion;
- g. Make adequate provision of space for on-site servicing and, where appropriate, waiting goods vehicles;
- h. Provide adequate screening, if the layout and design cannot be amended in other ways, to obscure or conceal any unsightly feature of the development;
- i. Locate security fencing, where required, to the internal edge of any perimeter landscaping; and
- j. Provide substantial peripheral landscaping where sites adjoin residential areas, open countryside or Green Belt areas.

5. Where development proposals come forward for large scale employment generating uses, obligations will be encouraged for training and recruitment of local people for both the end use and the supply chain.

6. The Council will seek to retain existing commercial/industrial (Office, Research and development, and light industry, factory or storage and distribution uses), unless it can be demonstrated that, the continued use of the site/premise for its existing use is no longer viable in terms of its operation of the existing use, building age and format and that it is not commercially viable to redevelop the land or refurbish the premises for its existing use.

Marketing of the land/property will be required to indicate that there is no demand for the land/property in its existing use.

Details of the current occupation of the buildings, and where this function would be relocated, will also be required.

Where an application relies upon a marketing exercise to demonstrate that there is no demand for the land/premises in its current use, the applicant will be expected to submit evidence to demonstrate that the marketing was adequate and that no reasonable offers were refused. This will include evidence demonstrating that:

- i. The marketing has been undertaken by an appropriate agent or surveyor at a price which reflects the current market or rental value of the land/premises for its current use and that no reasonable offer has been refused.
- ii. The land/premises has been marketed for an appropriate period of time which will usually be for 12 months.
- iii. The land/premises has been regularly advertised and targeted at the appropriate audience. Consideration will be given to the nature and frequency of advertisements in the press or specialist trade networks etc. and contact with local property agents.

In certain cases, for example where a significant departure from policy is proposed, the Council may seek to independently verify the submitted evidence, and the applicant will be required to bear the costs of independent verification.

Policy ED2 of the Local Plan, as noted above, recognises the need to work in partnership with local communities and businesses to deliver economic growth, to strengthen the local business base, and to increase aspiration, skills, and employment in the Borough. The provision of new well-located employment land and floorspace is essential to the Borough's future economic prosperity.

In addition to Policy ED2, the Local Plan contains other policies that are relevant to this SPD which, amongst others, include:

- Policy CS(R)1: Spatial Strategy
- Policy CS(R) 4: Strategic Employment Sites
- Policy CS(R) 3: Housing Supply and Locational Priorities
- Policy C1: Transport Network and Accessibility

2. Scope of the Local Economy and Social Value SPD

2.1 Proposed SPD Contents

The Local Economy and Social Value SPD will aim to help

- businesses already located in the Borough to grow or relocate in the Borough,
- to attract new businesses into the Borough,

and to integrate social value at the planning stage of a project, resulting in significant 'added value' benefits to the residents of Halton.

The Local Economy and Social Value SPD will aim to:

- Businesses applying for planning permission to be made aware of Halton Employment Partnership who can provide advice and practical support available in the Borough for economic development.
- Inform developers and business of possible sources of funding and grants.
- Encourage the occupiers of new or expanded premises where new jobs are being created to use recruitment methods that will increase the likelihood of recruiting local residents.
- Encourage the use of local organisations to source and help train local residents to work at new or expanded premises, especially through apprenticeships.
- Encourage applicants to seek information on where to find local construction firms, local construction goods suppliers and local general business to business goods suppliers.
- Improve the skills of local people to enable them to take advantage of the resulting employment opportunities.
- Prioritise employment and skills opportunities for young people, long-term unemployed, people with disabilities and those with a limiting long-term illness, care leavers and others deemed vulnerable.
- Enhance the reputation of the developer and create opportunities for future business growth.
- Link developers and end-use employers to economic development support services in Halton.
- The broad context and coverage of the Local Economy and Social Value SPD will be as follows:
 - Introduction and Aims/Objectives
 - Policy Context – national, regional and local
 - Interpretation of Planning Policy

- Support and Advice Available for Local Businesses (including relevant contacts)
- Transport and Travel Planning (including advice and/or support available)
- Information Required for Planning Application Submissions
- Information for Viability Assessments
- Planning Conditions and Section 106 Agreements

3. Time Schedule of SPD Preparation and Next Steps

3.1 Timescale for SPD preparation and adoption

Below is an indicative timescale for the preparation and adoption of the SPD.



3.2 Next Steps

This consultation will run for 6 weeks. Following the consultation, Council Officers will review comments received, which will inform the drafting of the SPD. A public consultation will then be carried out on the draft SPD.

Following the consultation on the draft SPD, comments received will be reviewed with appropriate amendments made to the SPD before it is adopted at a Halton Borough Council Executive Board meeting. A Consultation Statement will be produced containing details of all those consulted when preparing the SPD, a summary of the main issues raised and how those issues have been addressed within the SPD.

4. How to get involved

This document has been prepared to identify the scope of the emerging Local Economy and Social Value SPD and raise awareness of, and interest in, the document. Comments are sought on the scope that has been set out through this document and the questions in Section 5 below.

A response form has been created which allows for comments and responses on the questions contained within this document, along with any additional comments if required. This can be found at <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/Pe9z7rDD8e>

Answering the questions in Section 5 is optional and the Council will also accept other forms of written response.

You can complete and return any comments by email or post to:

Email: forwardplanning@halton.gov.uk

Post: Planning Policy Team, Municipal Building, Kingsway, Widnes, WA8 7QF

All comments on this scoping report should be submitted by Friday 25th July 2025.

5.Consultation Questions

Q1: Do you support the proposal to prepare a Local Economy & Social Value SPD for Halton? If not, what are the reasons as to why the Council should not prepare a Local Economy and Social Value SPD?

Q2: Do you agree with the broad context and coverage of Local Economy and Social Value SPD, as set out in this document?

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**House Extension
Supplementary Planning
Document
Scoping Report
June 2025**

Introduction

What is this document?

This Scoping report has been prepared to provide the first step in creating a new Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for House Extensions. The SPD will provide detailed guidance on the interpretation and implementation of policies within Halton's Local Plan period (2022-2037).

The purpose of the document is to engage key stakeholders in considering the scope and content of the SPD. This may include anyone involved in the house extension or alteration process, e.g. individual house owners, architects, builders or developers.

Once consulted, the responses on this scoping report will contribute to the preparation of the draft SPD. This will then be open to consultation before it is adopted. When determining planning applications, the SPD will carry full weight as a material planning consideration.

The Borough of Halton

Halton is a Unitary Authority located in the North West of England which straddles the upper estuary of the River Mersey. It is located to the east of Liverpool City with St Helens to the north, Warrington to the east and rural north Cheshire lying to the south, Manchester to the East. Home to 128,432 people, Halton lies within the Liverpool City Region with excellent transport linkages to the rest of the country. Halton is well located to accommodate the growth of both new and existing businesses. Whilst Halton still has an industrial footprint, there are a number of internationally recognised science, technology and research areas, and a significant number of logistical hubs located in the Borough, providing a wide range of employment opportunities for residents.

Why do we need a House Extension SPD?

Some house extensions fall under permitted development rights. This allows householders to improve and extend their homes without the need to apply for planning permission, as the Council does not retain control on the impact of works carried out. Some single storey rear extensions can be determined under the larger home extension scheme and these **are** subject to neighbour consultation.

A significant number of planning applications received by the council relate to house extensions, and therefore the cumulative impact on an area can be considerable. The house extension SPD will provide guidance relating to house extensions, alterations or residential conversions to reduce the impact on the local area, even if the applications are only small-scale. It will also explain when householders are required to conduct a neighbour consultation.

The current SPD was adopted in 2006. Since then, there have been significant updates to the NPPF, the Introduction of the National Design Guide? and a new Local Plan.

SPD links with National Policy

The House Extension SPD will be produced so it is consistent with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and the National Design Guide. Regard will also be held to the Planning Practice Guidance (PPG).

SPD links with Halton Delivery and Allocations Local plan

The Delivery and Allocations Local Plan provides a range of policies covering the area of Halton. The SPD will be prepared to provide further guidance to the interpretation of the policies in the Local Plan. The House Extension SPD will support the following DALP policy(s):

In particular, Policy **RD3: Dwelling Alterations, Extensions, Conversions and Replacement Dwellings**.

Policy RD3: Dwelling Alterations, Extensions, Conversions and Replacement Dwellings

1. Proposals for dwelling alterations, extensions, conversion and replacement dwellings outside the Green Belt will be supported where they:
 - a. Retain the character of the existing property, its setting and the surrounding residential area;
 - i. This will include consideration of the siting, scale, design, and materials to be used;
 - b. Will not have a significant adverse impact on the amenity and living conditions of occupants of neighbouring properties; this will include consideration of
 - i. The potential for overlooking and the preservation of appropriate privacy distances; and
 - ii. The loss of sunlight or daylight to neighbouring properties; and
 - iii. The dominance or overbearing nature of the extension.
 - c. Enhance, provide or maintain safe highway conditions for pedestrians, cyclists and motor vehicles;
 - d. Will not result in isolated residential development;
 - e. Provide, or retain, sufficient parking within the curtilage of the property, where applicable;
 - f. Provide, or retain, adequate storage for recycling, refuse and cycles;

- g. Retain outside access to the rear of the property; and they
- h. Provide, or retain, a reasonable amenity space.

Conversion

2. Residential conversions of existing buildings will be permitted where they meet all of the above criteria (1. a-h) and where it is demonstrated that the building to be converted is of a permanent and substantial construction; capable of being converted; and in the case of sub-division or intensification of the existing residential use:
 - i. they would not create or contribute to a harmful concentration of such uses with regards to amenity and highways; and
 - ii. it would not result in a loss of character.

Replacement Dwellings

3. Replacement dwellings will be supported where they meet all of the above criteria (1. a-h) and they will not result in over-development of the site, or the curtilage.

Change of Use

4. The conversion of buildings from non-residential to residential use will be supported where they meet all of the above criteria (1. a-h) and where it is demonstrated that:
 - a. The building is of a permanent and substantial construction capable of being converted; and that
 - b. It will provide a satisfactory residential environment.

In addition to Policy RD3, the Delivery and Allocations Local Plan contains other policies that are relevant to this SPD which, amongst others, include:

- CS(R)18 – High Quality Design
- CS(R)19 – Sustainable development and climate change
- RD3 – Dwelling alterations, Extensions, Conversions and Replacement Dwellings
- RD5 – Primarily Residential Areas
- GR1 - Design of development
- GR2 – Amenity
- C2 – Parking Standards

Scope of the House Extensions SPD

Proposed SPD Contents

The goal of the House Extension SPD is to encourage and raise high quality design, which has consideration for the local character, residential amenity, and safe

highways. This ensures the enhancement and retainment of quality and character of the local area.

The SPD will aim to:

- Explain how the Council will use the 'Comply or Justify' Principle to support applications which meet the criteria within the SPD. ([Kirklees Extensions & Alterations Supplementary Planning Document](#))
- Preserve and enhance local character with consideration of designs which relate closely to and harmonise with the existing housing in its scale, proportions and appearance.
- Help protect people's privacy and protect residential amenity of neighbouring properties.
- Create high quality design which encourages people to live in Halton
- Avoid the creation of unsafe highway conditions for pedestrians, cyclists and motor vehicles.
- Provide guidelines for sustainable development, ensuring that developments are acceptable to changing climatic conditions.
- Contribute to the development within existing primarily residential areas without harming the residential character or living conditions of residents in those areas.
- Use 'secured by design' principles to engage with crime prevention through development design of homes.
- Explain where Permitted Development applies, where householders can apply for a Lawful Development Certificate, information regarding Larger House Extensions or any general Pre-application advice.
- This SPD will also help applicants understand and use the standards set out in the BRE's Home Quality Mark.

The broad context and coverage of the House extension SPD will be as outlined:

1. Purpose – aims and objectives
2. Policy context
 - a. National
 - b. Local
3. The Planning Application
4. Guiding principles
5. General design principles
 - a. Local context and character
 - b. Impact on the original/existing house
 - c. Impact on residential amenity
 - d. Outdoor space
 - e. Energy efficiency
 - f. Construction materials
6. Specific guidelines

- a. Porches and front extensions
- b. Side extensions and rear extensions
- c. Roofs / dormers/ Chimneys/ Log burners
- d. Balconies and terraces
- e. Garages/ parking and garage conversions
- f. New openings
- g. Outbuildings
- h. Refuse, Storage and Collection
- i. Trees
- j. Impact on adjoining garden areas
- 7. Other considerations
 - a. Greenbelt
 - b. Conservation Areas/Listed Buildings
 - c. SPA
 - d. SSSI

Timescale for SPD preparation and Next Steps

Timescale for SPD Preparation and Adoption



Next Steps

This consultation will run for a minimum of four weeks. Following the consultation, Council Officers will review comments received, which will inform the drafting of the SPD. A public consultation will then be carried out on the draft SPD.

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REPORT TO:	Environment and Regeneration Policy and Performance Board
DATE:	18th June 2025
REPORTING OFFICER:	Executive Director Environment and Regeneration
PORTFOLIO:	Environment and Urban Renewal
SUBJECT:	Local Highway Maintenance
WARD(S)	Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To update Members on local highway maintenance matters.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the report be noted

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Government has said that 25% of the funding provided to Councils in 2025/26 will be contingent on local highway authorities demonstrating to Government that they are driving best practice and continual improvement in highways maintenance.
- 3.2 These requirements stem from the recent National Audit Office report and subsequent Public Accounts Committee hearing on the Condition and Maintenance of Local Roads in England. Both have recommended that the Department for Transport (DfT) seeks to improve its understanding of the condition of the country's roads.
- 3.3 On 25 March 2025, the DfT requested a data return from Local Authorities to unlock the uplift in funding. The DfT is particularly keen to ensure that the increase in DfT funding leads to increased highway maintenance expenditure; and that expenditure strikes the right balance between long-term preventative maintenance and reactive repairs. Reactive repairs are often necessary for safety and other reasons, but temporary quick fixes should be avoided wherever possible. A proper risk-based asset management approach will reduce the need for short-term patching. As set out in the Code of Practice on Well Managed Highway Infrastructure, when determining the balance between structural, preventative, and reactive maintenance, authorities should adopt the principle that prevention is better

than cure.

3.4 The DfT have created a template covering specific information which they require all Authorities to publish on their websites by 30th June 2025. This is set out in Appendix A to this report.

3.5 By publishing this template Halton can secure the 25% of funding for our highway network as well as better informing local people of the steps being taken to improve them.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Halton already follows a risk-based approach, as set out in the Well Managed Highway Infrastructure Code of Practice 2016.

4.2 Section 41 of the Highways Act 1980 places a statutory duty on all Highway Authorities to maintain the highway network under their control. A failure to maintain or a failure to repair the highway can result in a breach of Section 41 and a claim for damages / compensation by a highway user.

4.3 However, Section 58 of the Highways Act 1980 provides a special defence for the Council against a claim for an alleged breach of Section 41.

4.4 Maintenance of the highway network is essential to ensure the transport network in Halton operates smoothly.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Publication of the information requested by DfT is required to improve the potential amount of funding available from DfT.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Improving Health, Promoting Wellbeing and Supporting Greater Independence

Well maintained highways lead to a safe more efficient highway network.

6.2 Building a Strong, Sustainable Local Economy

Ensuring access to areas of employment ensures that business can function at all times.

6.3 Supporting Children, Young People and Families

There are no specific issues applicable to children and young people. Well maintained highways affect all service users alike.

6.4 Tackling Inequality and Helping Those Who Are Most In Need

There are no equality and diversity implications.

6.5 Working Towards a Greener Future

Well maintained highways promote a more efficient network for users.

6.6 Valuing and Appreciating Halton and Our Community

None identified.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 A risk assessment is not required.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 There are no equality and diversity implications.

9.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

9.1 None identified.

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

‘None under the meaning of the Act.’

APPENDIX A

Halton's Highway Network

Lengths of highway, footways and cycleways (km)						
A Road	B and C roads	U roads	Total Roads	Footways	Other Public rights of way	cycleways
86.4km	106km	425km	617.4km	748km	82km	112km

Figures are based on the national standard United Kingdom Pavement Management System (UKPMS) network method of measuring carriageways; these are the surveyed lengths of adopted highway. These measures exclude the 31.5 Km of Mersey Gateway carriageway network as this is not maintainable at public expense.

748 km of Footways is made up of 574 km of footways adjacent to carriageways and 174km of adopted, surfaced, independent footpaths which connect between 2 different lengths of adopted Highway. Other Public Rights Of Way are paths shown on the definitive map for example a footpath across a field. Cycleways are a combination of shared footpaths and footways and are therefore potentially being double counting in parts.

Highways Maintenance - Spending Figures

Highway maintenance spending					
Year	Capital allocated by DfT (£,000s)	Capital spend (£,000s)	Revenue spend (£,000s)	Estimate of % spent on preventative maintenance	Estimate of % spent on reactive maintenance
2025/26 (projected)	£7065	£7065	£2471	13%	16%
2024/25	£6380	£6380	£3576	14%	17%
2023/24	£2983	£2983	£2163	9%	27%
2022/23	£2679	£2679	£2782	6%	28%
2021/22	£1474	£1474	£2408	8%	37%
2020/21	£1640	£1640	£2761	7%	36%

In April 2022, the Liverpool City Region secured a £710 million City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) to support its five-year capital investment programme, running through to the 2026/27 financial year. Halton secured £25 million for highway works from this settlement over the 5 year period. The spending profile has been structured to allow sufficient time in the

early stages for design and procurement, followed by increased on-site investment in the middle years. This approach ensures that by the final phase, necessary works can be completed efficiently within the programme's timeline.

Capital funding appears to be higher in recent year due to Highways being successful in bidding for additional capital funding allocations as part of the LCR pipeline programme.

Estimate of number of potholes filled				
2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
540	1049	3446	3592	3127

Year	Percentage of A roads in each condition category		
	Red	Amber	Green
2020	1.7%	13.8%	84.5%
2021	1.9%	15.3%	82.8%
2022	1%	10.4%	88.5%
2023	1%	13.7%	85.2%
2024	1.1%	14.2%	84.5%
Year	Percentage of B and C roads in each condition category		
	Red	Amber	Green
2020	2%	23.6%	74%
2021	1.6%	13.4%	73.8%
2022*	1.8%	15%	83%
2023	2.3%	15.0%	82.6%
2024	2%	16.7%	81.2%
	Year	Percentage of U Roads in the Red category	
	2020	%	
	2021	5%	
	2022	14%	
	2023	22%	
	2024	27%	

The road condition score above of red, amber and green is a measure of the road surface condition and for the classified network of A, B & C it comes from an annual survey carried out by automated survey technology using a vehicle mounted with lasers and cameras to measure different aspects of the road. These parameters include but not limited to- rut depth, longitudinal profile (this is how bumpy the road is), texture depth and surface cracking. It is not identifying individual potholes as a specific detail these are picked up in other parameters. The measures are scored on a scale of 0-315, with any stretch of road scoring less than 40 being classed in good condition and being green, 40-100 is amber while not good it still offers a good driving surface, anything greater than 100 is poor and will probably require maintenance within the coming years.

For the unclassified network (U roads) the scoring is based on a visual survey carried out over a number of years to give a full network coverage. This only gives a red/ green output and is very subjective to the inspector walking those sections and has proved very difficult to get accurate repeatable data and there has been a national view including DfT that this survey and data output was felt to be poor and unreliable to use. As such DfT are currently accrediting new survey technology and once approved Halton will be looking to use the new type of data for reporting and future maintenance works programming once this has been determined nationally.

From 2026 to 2027 the DfT have mandated a new methodology of surveying and measuring roads will be used based on the BSI PAS2161 standard. Local Highway Authorities will be required to use a supplier that has been accredited against PAS2161. This [new standard will categorise roads into 5 categories instead of 3 to help government gain a more detailed understanding of road condition in England.](#)

The actual value of the highway asset is based on a formula provided by CIPFA (chartered institute of public finance and accountancy) in 2018 as part of the Whole of government accounts these figure have not been updated by them, however we have used various indices to try and give a more up to date figure, however the process requires a lot of inputs from various survey types of different elements the highway asset including structures street lighting as well as the carriageway and footway surveys and has not been run for a number of years.

Maintenance Plans

Overall strategy

Asset management helps Halton, as the local Highway Authority, to understand the value of the highway asset and the costs linked with maintaining that asset, providing a framework to ensure that available funding is targeted to where it is needed most to deliver on local priorities. It achieves this by linking high level business objectives, stakeholder expectations and legislative requirements to actions on the ground to deliver the optimal level of service within the available funding at the lowest risk.

Highways are by far the most valuable asset Halton owns, reported at £2.3 billion in 2021-22. Significant investment is required year on year to prevent

deterioration in the condition of highway assets and provide the most cost-efficient level of service possible. Key to maximising value for money in highway maintenance is to understand when and how to intervene over the long term so that expensive invasive maintenance treatments are avoided for as long as possible.

Asset Management also provides a clear evidence base to justify the need for investment in highway maintenance by providing a means of demonstrating how different investment strategies impact on our business goals over time. Making use of this long-term approach on investment options allows decision makers to make informed choices, minimising whole-life costs in favour of more expensive, reactive short term actions which arise because of under investment.

Specific plans for 2025/26

Carriageways and footways will be identified in accordance with the Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Plan (HIAMP) and specific sites will be highlighted using outputs from our Asset Management software analysis system, Horizons, which contains the database of all the independent carriageway surveys, feedback from Highways Inspectors, including areas of intensive reactive pothole repairs and will be subject to detailed visual inspection to be selected for treatment. At this point in the year the split between preventative and reactive works is yet to be determined and will be informed by the processes above. It is estimated that the number of potholes that will be repaired will be in the region of 3500 in keeping with recent years. The number of miles of carriageway and footways treated will be calculated once the treatment solutions have been settled upon and funding attributed accordingly. This document will be updated periodically to keep information up to date and current.

This year's programme includes conventional resurfacing schemes, as well as an extensive highway preservation and rejuvenation programmes on the following roads:

Silver Jubilee Bridge including its approaches, Ditton Junction, Queensway and the recently reconfigured roundabout junction serving Runcorn Station will receive an innovative rejuvenation spray to add life to the existing road surface, reducing the need for early intervention with more conventional treatments and leading to lower CO2 emissions and environmental impact.

A comprehensive programme of preservation treatments including sprays and surface dressing on the following:

Queensbury way
Fiddlers ferry road.
Ditchfield road
Hale road
Cronton lane
Boston Avenue
Pitts Heath lane
Hough Green Lane

A programme of more conventional reconstruction and resurfacing schemes including:

Everite Road
Tanhouse Lane
Lockett Road
A562 Speke Road (east bound)
Dundalk Road
Peel House Lane
A56/A533 Roundabout
Palacefields avenue junction

This year's footway programme is still in development using data analysis and detailed visual inspections.

Streetworks

Works are planned and coordinated through the Streetworks team, quarterly meeting are held with Utility Companies and the Highway Authority to share programmes and to discuss potential mitigations. Works are posted on the freely accessible One Network national website and the national Street Manager system ensuring the public and all utilities have notification and access to relevant data on up and coming as well as current roadworks. The Highway Authority complies with the HBC permitting schemes and Section 58 notices are served where possible to ensure protections to newly treated road.

Climate change, resilience and adaptation

Following successful trials in the previous years, we are embarking on a programme of rejuvenation and preservation spraying for carriageways to add life back into the road surfaces delaying the need for expensive and disruptive resurfacing works. This is a technology that has been used successfully in America for decades but is relatively new to the UK Highway market.

When resurfacing schemes are necessary, we seek to use warm and low temperature asphalt where possible and applicable to help reduce carbon emissions. Since 2017 we have operated a winter maintenance cold route for marginal nights. This is based on a thermal map of Haltons road network which shows the colder spots that may need treatment when others do not. Consequently, the number of gritting routes can be reduced on these marginal nights, leading to savings in vehicle fuel, salt and economically in drivers over time. Our Term Maintenance Contractor Tarmac Ltd, takes extensive measures to reduce its carbon footprint, both nationally and locally utilising electric vehicles and plant where appropriate, the latest Euro rated vehicles where electric is not currently practicable and adheres to comprehensive suit of key performance indicators aimed at driving down carbon usage.

The highways team consistently delivers work of the highest standard, underpinned by technical excellence, proactive planning and a strong commitment to public services. Through a combination of skilled project

management, robust quality control and strategic collaboration with contractors and stakeholders the team ensures that every scheme is completed efficiently safely and to an exacting specification. The team applies best practice in asset management, data-led decision making and innovation in materials and methods, ensuring long term durability and the minimum disruption to the travelling public. Projects are regularly completed on time and within budget demonstrating meticulous financial oversight and a culture of continuous improvement. In an environment where public expectations and fiscal pressures are high the highways team stands out as a trusted capable and cost effective service and what sets the highways team apart is its ability to deliver value for money by leveraging competitive procurement processes reducing reworking through right first time delivery and active seeking efficiencies in planning and delivery. This is evidenced further by strong performance indicators and repeat success in securing external funding.

REPORT TO:	Environment and Regeneration Policy and Performance Board
DATE:	18th June 2025
REPORTING OFFICER:	Executive Director Environment and Regeneration
PORTFOLIO:	Environment and Urban Renewal
SUBJECT:	Performance Management Reports for Quarter 4 of 2024/25
WARD(S)	Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To consider and to raise any questions or points of clarification, in respect of performance management for the final quarter period to 31st March 2025.
- 1.2 Key priorities for development or improvement in 2024-25 were agreed by Members for the various functional areas reporting to the 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 made against objectives and milestones and performance targets and provides information relating to key developments and emerging issues that have arisen during the period.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Policy and Performance Board:

- 1) Receive the final quarterly performance management report.**
- 2) Consider the progress and performance information and raise any questions or points for clarification.**
- 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 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

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

- 6.1 All Key Performance Indicators relate directly to the following Council's priorities:

- Improving Health, Promoting Wellbeing and Supporting Greater Independence
- Building a Strong, Sustainable Local Economy
- Supporting Children, Young People and Families
- Tackling Inequality and Helping Those Who Are Most In Need
- Working Towards a Greener Future
- Valuing and Appreciating Halton and Our Community

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 None identified.

9.0 **CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 None identified.

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

None under the meaning of the Act.

Departmental Quarterly Monitoring Report Quarter 4

Directorate: Environment & Regeneration

Departments: **Community & Environment, Planning & Transportation, Economy, Enterprise & Property Services**

Period: Quarter 4 - 1st January – 31st March 2025

1.0 Introduction

This quarterly monitoring report covers the **Environment & Regeneration Directorate's** final quarter period up to 31st March 2025.

It describes key developments and progress against 'key' milestones and performance indicators for the service in line with the Corporate plan.

2.0 Data Quality Statement

The author provides assurance that the information contained within this report is accurate and valid and that every effort has been made to avoid the omission of data.

Where data has been estimated, it has been sourced directly from partner or other agencies, or where there are any concerns regarding the limitations of its use, this has been clearly annotated.

3.0 Appendices

Appendix 1: Progress Against Objectives / Milestones

Appendix 2: Explanation of Symbols

Appendix 3: Progress Against Performance Indicators

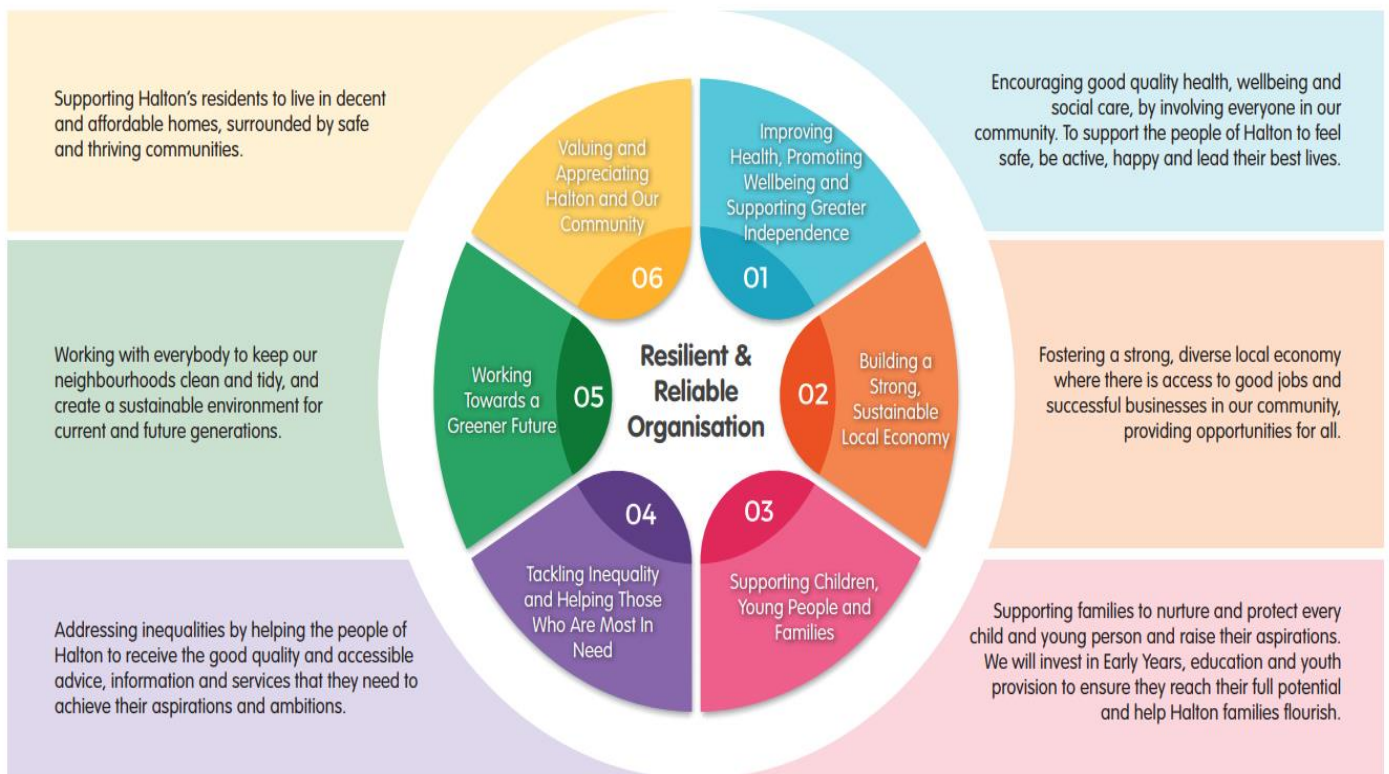
Appendix 4: Financial Statement



Halton Borough Council Corporate Plan 2024 – 2029

Our Community, Our Priorities, Our Future




Plan on a Page









	Priority 2 – Building a strong sustainable local economy. Regeneration
ERD 01	Regeneration of Widnes Town Centre

Milestone	Progress Q4	Supporting Commentary
Secure LCR capacity funding by June 2024		Completed, previously reported
Develop & agree project brief by end of June 2024		Completed, previously reported
Start procurement process in July 2024		Completed, previously reported
Agree first draft of Framework - March 2025		Completed, Framework has been presented to the Town Panel
Present Widnes Town Centre Regeneration Framework to Town Panel by March 2025		Completed, Framework has been presented to the Town Panel




Corporate Priority	Priority 2 – Building a strong sustainable local economy Regeneration
ERD 02	Regeneration of Runcorn Town Centre




Milestone	Progress Q4	Supporting Commentary
Board member submission to DLUHC by 1 st June.		Completed however a change in policy has meant that this has been revisited with a new submission date of 22 April 2025.
Submission to DLUHC by 1 st November 2024		Work has started; initial public and stakeholder engagement has been completed however the submission date has been revised to December 2025.
Agree 10-year vision and 3-year investment plan by March 2025		Currently waiting for revised guidance from Government to enable the completion of this work for the revised submission date of December 2025.

Corporate Priority	Priority 2 – Building a strong sustainable local economy Regeneration
ERD 03	Support development & growth at Sci-tech Daresbury


Milestone	Progress Q4	Supporting Commentary
Assist JV to secure funding from the CA by July 2024		Discussion with the CA is ongoing regarding the Investment Zone funding. The appraisal demonstrated a significantly increased value gap because of the market, and this prompted a review of the deliverability of the scheme. Several potential solutions are currently being explored with the JV and the CA.
Secure Investment Zone funding by September 2024		As above.
Commence delivery of Project Violet Phase 2 – October 2024		The project delivery is currently delayed due to the funding situation as described above and potential re-design work. It is now anticipated that this will be delivered in early 2026.
Confirm funding arrangements for long term expansion by December 2024		Slightly later than anticipated but now confirmed. The funding to support the expansion of the campus through a CPO will be provided through Enterprise Zone Tax Increment Finance. Borrowing was approved by Executive Board in February 2025.
Report to Exec Board Q3 2024-25		The expansion of the campus through a CPO was approved by Executive Board in February 2025.
Agreed funding package for Project Violet by September 2024		As above the funding for Project Violet is currently under review by the CA and the JV pending an updated development appraisal.






Corporate Priority	Priority Six – Valuing and Appreciating Halton and our Community Regeneration
ERD 04	Providing new homes that meet Halton’s needs

Milestone	Progress Q4	Supporting Commentary
Sign the MOU by August 2024		Achieved - At its meeting on 11 th July 2024, Executive Board approved entering a Strategic Place Partnership Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with partners, leading to production of a Business Plan and new governance arrangements to be established. See Report: Liverpool City Region Strategic Place Partnership.pdf (halton.gov.uk)
Agreeing Halton’s Place Priorities by September 2024		Achieved - At the meeting on 11 th July 2024, Executive Board provided delegated authority to the Director of Economy, Enterprise and Property, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder Climate Change, to agree details for the formation of the Strategic Place Partnership and finalise Halton’s Priorities. Halton Place Priorities were presented as a draft ‘Place on a Page’ to Executive Board. The Strategic Place Partnership Interim Business Plan, including Halton’s Place Priorities, were approved at the Housing and Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (LCR CA) first meeting of Strategic Place Partnership Board. This was held on the 13 th September 2024.
Establish Place Group by October 2024		Achieved - The Halton Place Group is Officer level meeting held quarterly with representation from the LCR CA and Homes England (HE). The Council lead is the Director of Economy, Enterprise and Property. Council Officer representation on the Halton Place Group has now been agreed.



		The first meeting of the Place Group was held on 23 rd October 2024. As part of establishing the Group an orientation tour of key housing site within the Borough was provided to strategic partners
Produce a housing project pipeline, in line with Halton Place Priorities, by March 2025		Achieved – A pipeline of housing sites aligned with the Strategic Place Partnership Business Place and Halton Place Priorities has been established and this forms the basis for work of the Halton Place Group.
Secure first draft of Housing Strategy by March 2025		The production process is progressing with the draft Housing Needs Assessment anticipated April 2025. Alongside a Response Report setting out potential priorities and actions for incorporating into the first draft Housing Strategy. A First Draft Housing Strategy is now anticipated in June 2025.
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Corporate Priority	Priority Two – Building a Strong, Sustainable Local Economy Business Investment & Growth
ERD 05	To provide support to all Halton's businesses and encourage start-ups.

Milestone	Progress Q4	Supporting Commentary
Deliver four sector network events and two business events by March 2025		In Q4 we delivered two logistics networks and supported two sustainability workshops and one tendering workshop.

		Across the whole year the target was achieved.
Carry out 150 diagnostics by March 25		By year end we carried out 68 diagnostics as part of the UKSPF business support.
Provide support to forty-seven town centre businesses by March 25		47 businesses in both Runcorn and Widnes town centres received a business diagnostic delivered by a specialist business advisor.
Provide support to 67 Halton businesses by March 25		We supported 63 businesses by March 2025 and whilst this was slightly behind target, several companies have had the support offer delayed to the new programme commencing in April 2025 due to availability.
Provide support to 114 businesses across the Borough by March 2025		In 2024/25 we have engaged with 202 businesses providing property advice, undertaking diagnostics, general enquiries and through a range of network events
Support sixteen business startups by March 2025		We supported 15 business start-ups by March 2025.


Corporate Priority	Priority One – Improving Health, Promoting Wellbeing and Supporting Greater Independence Programmes Office
ERD 06	Maximise new external funding opportunities and effectively manage and monitor existing funding programmes

Milestone	Progress Q4	Supporting Commentary
Produce monthly funding bulletins.		Monthly Funding Bulletins produced as well as a specific Climate Change Funding Bulletin
Deliver quarterly training sessions for colleagues.		Part completed; we are in the middle of a phase of delivery with 2 courses completed and 2 still to complete in May. Next phase of delivery will be Sept/Oct 25





Submit compliant claims for all grant programmes		UKSPF Qtr. 3 claims submitted and compliant: next claims due April 25. Town Deal claims are submitted bi-annually; next claim due May 2025.
Provide an annual Programmes Office update to Corporate PPB in July 2024		Delivered and previously reported on.
Produce a pipeline of future regeneration projects to maximise the potential to secure future funding by October 2024		Pipeline produced and currently being refined.
Agree pipeline with members and the CA by March 2025		Pipeline to be shared accordingly once final changes have been made in early 25/26.

Corporate Priority	Priority Five – Working Towards a Greener Future Visitor Economy
ERD 07	To deliver a dynamic and exciting Destination Marketing programme promoting the Borough's cultural, heritage and green assets, to highlight Halton as a great place to live, work and play.







Milestone	Progress Q4	Supporting Commentary
A Taste of Halton campaign – April to June 2024		Delivered and reported on previously
50 Quirky Things campaign to 31 st Dec 2024		Delivered and reported on previously
Heritage Open Days campaign August-Sept 2024		Delivered and reported on previously
Well, attended quarterly Marketing Halton meetings with clear ambitions.		Regular meetings held and well attended; current discussions about the future of the group being held. Next meeting 29 th April 25


Produce an external evaluation report by end April 2025		Draft report produced; final tweaks being made then will be shared.
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Corporate Priority	Priority Two – Building a Strong, Sustainable Local Economy. Priority Three – Supporting Children, Young People and Families. Priority Five – Working Towards a Greener Future. Priority Six - Valuing and Appreciating Halton and our Community. Asset Management & Valuation
ERD 08	Provide Support for the Council's Corporate Priorities through the Provision of Property Advice





Milestone	Progress Q4	Supporting Commentary
Agree a programme to renew agreements with providers of early years care in primary schools and the school by August 2024		School visits completed and proposed terms sent to legal to action. No further action required by Asset Management.
Support the provision of a café in the new leisure centre by March 25		No further action required by Asset Management as cafe to be provided by in house staff
Bring forward residential development land at Priory Meadow for development by March 25		Working to take site to market in Autumn 2025. Support provided from Regeneration and appointed external property consultants to finalise the marketing pack and engage with Homes England to resolve the matter of the calculation of 'clawback' payment due to Homes England on disposal. Marketing pack due for completion end Q2 2025/26 and go out to the market Q3 2025/26.
Provide a Property Service across the Council to support corporate priorities and accelerated growth throughout 24/25		Priorities are scheduled on the case load spreadsheet and handled by the team on an ongoing basis.

Corporate Priority	Priority Two – Building a Strong, Sustainable Local Economy. Priority Three – Supporting Children, Young People and Families. Priority Four – Tackling Inequality and Helping those who are most in need. Employment, Learning & Skills
ERD 9	To promote access to learning to those who need it most and create employment opportunities for Halton residents




Milestone	Progress Q4	Supporting Commentary
Deliver six accredited ESOL and two Pre-ESOL courses across Widnes and Runcorn to help our BAME residents improve their English skills between 1 st August 2024 and 31 st July 2025		Achieved – six accredited and two non-accredited ESOL courses running, with an additional ESOL 'Conversation Club' launching 24 th April to supplement structured sessions.
Utilise a budget of £11,300 LCR Devolved ESFA Hardship Funding for adult learners between 1 st August 2024 and 31 st July 2025		Exceeded – as of March 2025, total is circa £14k. This has been used to support learners with childcare and transport costs, as well as to fund the centres' Warm Hubs
Commence learning programme for those aged 19+ by 1 st August 2024		Achieved. Core provision of Adult Learning programmes commenced in September 2024 with additional creative, wellbeing and digital courses launching in December and January.
Commence year 3 of the Supported Internship Programme by September 2024		Cohort 4 started in September 2024, with 8 young people with SEND starting the Supported Internship Programme. All 8 Interns remain on programme at the end of Q4.
330 residents who access HPIJ employment programmes to obtain employment between April 2024 – March 2025.		101 residents were supported into work through HPIJ employment programmes in Q4. There were more job starts; however, we are awaiting evidence from employers for audit.
The % of learners (average across all target wards) who are of unemployed working age		On track for achievement by end of the academic year – current figure is 37.4%

residing in the LSOAs, and who access Halton Adult Learning will increase from 29% to 48% between 1 st August 2024 and end July 2025.		
The % of residents accessing Halton Adult Learning courses and achieving will increase from 88% to 92% between 1 st August 2024 and July 2025.		Achieved – overall achievement rate sitting at 96% at last Quality, Income and Marketing report


Corporate Priority	Priority One – Improving Health, Promoting Wellbeing and Supporting Greater Independence. Priority Three – Supporting Children, Young People and Families. Priority Five – Working Towards a Greener Future. Property Services
ERD 11	Rationalise the Council's main office accommodation to deliver revenue savings.


Milestone	Progress Q4	Supporting Commentary
Exec Board approval to vacate the Municipal Building and progress with associated works – June 24.		Whilst formal approval to vacate the Municipal Building has not been obtained, Members are in general supportive of the proposal to reduce accommodation and costs. We are currently looking at an alternative option for creating a 'Head Office' for Widnes, an outline feasibility is planned to be delivered in early May. Once this is completed further discussions will take place with Members to seek agreement on a way forward.
Agreement to revised officer to desk ratio – September 24		The agreement to the reduced officer to desk ratio is tied into the accommodation strategy so will be included in a report in due course once Members have agreed on the most appropriate option.
Complete options appraisal for Widnes office to present to members by March 25		See above
Agreed approach to provision of HBC staff accommodation by March 25		See above

Corporate Priority	Priority Five – Working Towards a Greener Future. Property Services
ERD 12	Reduce Carbon Emissions from the Council's Property Portfolio


Milestone	Progress Q4	Supporting Commentary
Deliver the leisure centre by Feb 3 rd , 2025.		The leisure centre was delivered slightly ahead of programme and opened to the public on February 10th
Commence works on site at St Pat's & St Luke's by December 2024.		The scope of works has been reduced due to budget pressures, and we are now working on a reduced scheme. An application for grant was unsuccessful which has impacted on the available budget.
Ensure year on year reduction in carbon emissions from the Council's property portfolio. Baseline at 31 st March 2023 - 6096 tonnes. target 3% after year 1, 5% reduction after year 3.		Emissions from Council buildings at 31 st March 2024 were 5593 tonnes, an 8.2% reduction from the previous year.

Corporate Priority	Priority One – Improving Health, Promoting Wellbeing and Supporting Greater Independence. Priority Two – Building a Strong, Sustainable Local Economy. Priority Three – Supporting Children, Young People and Families. Priority Four - Tackling Inequality and Helping Those Who Are Most in Need. Priority Five – Working Towards a Greener Future. Priority Six - Valuing and Appreciating Halton and our Community Planning & Development
ERD 13	Create and maintain statutory plans, generated through community consultation, that guide decisions on future development proposals and address the needs and opportunities of the area



Milestone	Progress Q4	Supporting Commentary
Delivery during the plan period (2037)		Local Development Strategy agreed 6 SPDs identified within the work programme

As per Local Plan Monitoring Framework & Annual Monitoring Report		Annual AMR reporting to Environment and Urban renewal PPB reported on time.

Corporate Priority	Priority Two – Building a Strong Sustainable Local Economy. Planning & Development
ERD 14	Providing new homes that meet Halton's needs


Milestone	Progress Q4	Supporting Commentary
Granting of planning permission for housing and other forms of accommodation		A total of 3 applications have been approved for residential development for a range of application types such as Outline, Full and a S73 applications. In Q4 4 new residential development applications were received and are within the statutory deadline. Overall, 33 applications awaiting decision.

Corporate Priority	Priority Two – Building a Strong Sustainable Local Economy. Planning & Development
ERD 15	Provide an efficient Planning service that supports business investment in Halton



Milestone	Progress Q4	Supporting Commentary
60% major determined within 13 weeks (or agreed extension)		100% 4 of 4 Applications therefore above target
70% minor application determined in 8 weeks (or agreed extension)		100% 8 of 8 Applications therefore above target

70% other application determined in 8 weeks (or agreed extension)		97% 61 of 63 Applications therefore above target
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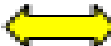
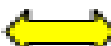
Corporate Priority	Priority Five - Working Towards a Greener Future Planning & Development
ERD 16	Provide improvements to Biodiversity

Milestone	Progress Q4	Supporting Commentary
The amount of BNG secured as part of planning applications.		Applications have been received that are expected to be liable for BNG, but none yet determined


Corporate Priority	Priority Four - Tackling Inequality and Helping Those Who Are Most in Need. Logistics
ERD 17	Deliver travel choices that are safe, inclusive, affordable, and low carbon


Milestone	Progress Q4	Supporting Commentary
Percentage number of public transport journeys on-time at intermediate timing points Baseline 87% Target 95%		91.6% - 9.6% up against Q3. Indicator has achieved baseline target. Although highway works in Liverpool and along the A56 in Daresbury have had a negative impact on service punctuality (as indicated in Q3), alterations to services have improved performance in Q4. Ongoing liaison with operators.
Percentage number of public transport journeys departing the terminus on-time Baseline 96% Target 97%		Unable to safely perform punctuality checks at Murdishaw Centre (terminus) due to major highway works along the busway

Corporate Priority	Priority Four - Tackling Inequality and Helping Those Who Are Most in Need. Logistics
ERD 18	Maintain Corporate Fleet Availability



Milestone	Progress Q4	Supporting Commentary
Number of vehicle maintenance & safety inspections completed within the statutory timeframe.		100% all vehicle safety inspections completed.
Number of litres of diesel consumed.		101,099 used in quarter 4. An Increase of 4899 from quarter 3.
Number of Community Meals delivered within the two-hour timeframe.		8765 meals delivered in quarter 4. An increase of 25 meals from quarter 3.
Number of student passenger journeys		69,104 calculated on actual school days in period.
Number of school transport routes		173 average of total during reporting period.
Cost of externally contracted school transport		£947,143 - Total cost for period £83,521 (increased from quarter 3 as quarter 4 was a busy term with few school holidays)

Corporate Priority	Priority One - Improving Health, Promoting Wellbeing and Supporting Greater Independence. Logistics
ERD 19	Deliver travel choices that are safe, inclusive, affordable, and low carbon.




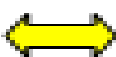

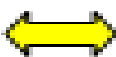

Milestone	Progress Q4	Supporting Commentary
Number of referrals for travel training and number of successful uptakes from the referrals.		16 referrals during the reporting period with 14 individuals (87.5%) taking up the travel training offer. Quarter 4 has seen an increase in referrals (5) and an

		increase in individuals taking travel training (6).
Number of students who engage in group classroom and outdoor tailored practical sessions.		41 individuals have taken part in weekly classroom-based sessions, 8 have taken part in weekly outdoor practical group sessions and 10 individuals have taken part in 1-2-1 ITT sessions in the same time frame.


Corporate Priority	Priority Five - Working Towards a Greener Future Highways
ERD 20	Deliver travel choices that are safe, inclusive, affordable, and low carbon







Milestone	Progress Q4	Supporting Commentary
Securing and Investing funding in Travel schemes		Same as last quarter in terms of securing funding. A consultation was carried out during June on a proposed Wilmere Lane Birchfield Rd Active travel scheme (likely to be CRSTS funded with design work to date funded by ATE capability funding streams). Also, the Halton Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) documents have now been completed and a report presented to PPB.
Length of schemes implemented / delivered.		Our Contractors completed 462m of new cycleway along the Runcorn busway from tower Lane to Runcorn East and Barnfield Avenue to Parkgate Way bus top. They also completed Traffic Signal junction upgrades at Tower Lane and Barnfield Avenue

Corporate Priority	Priority Five - Working Towards a Greener Future Highways
ERD 21	Deliver travel choices that are safe, inclusive, affordable, and low carbon

Milestone	Progress Q4	Supporting Commentary
Securing and Investing funding in highway maintenance to protect the asset.		Highway Maintenance programme completed for 2024-25
Total length of highway asset		573km Carriageways not including Mersey Gateway
Length of maintenance schemes implemented / delivered.		1881m carriageways and footways resurfaced.
Value of insurance claims for highways defects		Claims settled in the period to the value of £29086.95
Number of bridges and structures maintained.	 	Annual works programme completed by end Q3.
Number of streetlights maintained		In this quarter officers have attended to 66 general streetlights repairs which is 60 less than in Q2. The Council maintains 21053 streetlights in the borough.


Corporate Priority	Priority One – Improving Health, Promoting Wellbeing and Supporting Greater Independence Traffic
ERD 22	Deliver travel choices that are safe, inclusive, affordable, and low carbon

Milestone	Progress Q4	Supporting Commentary
Programme of education relating to road safety		Crucial Crew delivered to 622 year 5 pupils



		<p>6 x Stepping Out pedestrian training sessions delivered to 360 year 3 – 4 pupils</p> <p>6 x Rec & Year 1 Sessions (120 pupils)</p> <p>2 x Year 2 sessions (60 pupils)</p>
Safety cameras and speed indication devices		Currently 19 SiDs located in the Borough with 3 of these undergoing repair. One new SiD currently on order and awaiting delivery
Analysis of collision sites		Still awaiting full year's data from Cheshire Police for 2024. Issue with quality of the data as although year is incomplete 6 RTCs have been wrongly attributed to HBC. A couple of small-scale schemes have been identified and are being designed.
Road safety audits for new schemes		Recently undertook one RSA for small scheme on Queensway, Widnes for Highways.
Number of school crossing patrols		21 x School Crossing Patrol (one of these is vacant) plus 1 mobile & 1 Casual
Number of bike-ability training sessions delivered		308 Bikeability lessons delivered
Number of safety cameras		Currently 13 No. mobile camera site and 8 No. static cameras in the Borough.



Corporate Priority	Priority One - Improving Health, Promoting Wellbeing and Supporting Greater Independence. Leisure Services
ERD 23	To provide a new leisure centre for Widnes

Milestone: One new leisure centre open	Progress Q4	Supporting Commentary
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Opening February 2025		<p>Official opening on the 7th February with the public accessing from 10th February. As with all new buildings and services some operational and design/construction snagging and issues have arisen. The feedback from users has mostly been positive. Memberships increased by 50% and circa 6,000 visits per week.</p> <p>Training of staff, along with new risk assessments, safe systems of work, technology including a new leisure management system and other policies and procedures have been implemented. Alongside this front of house staff and management have completed customer service courses through Halton People into Jobs.</p> <p>Continue to develop the centre programme along with working through some design and defect issues that have arisen during mobilisation.</p> <p>The soft play and cafe areas will become operational in the next quarter.</p>
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Corporate Priority	Priority One - Improving Health, Promoting Wellbeing and Supporting Greater Independence. Priority Two – Building a Strong, Sustainable Local Economy. Priority Three – Supporting Children, Young People and Families. Priority Four – Tackling Inequality and Helping those who are most in need. Leisure Services
ERD 24	Increase footfall at the Brindley

Milestone: Increase footfall at the Brindley	Progress Q4	Supporting Commentary
Brindley - Total number of tickets sold	 	<p>15,067 in Q4 In line with expectations due to closures for building works = 22 Days.</p> <p>Total Tickets sold 2024/25 = 74,264</p>

		<p>A decrease of 8,096 tickets sold compared to 2023/24</p> <p>The enhancement works disruption, which commenced in August 2024, and the temporary access entrance were anticipated to affect attendances/performances throughout the period of construction.</p>
Brindley - Total number of days hired days		<p>37 in Q4 In line with expectations due to closures for building works = 22 Days for no Hire/Council Promotion bookings.</p> <p>Total number of hired days 2024/25 = 188</p> <p>A decrease of 25 Hired days compared to 2023/24</p>
Brindley - Total number of Council Promotions		<p>18 in Q4 In line with expectations due to closures for building works = 22 Days for no Council Promotions/Hire bookings.</p> <p>Total number of Council Promotions 2024/25 = 110</p> <p>A decrease of 10 Council Promotions compared to 2023/24</p>







Corporate Priority	<p>Priority One - Improving Health, Promoting Wellbeing and Supporting Greater Independence.</p> <p>Priority Two – Building a Strong, Sustainable Local Economy.</p> <p>Priority Three – Supporting Children, Young People and Families.</p> <p>Priority Four – Tackling Inequality and Helping those who are most in need.</p> <p>Leisure Services</p>
ERD 25	Increase footfall at the Libraries

Milestone: Increase footfall at the Libraries	Progress Q4	Supporting Commentary
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Footfall for all libraries, Ditton, Widnes, Runcorn & Halton Lea		<p>Ditton 8,988</p> <p>Halton Lea 25,843</p> <p>Runcorn 9,708 (inc. period of closure for relocation)</p> <p>Widnes Library 20,340</p> <p>Total 64,879</p> <p>Lower than same quarter last year and previous quarter, as expected with October half term & Christmas events, plus warm welcome campaigns.</p>
Library Digital issues		<p>Digital issues total 1,091,536 an increase on the same period in the previous year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ebooks- 4,258 • Eaudio-7,861 • Pressreader- 939,841 <p>Online resources and subscriptions- 139,576</p>
Library Issues in branch: Ditton Library Widnes Library Runcorn Library Halton Lea Library		<p>Total library issues in branch 48,243</p> <p>Ditton 3,922</p> <p>Widnes 18,965</p> <p>Runcorn 6,704</p> <p>Halton Lea 18,652</p> <p>Reduced slightly from previous quarter, Q3 49,821, as expected with Runcorn period of closure for relocation, and down slightly (900) from the same quarter last year.</p>

Corporate Priority	<p>Priority One - Improving Health, Promoting Wellbeing and Supporting Greater Independence.</p> <p>Priority Two – Building a Strong, Sustainable Local Economy.</p> <p>Priority Three – Supporting Children, Young People and Families.</p> <p>Priority Four – Tackling Inequality and Helping those who are most in need.</p> <p>Community Centres</p>
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ERD 26	Increase footfall at the Community Centres
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Milestone: Monitor footfall, hires and events at Community Centres	Progress Q4	Supporting Commentary
Community Centres - Total number of users in attendance (including drop-ins, events and hires)	 	<p>The total number of users for Q4 is 73,581</p> <p>Castlefields 11,756 Ditton 13,557 Grangeway 22,152 Murdishaw 10,272 Upton 15,844</p> <p>The total number of users is much higher than the previous quarter across all five centres.</p>
Community Centres - Total number of hires	 	<p>The total number of hires for Q4 is 2,297</p> <p>Castlefields 402 Ditton 341 Grangeway 453 Murdishaw 430 Upton 671</p> <p>All Community Centres are performing well with increased bookings at two out of five centres at Murdishaw with a five day hire and Upton seeing increased bookings in the sports hall. A total increase of 39 hires compared to the same period last year 2,258.</p>
Community Centres - Total number of Centre organised events	 	<p>24 events</p> <p>12 bingo sessions were held at Upton Community Centre and Grangeway Community Centres.</p>



Corporate Priority	Priority Five – Working Towards a Greener Future Environment Services
ERD 27	Provide a clean, safe, and attractive environment

Milestone: Carry out Land Audit Management Surveys (LAMS) to assess the standard and quality of the Council's Parks, Cemeteries and Public Realm.	Progress Q4	Supporting Commentary
Ensure that, as a minimum, inspections are carried out bi-monthly throughout the year with results uploaded to the Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE) for benchmarking purposes and Quality Standard Scores.		In Q4, 116 inspections on sites chosen at random have been completed. Results showed 32 at Grade A (27.59%) and 83 at Grade B (71.55%) and 1 at Grade C (0.86%).
Training to be delivered to all managers by June 2024 to ensure that they are able to carry out and record quality and inspections to the required standard.		Training completed on 2 nd May



Corporate Priority	Priority Five – Working Towards a Greener Future Environment Services
ERD 28	Safety within Parks and Open Spaces

Milestone: Carry out planned equipment and safety inspections at playgrounds and Multi-Use Games Areas (MUGAs) in the Council's parks and public open spaces.	Progress Q4	Supporting Commentary
% of playgrounds, play equipment and MUGAs inspected in accordance with planned safety inspection schedules.		In Q4, a total of 1062 inspections were carried out. This is against a scheduled target of 1056. The completion rate is over 100% and is due to staff carrying out further inspections when revisiting sites to complete repairs on equipment.


Corporate Priority	Priority Five – Working Towards a Greener Future Environment Services
ERD 29	Increase the Council's recycling rate and reduce the amount of waste produced per household

Milestone: Quarterly updates on progress and annual performance data statistics to be reported to the relevant PPB by 31st March 2025.	Progress Q4	Supporting Commentary
Kgs of waste produced per household and % of waste recycled - reported annually to the relevant PPB.	 	<p>This is an estimated figure, indicating waste levels per household in Q4 (622kgs) are slightly higher than the same period in the previous year (598kgs) and higher than the estimate in Q3 (465kgs)</p> <p>This is an estimated figure, indicating that recycling levels in Q4 (35.4%) are slightly lower than in the same period in the previous year (36.1%).</p>


Corporate Priority	Priority Five – Working Towards a Greener Future Environment Services
ERD 30	Development plans for council's Cemeteries & Crematoria

Milestone: To develop plans for the future provision of the Council's Cemeteries and Crematoria	Progress Q4	Supporting Commentary
Developing a plan for replacing the current crematorium with an improved new facility, in a new location, to meet future regulations and service demands. As well as providing a facility which can be adapted for additional offers to produce a financially sustainable business.		A project is underway to secure a suitable site and begin a feasibility study to define project parameters and work on this is progressing in conjunction with colleagues in Legal and Property Services. An outline project programme is to be developed, and this work is also progressing.
Identify a future cemetery site for Runcorn. The existing Runcorn Cemetery extension has capacity for possibly up to 10 further years and, as such, a new suitable cemetery site is required.		This work is in progress and on-going and is added to the pipeline project list.

Corporate Priority	Priority Five – Working Towards a Greener Future Environment Services
ERD 31	Safety within Cemeteries & Crematoria





Milestone: Ensure memorial safety across the Council's 4 cemetery sites is carried out and properly recorded	Progress Q4	Supporting Commentary
<p>Memorials affected by adjacent burial excavations to be inspected, and actions recorded on burial forms/cemeteries database system.</p> <p>Progress integration of ALLOY asset management system to record memorial safety testing (5 year rolling programme to fully survey).</p>		<p>ALLOY integration is progressing with a joint HBC/ALLOY Project Team established and project team meetings in place to deliver the work programme.</p> <p>Ahead of full ALLOY implementation, inspections around new burials will continue to be carried out to ensure safety of staff and public.</p>

Corporate Priority	Priority Five – Working Towards a Greener Future Environment Services
ERD 32	Increase standards of service within Cemeteries & Crematoria




Milestone: Ensure high standard of service is maintained throughout the cemeteries; ensuring good upkeep.	Progress Q4	Supporting Commentary
The general quality of cemetery grounds will be assessed and scored for quality, for grass cutting, weed control and overall management using the Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE) Land Audit Management System (LAMS) system scoring.		<p>Staff training completed and LAMS system now in use.</p> <p>In Q4, 91 inspections have been completed. Results showed 27 at Grade A (29.67%), 63 at Grade B (69.23%) and 1 at Grade C (1.1%)</p>

Corporate Priority	Priority One - Improving Health, Promoting Wellbeing and Supporting Greater Independence. Community Safety & Protection
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ERD 33	Deliver services that support victims of Domestic Abuse as set out in the Domestic Abuse Act 2021
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Milestone: Deliver services that support victims of Domestic Abuse as set out in the Domestic Abuse Act 2021	Progress Q4	Supporting Commentary
% of those who have experienced high risk high harm perpetrators leave the service in a planned way	 	<p>The service received 461 referrals in Q4 a reduction in referrals from Q3 (502 referrals in Q3). The average case is open to the service for 22 days and 111 cases left the service in planned way having received an intervention.</p> <p>The average case is open to the service for 24 days and 89 cases left the service in a planned way having received an intervention.</p> <p>For the same quarter in 2024 the service received 473 referrals. The average case was open to the service for 30 days and 67 cases left the service in planned way having received an intervention.</p>
% of those who present with harmful behaviours leave the service in a planned way	 	<p>20 referrals were received for the CHOICES working with those that harm programme in this period, 34 referrals were received in the last quarter, and 28 in quarter 2.</p> <p>18 clients are currently actively engaging in CHOICES</p> <p>7 cases have been closed in Q4 with 29% completing the CHOICES behaviour programme.</p>

Corporate Priority	Priority One - Improving Health, Promoting Wellbeing and Supporting Greater Independence. Community Safety & Protection
ERD 34	Ensure preparedness and risk and resilience in Emergency Planning for Halton as set out in the Civil Contingencies Act 2004


Milestone: Report into Cheshire Resilience Forum and produce annual report for Safer Halton PPB and deliver Member session annually.	Progress Q4	Supporting Commentary
Delivery of two COMAH exercises per year	 	2 Major Live Comah Exercises completed in 2024/25 (RSCO and Iconichem)
Number of Emergency Planning Training sessions attended		<p>37/48 Responding officers attended the responder training sessions that were held throughout 2024/25. More sessions are scheduled throughout 2025/26.</p> <p>30/48 Responding officers attended Exercise Responder</p>

Corporate Priority	Priority Five - Working Towards a Greener Future Community Safety & Protection
ERD 35	To work towards a cleaner, greener Halton applying statutory powers as set out in the Environment Protection Act 1990 & Environment Act 2021


Milestone: Annual report to Safer Halton PPB	Progress Q4	Supporting Commentary
Number of fixed penalty notices (FPN's) issued.	 	A total of 27 FPN were issued in the quarter, 21 for littering, 1 for smoking in a smoke free place, 5 for breach of dog control PSPO. This is an increase from Q3 when 16 FPN's were issued.
Number of prosecutions for environmental crime		There were no prosecutions heard/listed at Magistrates Court in this period, however, there have been a




		total of 14 successful prosecutions in 2024/25 in relation to Environmental Crime and further prosecutions pending going in 2025/26.
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Corporate Priority	Priority Six - Valuing and Appreciating Halton and our Community Community Safety & Protection
ERD 36	To co-ordinate an effective Community Safety Partnership, Safer Halton as set out in Crime & Disorder Act 1998 placing the duty on Local Authorities





Milestone: Quarterly reporting to Safer Halton PPB and Safer Halton Partnership.	Progress Q4	Supporting Commentary
Overall crime figures for Halton		<p>96.9 per 1000 of the population with annual figure of 12,422 crimes recorded in Halton, this is a 4% reduction compared to the previous operating year. The force average across Cheshire is 72.2 per 1000 of the population.</p> <p>Detailed data analysis is presented in an annual strategic needs assessment which will be received by Safer Halton Partnership in June 25.</p> <p>There has been difficulty in accessing the figures for publishing to date hence, there is no comparator and therefore unable to comment on target.</p>


Corporate Priority	Priority Two - Building a Strong Sustainable Local Economy. Community Safety & Protection
ERD 37	Ensure a fit for purpose surveillance service that contributes to tackling crime & disorder whilst supporting residents to feel safe in the borough.

Milestone: Annual report to Safer Halton PPB and Safer Halton Partnership	Progress Q4	Supporting Commentary
% of camera's fully operational per month		77% with 127 cameras fully operational. 4 additional pending to



		be added by June. 3 planned for upgrade in Victoria Park. 11 currently with outstanding faults. This was 82% in the previous quarter.
number of fully operational control room weeks	 	100% currently fully staffed with seven CCTV Operators which has enabled income generation from service level agreement with Mersey Gateway






Corporate Priority	Priority Two – Building a Strong Sustainable Local Economy. Widnes Market
ERD 38	Provide a variety of affordable trading spaces at Widnes Market

Milestone: Deliver a new business plan by the end of 2025.		
Increase market occupancy levels both indoor and outdoor stalls. Increase the awareness of the Market offering and public perception.	Progress Q4	Supporting Commentary
Indoor stall occupancy levels %	 	The Market experiences a high trader occupancy rate, which is currently at 82% , it was 83% in the previous quarter, a marginal variance. This is in an economy where many local markets are suffering from reduced trader numbers, the national average of local market occupancy is 72% (in accordance with the 2023
Outdoor stall occupancy levels %	 	Widnes outdoor market regular trading days are Monday, Friday and Saturday with the Flea and Collectors market on Wednesday, the occupancy levels overall for established trading is 79% . Above the target of 72% however, a





		<p>reduction from 88.5% from previous quarter.</p> <p>A combined flea and retail trading day was introduced on Thursdays in April 2022 and uptake on this day each week is low in comparison to established regular days which reduces the overall occupancy in terms of data analysis, however, operates at no additional cost to the Authority; the combined occupancy of the outdoor market is 71%, it was 70.25% in the previous quarter.</p>
Overall footfall Indoor Outdoor		<p>Indoor visitor footfall is down by 5.7% on the same period as last year.</p> <p>Outdoor visitor footfall is down by 32.8% on the same period as last year.</p>



Corporate Priority	<p>Priority One – Improving Health, Promoting Wellbeing and Supporting Greater Independence.</p> <p>Priority Three – Supporting Children, Young People and Families.</p> <p>Priority Six - Valuing and Appreciating Halton and our Community</p> <p>The DCBL Stadium</p>
ERD 39	Provide affordable space for business, community, cultural and recreational activities to take place.

	Progress Q4	Supporting Commentary
Meeting space occupancy levels %	 	<p>Meeting space occupancy in Q4 is 54% which shows an increase of 35.25% from the same period in the previous operating year of 18.75%.</p> <p>During Q4 occupancy in the Stadium's suites for conferences and functions was 51.5% compared to 48.80% in the same period last operating year representing a 4.40% increase.</p>

Sports hall occupancy levels %	 	Sports hall occupancy has increased in the Q4 period to 61.5 % in comparison to 30.7% in Q4 2024.
4g pitch occupancy levels %	 	The facility is well used which is demonstrated in the occupancy data showing a 75.8% take up of available slots, this represents an increase on the same quarter in 2024 which was 69.7%
Customer satisfaction % of 4/5-star reviews.		<p>97% of returns rated the stadium in terms of 'Quality of Venue' between 4 and 5 stars.</p> <p>94% of returns rated the stadium in terms of 'Quality of Catering' between 4 and 5 stars.</p> <p>97% of returns said they would likely or very likely use the stadium again.</p>

Corporate Priority	Priority Three – Supporting Children, Young People and Families. Priority Four - Tackling Inequality and Helping Those Who Are Most in Need. Registrars
ERD 40	Provide accessible and efficient Registration Service to Halton residents.

Milestone: Quarterly updates on progress and annual performance data statistics to be reported to the relevant PPB (national benchmarks set by General Registrar Office)	Progress Q4	Supporting Commentary
Births (or declarations) within 5 working days of request	 	100% achievement, national benchmark is 95%. Appointment availability monitored to ensure births registered within required timeframe.
Deaths (or declarations) within 2 working days of request	 	99.05% achievement, national benchmark is 95%. Appointment availability monitored to ensure deaths registered with required timeframe

Waiting times - % of customers seen early, on time or within 10 minutes of their appointment time.	 	98.56% achieved, national benchmark is 90%
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4.0 Financial Statements

ECONOMY ENTERPRISE & PROPERTY DEPARTMENT **Revenue Operational Budget at 31 March 25**

	Annual Budget	Actual Spend	Variance (Overspend)
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure			
Employees	5,264	4,778	486
Agency - covering vacancies	0	417	(417)
Repairs & Maintenance	1,746	1,831	(85)
Premises	167	160	7
Energy & Water Costs	1,258	1,132	126
NNDR	687	666	21
Rents	173	166	7
Economic Regeneration Activities	17	-4	21
Security	544	588	(44)
Supplies & Services	477	570	(93)
Supplies & Services - Grant	1,270	1,270	0
Grants to Voluntary Organisations	159	154	5
Capital Finance	0	0	0
Transfer to Reserves	1,177	1,231	(54)
Total Expenditure	12,939	12,959	(20)
Income			
Fees & Charges Income	-1,065	-1,175	110
Rent - Commercial Properties	-872	-900	28
Rent - Investment Properties	-38	-38	0
Government Grant	-2,652	-2,661	9
Reimbursements & Other Grant Income	-330	-387	57
Schools SLA Income	-221	-212	(9)
Recharges to Capital	-383	-383	0
Transfer from Reserves	-1,170	-1,170	0
Total Income	-6,731	-6,926	195
Net Operational Expenditure	6,208	6,033	175
Recharges			
Premises Support	2,074	2,074	0
Transport Support	28	28	0
Central Support	1,947	1,947	0
Asset Rental Support	1,154	1,154	0
Recharge Income	-7,927	-7,927	0
Net Total Recharges	-2,724	-2,724	0
Net Departmental Expenditure	3,484	3,309	175

Comments on the above figures

Finance communicates with the department on a regular basis to manage and analyse spending, identifying potential savings that could support current and future priorities. In an era of constrained budgets, achieving these goals is essential. The final outturn position shows the department is £0.175m under the annual approved budget.

Supporting Information

The department consists of 139fte, of which 69fte are externally funded, with a staff turnover savings target of £0.126m.

Through diligent account monitoring, the success of utilising grant and external funding to alleviate pressure on the core budget is evident in employee expenses. Specific projects have been identified, and staff time has been allocated accordingly. Ensuring at all times that the department is compliant with the grant conditions.

To fulfil statutory and contractual obligations and support the borough's regeneration, maintaining a complete staff is essential. However, the challenge of filling surveyor and project manager roles, even with a market supplement, has resulted in a lack of suitable candidates. Consequently, the engagement of agency personnel has been necessary, at a cost of £0.417m this financial year. Without these personnel, the borough's regeneration efforts would be hindered, potentially leading to a loss of business rates and council tax.

The recruitment of agency staff has increased commercial rental income by enabling the completion of pending rent reviews. All units at The Hive are now tenanted, although a rent-free period was provided to secure lease completions, resulting in a £0.020m shortfall. The budget should be balanced for the financial year 25/26, providing there is no increase in inflation.

A reconciliation of service charges at Rutland House and the relocation of Connect to Halton to the Municipal Building have increased the fees and charges income. As a result, the department had an overachievement of income by £0.110m for the year.

A recent exercise was conducted to determine the costs associated with empty properties within the Borough. Consequently a new cost centre was established to monitor these expenses. In addition to the loss of rental income whilst the properties remain vacant, the Council also incur additional costs for utilities, repairs, and maintenance. As of the end of the financial year, the total costs related to these properties amount to £0.230m. To reduce the expenses actions need to be taken to accelerate the leasing or explore temporary uses for properties, such as short-term rentals or community projects, which will generate some income and reduce costs. Some properties are in poor condition and require refurbishment before any letting could be considered.

The Department highlighted the necessity of expert advice to advance regeneration projects. Additionally, the change in Government highlighted the need for an up-to-date Housing Strategy for the Borough. Following a meeting with the Director of Economy, Enterprise, and Property, it was decided to use the Department's reserves to cover these one-off costs.

Seeking external advice will assist with future grant funding requests from the LCR and Government, and enable the department to fulfil its obligations regarding the borough's regeneration strategy.

Whilst there has been a significant increase in energy costs over the last few years, it is anticipated that costs this financial year will be £0.152m lower than in 2023/24, representing a decrease of over 11%. The department spend is £0.126m under budget for 24/25.

Due to a delay in securing a new security contract, the current provider has been granted a one-year extension. At the end of 24/25 costs are £0.044m over budget. It has been agreed that departments will manage their own security budgets for 25/26 which will allow for tighter control of spend.

The Repairs and Maintenance program is under continuous review to ensure it stays within budget. This financial year is particularly challenging because the 2024/25 budget did not include an inflation adjustment and was further reduced by 10%. An exercise was conducted with the service to distinguish between capital and revenue expenditures, and the budgets have been adjusted accordingly. Despite these adjustments, revenue expenditure was £0.085m over the approved budget for the year.



Similar to previous years, the school cleaning service's level agreement (SLA) is not meeting its financial targets due to the employment of agency for covering absences and leave, as well as the anticipated pay award. This service will no longer be offered from April 2025.

Approved 2024/25 Savings

Please see Appendix A for details of progress towards achieving budget efficiency savings agreed by Council in February 2023.

ECONOMY, ENTERPRISE AND PROPERTY DEPARTMENT

APPENDIX A

Ref.	Service Area	Net Budget £'000	Description of Saving Proposal	Savings Value		Current Progress	Comments
				24/25 £'000	25/26 £'000		
EEP4	Cleaning Services – Council Buildings	580	Review cleaning arrangements, with a focus on only emptying bins and cleaning toilets daily.	100	0		A review of the cleaning service is underway with some positions removed from the structure. The full savings will not be achieved until the accommodation review is complete.
EEP2	Caretaking & Security Services	641	A review and restructuring of caretaking arrangements.	52	0		The restructure can now take place following the retirement of a member of

							staff. The full saving will not be made until financial year 25/26
Total Economy, Enterprise & Property Department				152	0		

Capital Budget at 31 March 25

	2024/25 Revised Allocation	Actual Spend to 31 March 2025	Allocation remaining
	£000	£000	£000
3MG	134.5	0.0	134.5
Sandymoor Open Spaces Improvements	0.0	2.9	(2.9)
Murdishaw redevelopment	21.2	21.9	(0.7)
Equality Act Improvement Works	93.2	89.7	3.5
Foundary Lane Residential Area	1,240.0	494.1	745.9
Town Deal	11,552.9	3,160.1	8,392.8
Property Improvements	460.5	627.4	(166.9)
Runcorn Station Quarter	76.0	76.0	(0.0)
Waterloo Building	75.0	4.5	70.5
UK Shared Prosperity Fund	178.2	236.7	(58.5)
Runcorn Waterfront Residential Development	268.7	186.7	82.0
Changing Places	24.1	7.0	17.1
Sci-tech Daresbury Project Violet	0.0	0.0	0.0
Port of Weston	20.0	3.0	17.0
Kingsway Leisure Centre Demolition	750.0	41.2	708.8
Economy, Enterprise and Property Total	28,187.2	15,014.7	13,172.5

Comments on above figures**3MG**

3MG is in its final stages for development with HBC Field being finalised this year and developments for Liberty Park and the Mound not presently forthcoming.

Foundry Lane

Resolving some of the site and financial issues remains the main focus of the work of this project in the quarter resulting in minimal expenditure with a view to being back on track in the next quarter. Work has now commenced on site.

Murdishaw

The allocation has been brought forward to continue work to improve the amenity at Murdishaw Community Centre as part of the wider community project. Work has been completed to provide allotment space and further work is due to be undertaken to provide secure and accessible spaces, enhancing the allotment offer.

The improvements are part of the wider Murdishaw community regeneration scheme which has supported the delivery of the Tea Tree community café, improvements to bungalows on the estate and environmental improvements.

Sci-Tech Daresbury Project Violet

Project Violet is currently being reviewed and a full business case is in development. As a result of increased costs, the development appraisal is being reviewed and the funding requirements being reviewed. The programme anticipates a procurement exercise in the next quarter and the revised delivery programme proposes a 26 month build with construction commencing in August 2025 and completion in Q4 2026.

Waterloo Building

All works complete, site now sold.

Equality Improvement Works

All budget has been spent, £200k allocated to The Brindley.

Property Improvement

The budget has been adjusted to accommodate two new unforeseen projects: replacing the platform lift at Kids Planet and fully refurbishing the public lift at Halton Lea.

Changing Places

Works all complete, grant money fully spent, some retention monies left to pay circa £5k.

Runcorn Station Quarter

The Runcorn Station Development Project will formally be passed over to the CA Rail team as a Merseytravel project from 30th September.

A final invoice is estimated to be submitted during quarter 3 2024 period for Network Rail Project Management fees.

This is estimated to be no more than £10k. Once this has been paid and claimed, the CA Investment Team will formally end Halton's GFA. Halton's role will continue as strategic partner and actively be involved in the design process.

Town Deal

Although at different stages work is progressing with all Town Deal funded projects. The Brindley started on site mid-August and the next phase of the Creative and Digital Skill centre started on site in September. The Health Hub design work is completed and the next stage is to tender the work. Design work progresses on the remaining projects.

Runcorn Waterfront Residential Development

A contractor for the demolition works was appointed in March 2024, with Planning Consent gained in May 2024. Following a period of services disconnections and liaison with Halton Housing (who's adjoining building Church Mansions is connected to Churchill Hall), the demolition works commenced in mid-July 2024. The main demolition works are now completed, with practical completion anticipated in mid-Oct 2024. This will bring to a close the Council capital element of the project. The Council continues to work on developing residential proposals for the site in partnership with Halton Housing, community consultation is anticipated in Winter 2024.

Kingsway Leisure Centre Demolition

The demolition works are underway, following relocation of the Leisure Centre and period of decommissioning of the building.

Port of Weston

A outline business case has been developed and finalised which demonstrates the viability of the Port of Weston as a business location with a mixture of uses including high-barn warehousing and a business park

Within the quarter a full business case was starting to be commissioned with a view to carrying out a green book assessment to secure the funding for site purchase and development.

UK Shared Prosperity Fund

Work has commenced at The Brindley. The allocation for the education room will be reflected in the forecast. The allocations for the High Street solar panels and Church Street works are projected for the end of the financial year.

COMMUNITY & GREENSPACE**Planning, Provision and Transportation Department
Revenue Budget as at 31st March 2025**

	Annual Budget	Actual Spend	Variance (Overspend)
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure			
Employees	16,534	15,726	808
Agency - covering vacancies	0	191	(191)
Agency - in addition to establishment	0	256	(256)
Premises	3,443	3,367	76
Supplies & Services	1,452	1,710	(258)
Hired & Contracted Services	1,636	1,617	19
Book Fund	128	134	(6)
Food Provisions	388	416	(28)
School Meals Food	1,107	1,236	(129)
Transport	117	121	(4)
Other Agency Costs	460	486	(26)
Other Expenditure	41	63	(22)
Waste Disposal Contracts	7,072	7,190	(118)
Grants to Voluntary Organisations	64	30	34
Grants to Norton Priory	174	174	0
Transfer to reserves	1,357	1,357	0
Total Expenditure	33,973	34,074	(101)
Income			
Sales Income	-1,389	-1,353	(36)
Fees & Charges Income	-5,771	-5,633	(138)
Rental Income	-235	-280	45
Markets Income	-910	-847	(63)
Government Grant Income	-2,034	-2,034	0
Reimbursements & Other Grant Income	-1,053	-1,053	0
School SLA Income	-553	-553	0
School Meals Income	-2,622	-2,622	0
Internal Fees Income	-322	-434	112
Capital Salaries	-173	-92	(81)
Transfers From Reserves	-421	-925	504
Total Income	-15,483	-15,826	343
Net Operational Expenditure	18,490	18,248	242
Recharges			
Premises Support	1,675	1,675	0
Transport	2,257	2,295	(38)
Central Support	3,592	3,592	0
Asset Rental Support	2,845	2,845	0
HBC Support Costs Income	-843	-843	0
Net Total Recharges	9,526	9,564	(38)
Net Departmental Expenditure	28,016	27,812	204

Comments on the above figures

The net Departmental Expenditure has fallen £0.204m under budget at the end of the 2024/25 financial year. The position is £0.614m lower than forecast at month 10 and is due to several factors detailed below.

The largest shift from month 10 is in regards to Waste Disposal Contracts, which has seen a drop from a forecasted £0.284m underspend against the budget profile to £0.118m overspend. The invoices for these contracts are typically received very late after expenditure has been incurred so it can be difficult to forecast and within recent years the performance has been well within the budget. However, costs have risen by at least 25% which is producing a significant budget pressure due to the monetary value of the contracts. There is central government initiative to incorporate food waste recycling into all waste provisions across the country, there is scope to drive down these costs in subsequent financial years as when sorted at source, the processing costs are reduced. There is potential for reconciliation adjustments to be received in 2025/26 which may result in the annual cost being closer to the budget, but at this stage, the costs have risen above the approved budget.

Fees and Charges has also seen a significant change from that reported in Month 10. The change from £0.183m overachieved to £0.138m underachieved is due to a larger than expected portion of the funds received within the 2024/25 period relating to subsequent financial years.

Transfers From Reserves has also seen an increase as more funds were identified for utilisation against community and library services, releasing £0.505m of funds in comparison to the £0.202m in Month 10. Work will be carried out in 2025/26 to continue to identify opportunities such as this to help alleviate revenue budget pressures.

The largest contributor to the underspend continued to be spend on employees within the department, seeing £0.808m under the approved budget profile by the end of the financial year. There have been several restructures taking place across the Department in this financial year, in order to facilitate these, a number of vacancies have been held vacant whilst waiting for the new structure to be implemented. These will continue to be held into the 2025/26 financial year. Offsetting this however, is agency spend within the Department which reached £0.447m for the 2024/25 financial year. As the Department offers a number of front-line services, including waste collections, in order to continue operations in the event of staff sickness, there is a reliance on agency to reduce the impact on residents within the borough.



Spend on premises costs is £0.076m under budget in 2024/25, a slightly improved position from month 10. Halton Leisure Centre is now open, and this facility will have lower building costs as there is little requirement for repairs and maintenance in comparison to the previous site. The premises costs of Kingsway Leisure Centre were a significant budget pressure for the department so the Council should start to see the benefits of increased revenue, and lower maintenance costs with the newer site. This has been built into the approved budget for 2025/26 so it is unlikely that there will be an underspend within the next financial year.

Supplies and services is showing an overspend of £0.258m which is a budget pressure throughout the Department, and is primarily caused by inflationary cost increases of key goods and services over

recent years, if the Council were to contain these costs within the budget profile there would be a reduction in the service provided.

The overall budget underspend of £0.205m for the department is largely contained to this financial year and not expected to continue into 2025/26. The budget for 2024/25 was set including a full year for the Kingsway Leisure Centre and School Meals service, next year does not include these, so the Council is likely to see expenditure and income more in line with the approved budget profile, there may be some temporary relief from vacancies as restructures are underway, and where possible, opportunities to identify available reserves will continue. However, due to the size of the waste disposal contracts, should there be any further increases even by a small percentage, any identified savings will be quickly offset.

Budget Savings**COMMUNITY AND GREENSPACES DEPARTMENT**

Ref.	Service Area	Net Budget £'000	Description of Saving Proposal	Savings Value		Current Progress	Comments
				24/25 £'000	25/26 £'000		
COMM3	Sport & Recreation	471	Restructuring the roles and responsibilities of the Sports Development Team	36	0		 Phase 1 of the restructure is underway with subsequent phases to occur within the next financial year.
COMM5	Stadium & Catering Services – School Meals	12	Cease to deliver the school meals service, which has made significant losses of over £200,000 for a number of years and is forecast to make a similar loss by year-end. Work would be undertaken with schools over the next two years to support them to secure an alternative means of delivery, whether in-house or via an external provider.	0	12		 The cessation of the service is complete.
Total Community & Environment Department				36	12		

Capital

	2024/25 Revised Allocation	Actual Spend to 31 March 2025	Allocation remaining
	£000	£000	£000
Stadium Minor Works	30.0	37.8	(7.8)
Halton Leisure Centre	8,997.0	8,897.3	99.7
Children's Playground Equipment	67.8	48.0	19.8
Landfill Tax Credit Schemes	340.0	0.0	340.0
Upton Improvements	13.0	0.0	13.0
Crow Wood Park Play Area	12.0	0.0	12.0
Open Spaces Schemes	600.0	591.7	8.3
Runcorn Town Park	468.6	18.1	450.5
Spike Island / Wigg Island	1,933.5	90.9	1,842.6
Pickerings Pasture Cafe	503.0	33.8	469.2
Replacement Cremator Widnes	308.0	325.9	(17.9)
Litter Bins	20.0	20.0	0.0
Community and Greenspaces Departmental Total	13,292.9	10,063.5	3,229.4




Halton Leisure Centre is now open so the costs will begin to wind up for this project, there will be some slippage into next financial year for any remedial works but the majority of work on the site is complete. Due to staffing issues several projects have had delayed starts so allocations will need to be carried through to the next financial year.

The overspend position against Stadium Minor Works and Replacement Cremator will be funded from the 2025/26 allocation being brought forward from 2024/25.




Appendix 2: Explanation 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.
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.
Red		Indicates that it is <u>highly likely or certain</u> that the objective will not be achieved within the appropriate timeframe.

Direction of Travel Indicator

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

REPORT TO: Environment & Regeneration Policy & Performance Board

DATE: 18 June 2025

REPORTING OFFICER: Finance Director

PORTFOLIO: Corporate Services

SUBJECT: Council Wide Spending as at 31 January 2025

WARD(S): Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To report the Council's overall revenue and capital spending position as at 31 January 2025, together with the latest 2024/25 outturn forecast.

2.0 RECOMMENDED: That;

- (i) **The Council's overall financial position as at 31 January 2025 as outlined in the Appendix, be noted.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 On 13 March 2025 the Executive Board received the report shown in the Appendix. This presented details of Councilwide revenue and capital spending by each Department as at 31 January 2025 along with forecasts to year-end, and outlines the reasons for key variances from budget.
- 3.2 Given the scale of the Council's current financial challenges, Executive Board requested that a copy of the report be shared with each Policy and Performance Board for information. This is to ensure that all Members have a full appreciation of the Councilwide financial position, in addition to their specific areas of responsibility.
- 3.3 The report is presented to Executive Board every two months and the attached report covers the period 1 April 2024 to 31 January 2025. It includes details of spending to date by each Department against both the revenue budget and capital programme.
- 3.4 Within the report Appendix 1 provides a Councilwide summary of revenue spending, while Appendix 2 presents details relating to each Department. The latest forecast of revenue spending to year-end compared to budget is also provided.
- 3.5 Appendix 3 presents spending to date against the Capital Programme. Appendix 4 indicates progress with implementation of previously approved budget savings for 2024/25 and 2025/26.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

5.1 **Improving Health, Promoting Wellbeing and Supporting Greater Independence**

5.2 **Building a Strong, Sustainable Local Economy**

5.3 **Supporting Children, Young People and Families**

5.4 **Tackling Inequality and Helping Those Who Are Most In Need**

5.5 **Working Towards a Greener Future**

5.6 **Valuing and Appreciating Halton and Our Community**

There are no direct implications, however, the revenue budget and capital programme support 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 budget. However, the Council has internal controls and processes in place to ensure that spending remains in line with budget as far as possible.

6.2 A budget risk register of significant financial risks is maintained and is included at Appendix 5 of the attached report.

7.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

7.1 None.

8.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

8.1 None

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1072

9.1 There are no background papers under the meaning of the Act

APPENDIX

REPORT TO: Executive Board

DATE: 13 March 2025

REPORTING OFFICER: Finance Director

PORTFOLIO: Corporate Services

SUBJECT: 2024/25 Spending as at 31 January 2025

WARD(S): Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.2 To report the Council's overall revenue net spend position as at 31 January 2025 together with a 2024/25 forecast outturn position.

3.0 RECOMMENDED: That;

- (ii) **Executive Directors continue to identify areas where they can further reduce their directorate's spending or generate income, in order to reduce the councilwide forecast outturn overspend position;**
- (iii) **Executive Directors continue to implement the approved savings proposals for 2024/25 and 2025/26 as detailed in Appendix 4;**
- (iv) **Council be asked to approve the revisions to the capital programme set-out in paragraph 3.22 and incorporated within Appendix 3;**
- (v) **This 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.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**Revenue Spending**

- 3.1 Appendix 1 presents a summary of spending against the operational revenue budget up to 31 January 2025 and Appendix 2 provides detailed figures for each individual Department. In overall terms, net Council spending as at 31 January 2025 is £15.487m over budget. The outturn forecast for the year estimates that net spending will be over budget by £18.906m if no corrective action is taken.

- 3.2 The forecast outturn overspend has improved by £1.851m from the amount reported on 16 January 2025. Whilst the financial position for the year remains deeply concerning the forecast outturn is a significant improvement. The improvement largely relates to reduced net spend estimates across Children Services. Further information regarding significant departmental variances is included within the report and departmental figures are included in Appendices 1 and 2.
- 3.3 Over the two month period since the last reported position, financial focus workshops led by the Chief Executive have taken place with each Directorate's senior leadership team on a monthly basis. These workshops are looking for urgent ways to reduce or stop spending, or generate income. The aim is that initiatives identified in these workshops will help reduce the overall forecast overspend position for the year.
- 3.4 Ordinarily, where net spend is exceeding available resources for the year, the Council would have used reserves to achieve a balanced position. Due to decreasing levels, the Council are not in a position to cover the forecast overspend for the year. Therefore, on 04 December 2024 Council approved an application to the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (MHCLG) for Exceptional Financial Support (EFS). The Government's EFS arrangement provides councils with exceptional permission to capitalise annual revenue costs and fund them from long term borrowing (over 20 years) from the Public Works Loans Board (PWLb). EFS provides permission to borrow and does not provide grant funding. On 20 February 2025 MHCLG confirmed the Deputy Prime Minister is minded to approve a capitalisation direction of a total not exceeding £52.8 million over the period 2024/25 and 2025/26. The position will only be confirmed following an external assurance review to be undertaken in the summer of 2025.
- 3.5 The Council's available useable reserves (general and earmarked) total £11.484m. This is well below that required to help provide a balanced budget position given the forecast outturn overspend. Further detail on reserves is provided at paragraph 3.19.
- 3.6 The forecast outturn figures reflect a prudent yet realistic view of spend and income levels through to the end of the year. Work will continue to update the financial position as more information becomes available. Included within the forecast position is the 2024/25 pay award which was paid in November 2024.
- 3.7 The largest pressure on the Council's budget continues to be within the Children & Families Department and the Adults Directorate. Against Children & Families net spend for the year is forecast to be £6.817m (16.2%) above 2023/24 actual spend. Against the Adults Directorate net spend for the year is forecast to be £4.557m (7.5%) higher than 2023/24 actual spend.
- 3.8 On 24 October 2024 the Board approved additional revenue funding of £4.2m per year, to help develop a programme around the stabilisation and redesign of Children's Social Care, following the Ofsted review. This

investment is focused upon proactive early intervention and prevention systems. It is envisaged that this investment will help control and reduce costs within Children's Social Care over the next few years, and these cost reductions will be built into future year budget targets.

- 3.9 The use and cost of agency staff continues to be one of the main contributing factors to the overspend position for the year. This is mostly evident within the Children & Families Department and the Council's in-house Care Homes. Initiatives and support from the Transformation Programme are ongoing to reduce reliance upon agency staff.
- 3.10 Analysis of agency spend for the year, together with comparative analysis of 2023/24 costs, is included in the table below. Note information for Q4 only includes data for one months, January.

	2024/25					2023/24
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4 to Date	Total	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Adult Social Care	1,341	1,656	1,210	1,241	5,448	5,927
Chief Executives Delivery Unit	132	179	239	82	632	0
Children & Family Services	1,283	1,432	1,321	400	4,436	6,157
Community & Greenspace	116	129	104	33	382	336
Economy, Enterprise & Property	86	105	110	38	339	343
Education, Inclusion & Provision	99	78	53	14	244	393
Finance	14	42	31	8	95	56
Legal & Democratic Services	253	274	212	41	780	814
Planning & Transportation	94	85	19	3	201	206
Public Health & Public Protection	11	10	1	0	22	21
Total	3,429	3,990	3,300	1,860	12,579	14,253

- 3.11 Within the approved budget for the year is a £4m savings target against the Transformation Programme. To date budget savings of £0.129m have been identified against this target. In addition, the Transformation Delivery Unit (TDU) have identified cost reductions and cost avoidance measures, although these will not lead to an overall reduction in the budgeted target. Progress against transformation savings is reported monthly to the Transformation Programme Board.
- 3.12 The forecast overspend is significantly above that which has been recorded in recent years. Whilst the current year net budget for the Council has increased by £7.7m (5.45%), this is well below the forecast increase in net costs, currently estimated as an increase of £20.997m (14.1%).

Revenue - Operational Spending

- 3.13 Operational net spending for the first ten months of the year is higher than the budget to date by £15.487m Based on current forecasts it is estimated net spend will be over budget for the year by £18.906m if no further corrective action is taken.
- 3.14 Within the overall budget forecast position for the quarter, the key budget variances are as follows;

(i) **Children and Families Department**

The overall estimated forecast overspend position at the end of 2024/25 has reduced by £1.616m since last reported at 30 November 2024.

Significant investment as part of a Children's Social Care improvement plan has helped to reduce the forecast overspend position as well as reductions in agency and placement costs.

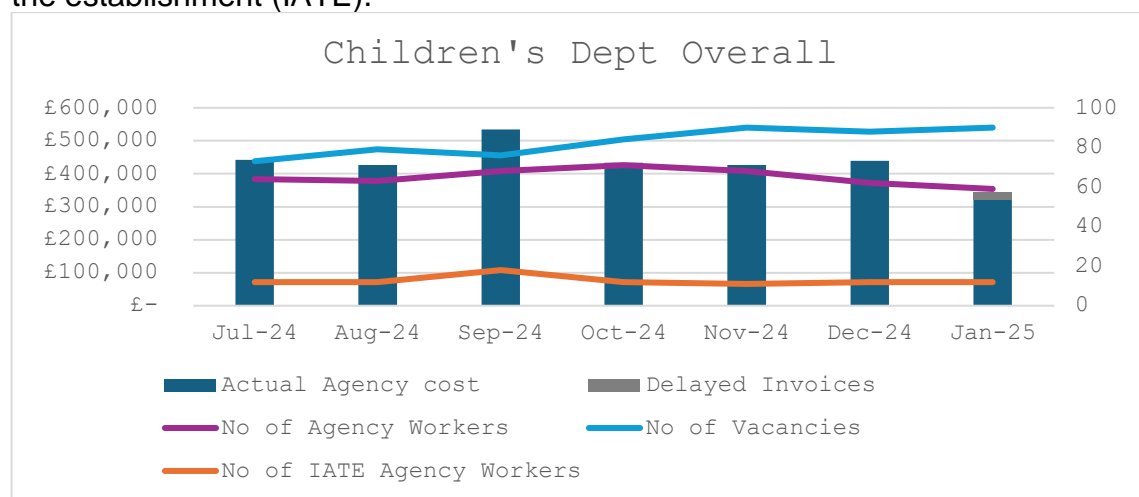
Although that there is a reduction in estimated forecast overspend across the Children's and Families department the overspend is still an area of serious concern and the issues remain the same. The difficulty in the recruitment of social workers and the subsequent extortionate agency costs, along with the spiralling costs of residential placements. This has been an ongoing problem for a number of years.

Employee Expenditure

Employee costs are forecast to be over budget profile at the end of financial year 2024/25 by £1.994m this is a reduction of £0.624m based on information available at 31 January 2025.

The reduction mainly relates to an agreed investment within children's services which has resulted in the establishment of new roles across the department. Agency staff that were previously in addition to the establishment (IATE) are no longer considered as IATE. Additional in-year budget of £0.501m (funded from contingency) has been provided for some of the newly established posts which has helped reduce the overspend position.

The chart below demonstrates agency cost that cover the month of April to January based on the period that was worked, the number of agency members of staff that the Council have received an invoice for within each period, the number of vacancies across the department and the number of staff that are currently in addition to the establishment (IATE).

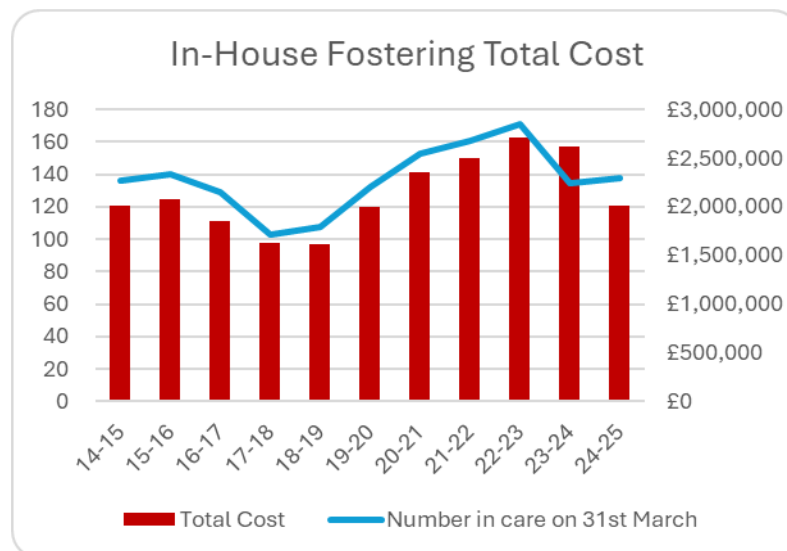


Various workstreams are in place to target the difficulties in recruitment, including a recruitment work group, social work academy and market supplements for applicable posts.

The chart above shows the level of agency has consistently reduced since October this is due to a number of agency converting to vacant positions and external recruitment which has resulted agency staff being stepped down.

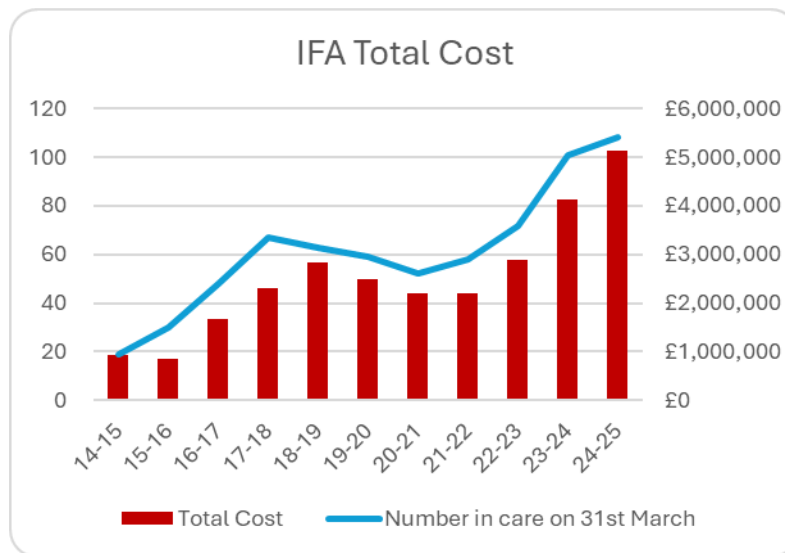
Fostering

Inhouse fostering placements is estimated to be £0.348m under budget profile for financial year 2024/25. Inhouse fostering budgets were increased to support the budget pressure in this area.



Work continues to recruit and retain Halton's In-house foster carers, along with training to develop carers enabling them to accommodate more specialist placements. This therefore means that costs could increase. However, the ability to accommodate young people within in-house provision provides a substantial saving in comparison to Independent Fostering Agency (IFA) or residential care.

Increasing numbers of children in care and insufficient in-house fostering provision has meant increased reliance on IFA. Higher numbers of children placed within IFA provision and increased IFA rates has resulted in an estimated forecast overspend for the end of 2024/25 as £0.886m.



Residential Care

Out of Borough Residential Care continues to be the main budget pressure for the Children and Families Department as the costs of residential care have continued to rise year on year. The numbers of young people in residential placements remains high and the cost of placements is rising significantly year-on year.

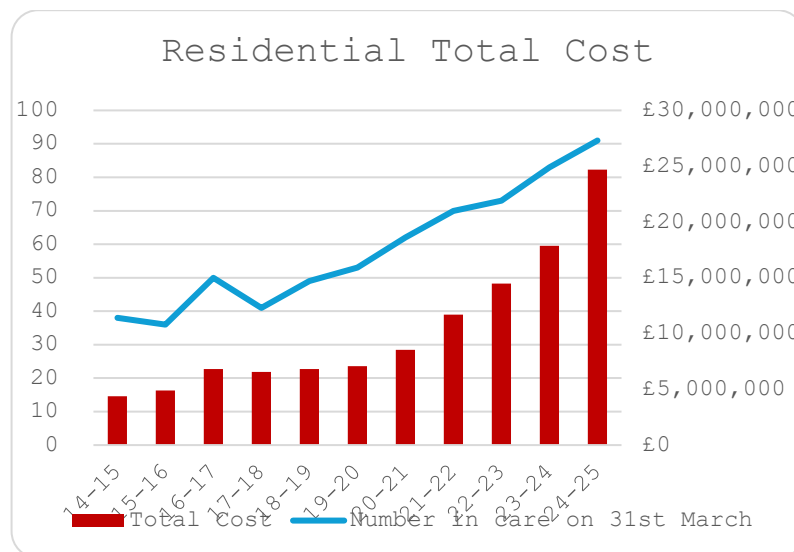
Provision	Weekly Costs	31-Jan-25		30-Nov-24	
		No. Placed	Estimated cost for the year	No. Placed	Estimated cost for the year
Residential	£1000 - £3000	4	488,662	4	476,360
Residential	£3001 - £5000	27	5,108,252	25	4,956,870
Residential	£5001 - £7000	26	6,737,694	26	7,413,389
Residential	£7001 - £15982	16	9,452,930	17	9,291,964
Secure	£6397 - £8137				
Leaving Care	£443 - £7175	11	2,134,843	14	2,341,056
Parent & Child	£2000 - £5500	7	774,025	7	913,562
Total:		91	24,696,405	93	25,393,201

At the end of financial year 24/25 the estimated overspend is £6.410M over budget for residential placements this has reduced by £0.784m since last reported.

Overall cost of packages are increasing due to the complexity of support the young people require as well as standard package cost increases. This is a national issue and market factors such as low supply and high demand have resulted in the costs of residential care packages rising significantly over the last year, meaning that the level of spend is unsustainable at the current rate.

A number of initiatives are taking place to try and address the issue including a High Cost Placement Panel where high cost packages are individually scrutinized to ensure the placement is right for the young person and at the best available cost for the placement.

The graph below illustrates the rising costs of residential care, for consistency this does not include the costs of Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (UASC) as these costs were not included previous years.



(ii) Adult Social Care Directorate

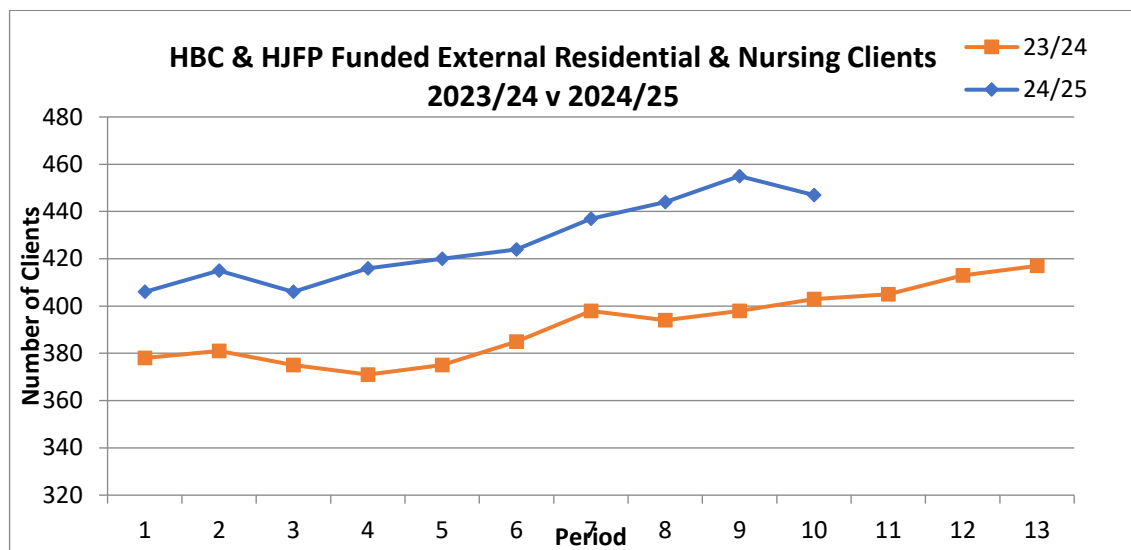
Community Care

At the end of January 2025 expenditure on Community Care services is over budget profile by £2.679m. It is anticipated that at the end of the financial year it will be overspent by £3.527m. This is an increase of £0.585m from the previous position reported at the end of November 2024.

Residential & Nursing Care

There are currently 447 residents in permanent external residential/nursing care as at the end of January 2025 compared to 444 in November, an increase of 0.6%. Compared to the 2023/24 average of 391 this is an increase of 14.3%. The average cost of a package of care in the current year for the same period has increased from £873.48 to £902.99 an increase of 3.3%. Based on this average cost, the 3 additional service users from November to January will cost approximately £0.032m to year end. In addition there is an increase in supplementary invoices during this period, amounting to £0.223m.

The graph below illustrates the demand for permanent placements.



Additional 1:1 hours in care homes currently cost the Council £0.023m per week. Spend to date is £0.596m for 30 individuals (27,432hrs), the forecast to year end is circa £0.803m.

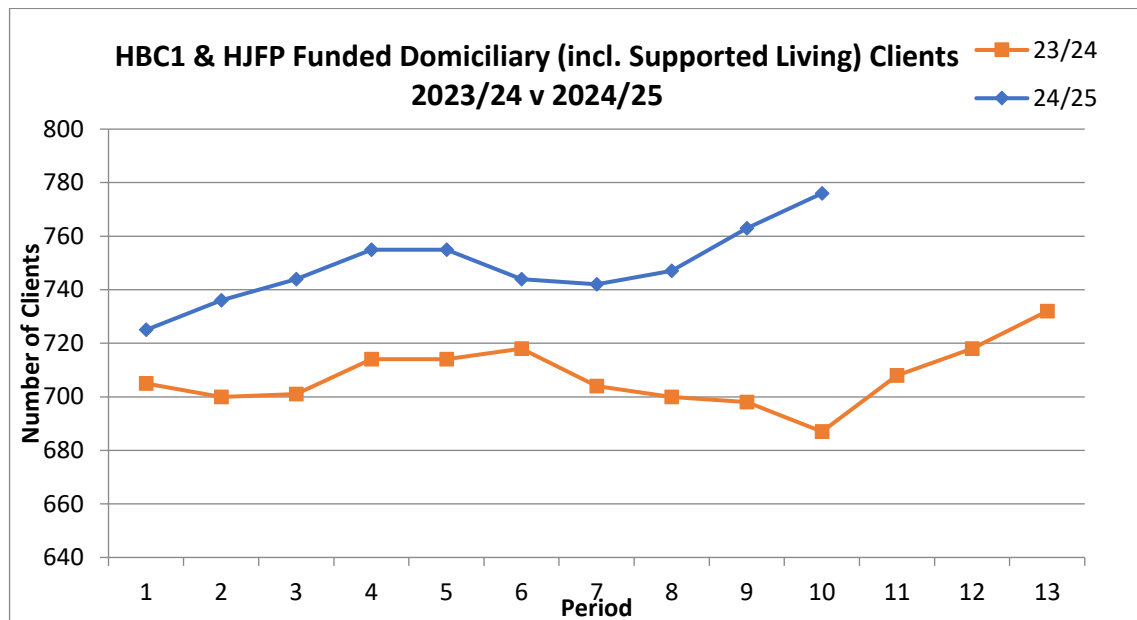
There are 76 care homes charging an additional payment over and above the contracted framework bed price. The current cost of additional payments is £0.012m per week, circa £0.610m per annum.

Domiciliary Care & Supported Living

There are currently 776 service users receiving a package of care at home compared to 747 in November, an increase of 29 (3.8%). However, the average number of service users during 2023/24 was 707, so there has been an increase of 9.8% demonstrating that demand for the service has increased this financial year.

The average cost of a package of care has increased by 5.3% from £450.89 to £475.14.

The graph below illustrates the demand for the service from April 2023 to date.

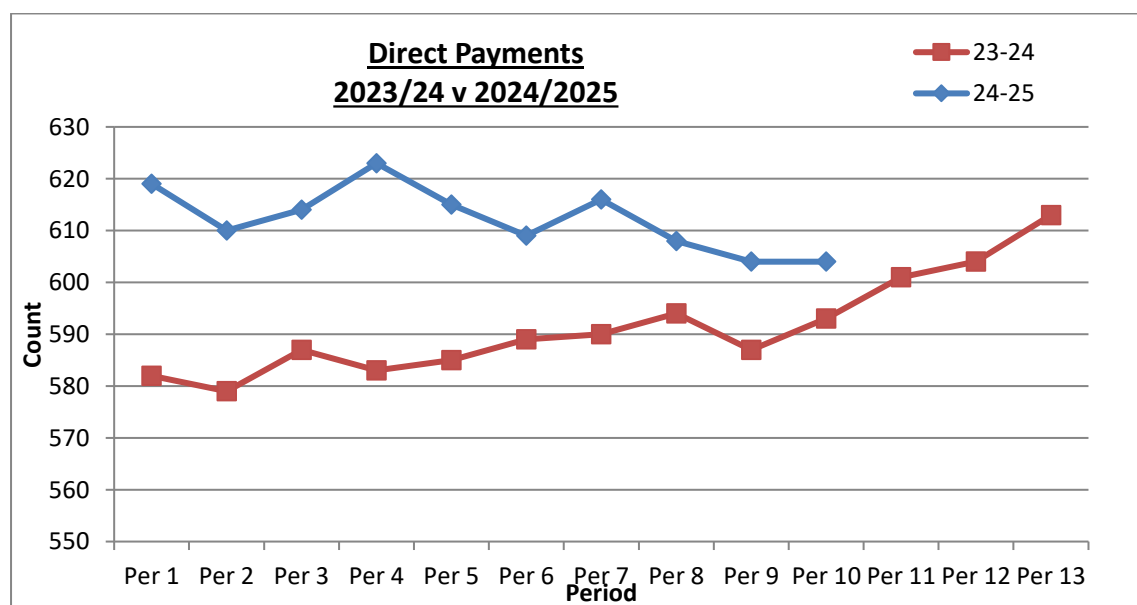


Direct Payments

In January 604 clients received a Direct Payment (DP) compared with 608 in November, a decrease of 0.6%. However, the average number of DP's in 2023/24 was 591, therefore there has been an increase of 2.2% on last year's average.

The average cost of a package of care has decreased since November from £471.94 to £438.54 in January, a reduction of 7.1%.

The forecast position for Direct Payments assumes an amount of £1.6m will be recovered from service users following an audit to seek assurance the DP is spent in line with their care and support needs. Variations to the amount recovered will directly affect the forecast.



Care Homes

The spend to 31 January 2025 across the Division is over budget profile by £1.020m. The forecast for the end of 2024/25 financial year is an estimated outturn position of £1.159m over budget. This is assuming the level of agency staffing continues at a similar rate and includes higher spend assumptions later in the financial year due to winter pressures surrounding staffing and utilities.

Recruitment of staff is a continued pressure across the care homes, where there remains a high number of staff vacancies. A proactive rolling recruitment exercise is ongoing, supported by HR.

Due to pressures with recruitment and retention in the sector, heavy reliance is being placed on overtime and expensive agency staff to support the care homes. At the end of January 2025 total agency spend across the care homes reached £3.034m, the cost of which has partially been offset by staff vacancies.

(iii) Education, Inclusion and Provision

Schools Transport is the main budget pressure for the Education, Inclusion and Provision Department. The Council has a statutory responsibility to provide Special Educational Needs (SEN) pupils with transport. This is split into two main areas of SEN pupils attending In-Borough and Out-of-Borough Schools.

The table below illustrates the split between the two areas, and how each areas spend compares to the budget.

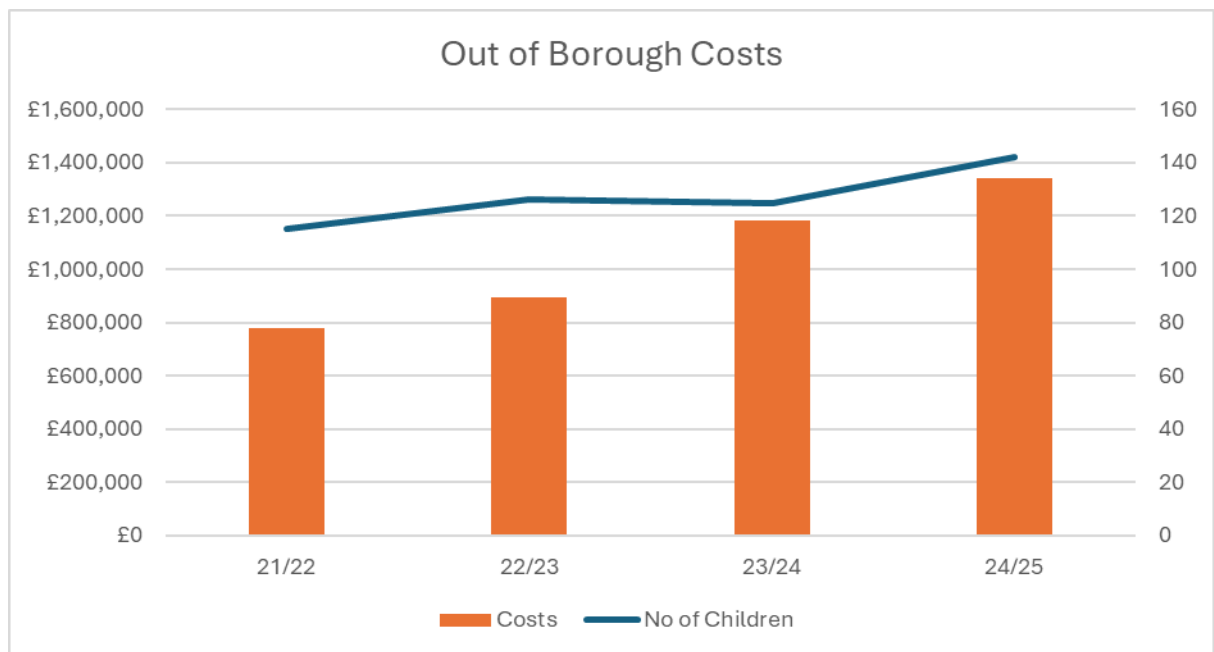
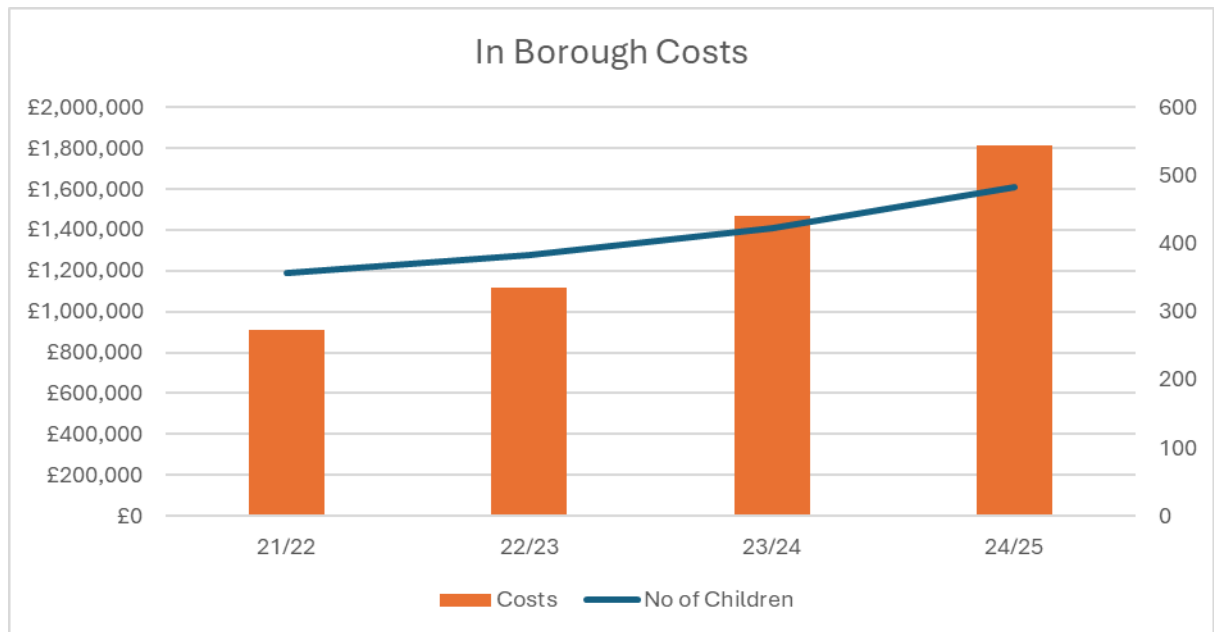
2024-25 as at Jan-25					
Area	Number of Users	Budget £000	Projected Spend £000	Variance £000	Average Cost per User
In Borough	482	1826	1812	14	£3,759.16
Out of Borough	142	491	1343	(852)	£9,459.70
Total	624	2317	3155	(838)	

The current records show 624 service users, the majority of which attend schools within the Borough. The Out of Borough overspend has increased from the previous reporting period from £0.797m to £0.852m.

During the current Academic year, it is anticipated that these figures will continue to rise, based upon historic information. The demand

for the School Transport Service continues to increase in line with the increasing number of pupils with SEN within the Borough.

The graphs below show the trend in the number of SEN children using this service and the associated costs.



A further pressure on the departmental budget for the year relates to Psychology and SEN Assessment services provided to schools. For a number of years these costs have been funded by the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG). The Department for Education have recently advised that these costs cannot be DSG funded as they are outside of scope in meeting the grant conditions. It is therefore currently assumed this cost will fall upon the Council's

budget at a cost of £0.860m, until at such time other sources of funding are found.

Income figures have changed compared to previous reports due to a review of departmental earmarked reserves and £0.420m being released to the General Fund.

(iv) ICT Department

At the end of the 2024/25 financial year it is forecasted that the ICT and Administration Department will be over the approved budget profile by £0.596m.

The main pressures faced by the ICT and Administration Department is in relation to the IT infrastructure, with the move to Microsoft 365, staff have been able to utilise much more efficient hardware. However, the software utilised by the new hardware is at a premium and will be a continuous pressure the Council will need to react to as prices fluctuate.

(v) Community and Greenspaces Department

The net departmental expenditure is forecast to be £0.819m under budget at the end of the 2024/25 financial year. This is an improved position from the expected £0.616m forecasted at the end of November 2024.

The largest contributor to the underspend is in relation to spend on Employees, which is currently forecast to be £0.951m under the approved budget profile by the end of the financial year. There are several restructures taking place across the Department, therefore, in order to facilitate these a number of posts are currently being held vacant until the new structure is implemented. The most notable of these being the new structure being implemented when the new Halton Leisure Centre opens.

Collection Fund

- 3.15 The council tax collection rate through to the end of January 2025 is 89.01% which is 0.08% lower than the collection rate at the same point last year.

Debt relating to previous years continues to be collected, and the Council utilises powers through charging orders and attachment to earnings/benefits to secure debts. £2.205m (12.52%) has so far been collected this year in relation to previous years' debt.

- 3.16 Business rate collection through to the end of November 2024 is 92.70% which is 3.21% higher than the collection rate at the same point last year.

£2.057m has so far been collected this year in relation to previous years' debt.

Review of Reserves

- 3.17 As at 31 January 2025 the Council's General Reserve is unchanged from the previous period at £5.149m, which represents 3.44% of the Council's 2024/25 net budget. This is considered to be a minimum level.
- 3.18 There is a regular review of earmarked reserves undertaken to determine whether they can be released in part or in full to assist with funding the Council's current financial challenges, recognising that this only provides one-year funding solutions.

Reserves Summary

- 3.19 A summary breakdown of the Council's reserves is presented in the table below, showing the balance of reserves as at 31 January 2025.

Summary of General and Earmarked Reserves	
Reserve	Reserve Value £m
Corporate:	
General Fund	5.149
Transformation Fund	6.355
Capital Reserve	0.499
Insurance Reserve	1.000
Specific Projects:	
Adult Social Care	0.507
Fleet Replacement	0.454
Highways Feasibility Costs	0.102
Local Development Framework	0.494
Community & Environment	0.253
Mersey Valley Golf Club	0.483
Mersey Gateway	27.222
Various Other	0.554
Grants:	
Building Schools for the Future	6.529
Public Health	0.232
Supporting Families Performance Payments	0.114
Children's & Education	0.741
Domestic Abuse	1.186
Enterprise & Employment	0.112
Various Other	0.767
Total Earmarked Reserves	52.753

- 3.20 Held within the Transformation Reserve is £6.355m, set aside to help fund future balanced budgets, fund overspends, and meet a range of potential spending commitments in future years associated with delivering the Transformation Programme.

- 3.21 The above table shows the diminishing level of reserves available to assist with funding any future budget overspends and balancing future budgets. Only the £11.484m of the General Fund and Transformation Reserve could now be used for these purposes, as all remaining reserves are committed for specific purposes. Use of these reserves will help contribute towards reducing the Council's overall forecast overspend position and mitigate against the level of Exceptional Financial Support required.

Capital Spending

- 3.22 Council approved the 2024/25 Capital Programme on 6 March 2024. Since then the capital programme has been revised to reflect a number of changes in spending profiles and funding as schemes have developed. Included in the list below is a number of schemes which have been revised where profiles have been moved forward to 2025/26. Appendix 3 brings all the separate elements together and report on the Council's total planned capital programme expenditure over the next three years. The schemes which have been revised within the programme are as follows:

- I. Basic Need Projects
- II. SEND capital allocation
- III. SCA unallocated
- IV. Childcare Expansion
- V. Stair Lifts
- VI. Joint Funding RSL Adaptations
- VII. Madeline McKenna Refurbishment
- VIII. St Lukes Care Home
- IX. St Patricks Care Home
- X. Foundary Lane Residential Area
- XI. Sci-tech Daresbury Project Violet
- XII. Port of Weston
- XIII. Street Lighting - Structural Maintenance
- XIV. Street Lighting – Upgrades
- XV. Risk Management
- XVI. Fleet Replacements
- XVII. Mersey Gateway Handback Land
- XVIII. Halton Smart Microgrid

- 3.23 Capital spending at 31 January 2025 totalled £33.9m, which represents 66.9% of the total revised Capital Programme of £50.7m (which assumes a 20% slippage between years).

Approved Savings

- 3.24 On 02 February 2023, Council approved savings proposals against the budget for the three year period 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2026. Appendix 4 lists those savings covering 2024/25 and 2025/26, together with RAG rated information on progress to date with developing and implementing the target savings.

4.0 CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1 As at 31 January 2025, net revenue spend is forecast to be £18.906m over the budget for the year.
- 4.2 It is clear that Council reserves alone will not be sufficient to fund this pressure. As a result of this position and future budget challenges, the Council has successfully applied to Government for Exceptional Financial Support (EFS).
- 4.3 Departments should continue to ensure that all spending continues to be restricted throughout the remainder of the year, to ensure that the forecast outturn overspend is minimised as far as possible and future spending is brought in line with budget. This will assist with minimising the ongoing cost of EFS borrowing.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

- 6.1 **Improving Health, Promoting Wellbeing and Supporting Greater Independence**
- 6.2 **Building a Strong, Sustainable Local Economy**
- 6.3 **Supporting Children, Young People and Families**
- 6.4 **Tackling Inequality and Helping Those Who Are Most In Need**
- 6.5 **Working Towards a Greener Future**
- 6.6 **Valuing and Appreciating Halton and Our Community**

There are no direct implications, however, the revenue budget and capital programme support the delivery and achievement of all the Council's priorities above.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

- 7.1 There are a number of financial risks within the budget. However, the Council has internal controls and processes in place to ensure that spending remains in line with budget as far as possible.
- 7.2 A budget risk register of significant financial risks has been prepared and is included at Appendix 5.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

- 8.1 None.

9.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

9.1 None

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

10.1 There are no background papers under the meaning of the Act

Summary of Revenue Spending to 31 January 2025

APPENDIX 1

Directorate / Department	Annual Budget £'000	Budget To Date £'000	Actual To Date £'000	Variance (Overspend) £'000	January 2025 Forecast Outturn (o'spend) £'000	November 2024 Forecast Outturn (o'spend) £'000
Adult Social Care	22,925	19,355	19,734	(379)	(467)	(456)
Care Homes`	9,989	8,332	9,352	(1,020)	(1,159)	(1,245)
Community Care	16,460	15,255	17,934	(2,679)	(3,527)	(2,951)
Complex Care Pool	10,706	5,191	4,843	348	189	234
Adults Directorate	60,080	48,133	51,863	(3,730)	(4,964)	(4,418)
Finance	5,030	5,143	4,958	185	95	(162)
Legal & Democratic Services	-621	-482	492	(974)	(1,101)	(1,137)
ICT & Support Services	2,278	981	1,475	(494)	(596)	(657)
Chief Executives Delivery Unit	1,169	845	924	(79)	(90)	(14)
Chief Executives Directorate	7,856	6,487	7,849	(1,362)	(1,692)	(1,970)
Children & Families	38,866	28,142	36,665	(8,523)	(10,087)	(11,702)
Education, Inclusion & Provision	9,771	6,924	7,932	(1,008)	(1,240)	(1,598)
Children's Directorate	48,637	35,066	44,597	(9,531)	-11,327	(13,300)
Community & Greenspace	25,369	18,364	17,865	499	819	616
Economy, Enterprise & Property	2,335	1,031	944	87	116	123
Planning & Transportation	8,405	5,519	5,026	493	336	528
Environment & Regeneration Directorate	36,109	24,914	23,835	1,079	1,271	1,267
Corporate & Democracy	-4,477	-4,657	-2,649	(2,008)	(2,272)	(2,418)
Public Health Directorate	1,291	-962	-1,032	70	82	82
Total Operational Net Spend	149,496	108,981	124,463	(15,482)	(18,902)	(20,757)

Adult Social Care

APPENDIX 2

	Annual Budget	Budget to Date	Actual Spend	Variance (Overspend)	Forecast Outturn
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure					
Employees	17,595	14,633	13,695	938	1,127
Agency- Covering Vacancies	4	3	1,066	(1,063)	(1,275)
Premises	482	435	401	34	41
Supplies & Services	769	673	864	(191)	(229)
Aids & Adaptations	37	30	37	(7)	(9)
Transport	242	201	328	(127)	(149)
Food & Drink Provisions	214	178	166	12	14
Supported Accommodation and Services	1,385	1,154	979	175	210
Emergency Duty Team	115	36	36	0	0
Transfer To Reserves	210	0	0	0	0
Contracts & SLAs	1,090	910	906	4	6
<u>Housing Solutions Grant Funded Schemes</u>					
Homelessness Prevention	502	418	407	11	0
Rough Sleepers Initiative	167	75	67	8	0
Trailblazer	72	43	43	0	0
Total Expenditure	22,884	18,789	18,995	(206)	(264)
Income					
Fees & Charges	-910	-754	-732	(22)	(27)
Sales & Rents Income	-480	-423	-456	33	39
Reimbursements & Grant Income	-2,058	-1,051	-1,072	21	25
Capital Salaries	-121	-91	-91	0	0
Transfer from Reserves	-164	-164	-164	0	0
Housing Schemes Income	-703	-661	-666	5	0
Total Income	-4,436	-3,144	-3,181	37	37
Net Operational Expenditure	18,448	15,645	15,814	(169)	(227)
Recharges					
Premises Support	529	441	441	0	0
Transport Support	582	475	685	(210)	(240)
Central Support	3,465	2,887	2,887	0	0
Asset Rental Support	13	0	0	0	0
Recharge Income	-112	-93	-93	0	0
Net Total Recharges	4,477	3,710	3,920	(210)	(240)
Net Departmental Expenditure	22,925	19,355	19,734	(379)	(467)

Care Homes

	Annual Budget £'000	Budget to Date £'000	Actual Spend £'000	Variance (Overspend) £'000	Forecast Outturn £'000
Expenditure					
<u>Madeline Mckenna</u>					
Employees	698	582	553	29	30
Agency - covering vacancies	0	0	99	(99)	(119)
Other Premises	101	77	81	(4)	0
Supplies & Services	20	13	19	(6)	(6)
Food Provison	48	36	41	(5)	(1)
Total Madeline Mckenna Expenditure	867	708	793	(85)	(96)
<u>Millbrow</u>					
Employees	2,057	1,744	1,099	645	665
Agency - covering vacancies	3	3	846	(843)	(952)
Other Premises	129	100	128	(28)	(33)
Supplies & Services	61	45	75	(30)	(31)
Food Provison	78	33	39	(6)	1
Total Millbrow Expenditure	2,328	1,925	2,187	(262)	(350)
<u>St Luke's</u>					
Employees	2,883	2,451	1,920	531	685
Agency - covering vacancies	433	433	1,257	(824)	(999)
Other Premises	172	132	214	(82)	(89)
Supplies & Services	60	41	82	(41)	(42)
Reimbursements & other Grant Income	-248	-226	-226	0	0
Private Client Income 1:1	-81	-81	-81	0	0
Food Provison	120	100	117	(17)	(17)
Total St Luke's Expenditure	3,339	2,850	3,283	(433)	(462)
<u>St Patrick's</u>					
Employees	1,838	1,531	1,030	501	608
Agency - covering vacancies	42	42	832	(790)	(944)
Other Premises	157	121	122	(1)	(3)
Supplies & Services	64	47	42	5	8
Food Provison	122	102	92	10	11
Reimbursements & other Grant Income	-21	-21	-21	0	0
Total St Patrick's Expenditure	2,202	1,822	2,097	(275)	(320)
<u>Care Homes Divison Management</u>					
Employees	306	254	215	39	73
Supplies & Services	0	0	4	(4)	(4)
Care Home Divison Management	306	254	219	35	69
Net Operational Expenditure	9,042	7,559	8,579	(1,020)	(1,159)
<u>Recharges</u>					
Premises Support	264	220	220	0	0
Transport Support	0	0	0	0	0
Central Support	683	553	553	0	0
Asset Rental Support	0	0	0	0	0
Recharge Income	0	0	0	0	0
Net Total Recharges	947	773	773	0	0
Net Departmental Expenditure	9,989	8,332	9,352	(1,020)	(1,159)

Community Care

	Annual Budget	Budget to Date	Actual Spend	Variance (Overspend)	Forecast Outturn
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure					
Residential & Nursing	13,715	11,929	14,050	(2,121)	(2,758)
Domiciliary Care & Supported living	12,890	10,130	10,610	(480)	(624)
Direct Payments	14,125	13,063	13,289	(226)	(293)
Day Care	648	497	484	13	22
Total Expenditure	41,378	35,619	38,433	(2,814)	(3,653)
Income					
Residential & Nursing Income	-13,138	-10,345	-10,412	67	87
Community Care Income	-2,270	-2,000	-2,027	27	40
Direct Payments Income	-1,014	-882	-888	6	10
Income from other CCGs	-466	-446	-481	35	0
Market sustainability & Improvement Grant	-2,796	-2,330	-2,330	0	0
Adult Social Care Support Grant	-5,167	-4,306	-4,306	0	0
War Pension Disregard Grant	-67	-55	-55	0	(11)
Total Income	-24,918	-20,364	-20,499	135	126
Net Operational Expenditure	16,460	15,255	17,934	(2,679)	(3,527)

Complex Care Pool

	Annual Budget	Budget to Date	Actual Spend	Variance (Overspend)	Forecast Outturn
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure					
Intermediate Care Services	5,225	4,089	4,174	(85)	(103)
Oakmeadow	1,831	1,476	1,584	(108)	(129)
Community Home Care First	2,088	1,507	1,402	105	126
Joint Equipment Store	871	715	707	8	9
Development Fund	174	97	0	97	116
Contracts & SLA's	3,255	1,620	1,620	0	0
Inglenook	134	107	83	24	29
HICafs	3,703	2,468	2,275	193	231
Carers Breaks	554	436	332	104	126
Carers centre	371	361	342	19	23
Residential Care	7,265	5,435	5,435	0	0
Domiciliary Care & Supported Living	4,227	3,170	3,170	0	0
Pathway 3/Discharge Access	391	0	0	0	(41)
HBC Contracts	72	73	78	(5)	(6)
Total Expenditure	30,161	21,554	21,202	352	381
Income					
BCF	-13,484	-11,237	-11,237	0	0
CCG Contribution to Pool	-2,959	-2,387	-2,387	0	0
Oakmeadow Income	-19	-17	-13	(4)	(4)
ASC Discharge Grant Income	-1,631	-1,360	-1,360	0	0
ICB Discharge Grant Income	-1,282	-1,282	-1,282	0	0
Other Income	-80	-80	-80	0	0
Total Income	-19,455	-16,363	-16,359	(4)	(4)
ICB Contribution Share of Surplus					(188)
Net Operational Expenditure	10,706	5,191	4,843	348	189

Finance Department

	Annual Budget	Budget to Date	Actual Spend	Variance (Overspend)	Forecast Outturn
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure					
Employees	6,989	5,829	5,713	116	140
Insurances	975	859	685	174	209
Supplies & Services	417	406	479	(73)	(87)
Rent Allowances	35,500	29,583	29,583	0	0
Concessionary Travel	1,748	1,270	1,383	(113)	(136)
LCR Levy	1,748	0	0	0	0
Bad Debt Provision	77	0	0	0	(145)
Non HRA Rent Rebates	70	43	39	4	4
Discretionary Social Fund	106	90	12	78	94
Discretionary Housing Payments	300	199	186	13	16
Household Support Fund Expenditure	2,613	2,371	2,371	0	0
Total Expenditure	50,543	40,650	40,451	199	95
Income					
Fees & Charges	-335	-252	-254	2	2
Burdens Grant	-60	-62	-85	23	26
Dedicated schools Grant	-144	-16	0	(16)	(19)
Council Tax Liability Order	-581	-507	-604	97	116
Business Rates Admin Grant	-157	0	0	0	0
Schools SLAs	-312	-312	-307	(5)	(5)
LCR Reimbursement	-1,748	0	0	0	0
HB Overpayment Debt Recovery	-400	-325	-201	(124)	(149)
Rent Allowances	-34,700	-28,917	-28,717	(200)	(221)
Non HRA Rent Rebate	-70	-59	-61	2	0
Discretionary Housing Payment Grant	-300	-300	-277	(23)	(23)
Housing Benefits Admin Grant	-498	-415	-407	(8)	(9)
Housing Benefits Award Accuracy	0	-2	-12	10	12
Universal Credits	-5	-4	0	(4)	(5)
Household Support Fund Grant	-2,613	-1,303	-1,303	0	0
VEP Grant	0	0	-7	7	7
CCG McMillan Reimbursement	-87	-65	-70	5	5
Reimbursements & Grant Income	-185	-220	-440	220	263
Transfer from Reserves	-7	-7	-7	0	0
Total Income	-42,202	-32,766	-32,752	(14)	0
Net Operational Expenditure	8,341	7,884	7,699	185	95
Recharges					
Premises Support	377	314	314	0	0
Transport Support	0	0	0	0	0
Central Support	2,365	1,971	1,971	0	0
Asset Rental Support	0	0	0	0	0
Recharge Income	-6,053	-5,026	-5,026	0	0
Net Total Recharges	-3,311	-2,741	-2,741	0	0
Net Departmental Expenditure	5,030	5,143	4,958	185	95

Legal Services

	Annual Budget	Budget to Date	Actual Spend	Variance (Overspend)	Forecast Outturn
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure					
Employees	1,511	1,321	1,326	(5)	(7)
Agency Related Expenditure	0	0	780	(780)	(871)
Supplies & Services	388	345	306	39	46
Civic Catering & Functions	23	14	4	10	12
Legal Expenses	218	166	365	(199)	(240)
Transport Related Expenditure	11	11	7	4	6
Other Expenditure	0	3	3	0	0
Total Expenditure	2,151	1,860	2,791	(931)	(1,054)
Income					
School SLA's	-98	-95	-77	(18)	(20)
Licence Income	-304	-230	-228	(2)	(2)
Government Grant	-42	-42	-42	0	0
Reimbursement & Other Grants	-164	-164	-164	0	0
Fees & Charges Income	-74	-65	-44	(21)	(25)
Transfer from Reserves	-27	-27	-27	0	0
Total Income	-709	-623	-582	(41)	(47)
Net Operational Expenditure	1,442	1,237	2,209	(972)	(1,101)
Recharges					
Premises Support	53	44	44	0	0
Transport Recharges	0	0	0	0	0
Central Support Recharges	275	229	231	(2)	0
Asset Rental Support Costs	0	0	0	0	0
Support Recharge Income	-2,391	-1,992	-1,992	0	0
Net Total Recharges	-2,063	-1,719	-1,717	(2)	0
Net Departmental Expenditure	-621	-482	492	(974)	(1,101)

ICT & Support Services Department

	Annual Budget	Budget to Date	Actual Spend	Variance (Overspend)	Forecast Outturn
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure					
Employees	5,596	4,660	4,444	216	259
Supplies & Services	921	763	1,112	(349)	(420)
Capital Finance	100	84	43	41	49
Computer Repairs & Software	1,724	1,542	1,834	(292)	(350)
Communication Costs	13	0	123	(123)	(147)
Premises	159	130	108	22	27
Transport	3	2	2	0	0
Total Expenditure	8,516	7,181	7,666	-485	-582
Income					
Fees & Charges	-1,056	-533	-589	56	68
Schools SLA Income	-646	-622	-571	(51)	(62)
Reimbursements & Grant Income	0	3	20	(17)	(20)
Transfer from Reserves	-148	-148	-148	0	0
Total Income	-1,850	-1,300	-1,288	(12)	(14)
Net Operational Expenditure	6,666	5,881	6,378	(497)	(596)
Recharges					
Premises Support	550	458	458	0	0
Transport Support	19	18	18	0	0
Central Support	2,380	1,983	1,983	0	0
Asset Rental Support	1,494	0	0	0	0
Support Costs Income	-8,831	-7,359	-7,362	3	0
Net Total Recharges	-4,388	-4,900	-4,903	3	0
Net Departmental Expenditure	2,278	981	1,475	(494)	(596)

Chief Executives Delivery Unit

	Annual Budget	Budget to Date	Actual Spend	Variance (Overspend)	Forecast Outturn
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure					
Employees	3,304	2,689	2,776	(87)	(103)
Employees Training	99	82	65	17	21
Apprenticeship Levy	300	242	265	(23)	(27)
Supplies & Services	391	366	312	54	65
Total Expenditure	4,094	3,379	3,418	-39	-44
Income					
Fees & Charges	-223	-150	-142	(8)	(8)
Schools SLA Income	-565	-559	-522	(37)	(43)
Transfer from Reserves	0	0	-5	5	5
Total Income	-788	-709	-669	(40)	(46)
Net Operational Expenditure	3,306	2,670	2,749	(79)	(90)
Recharges					
Premises Support	174	145	145	0	0
Transport	0	0	0	0	0
Central Support	1,209	1,008	1,008	0	0
Asset Rental Support	53	0	0	0	0
HBC Support Costs Income	-3,573	-2,978	-2,978	0	0
Net Total Recharges	-2,137	-1,825	-1,825	0	0
Net Departmental Expenditure	1,169	845	924	(79)	(90)

Children & Families

	Annual Budget	Budget to Date	Actual Spend	Variance (Overspend)	Forecast Outturn
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure					
Employees	15,708	12,970	14,646	(1,676)	(1,994)
Other Premises	415	267	277	(10)	(14)
Supplies & Services	1,726	1,966	2,417	(451)	(571)
Transport	360	252	224	28	27
Direct Payments	1,097	822	1,053	(231)	(277)
Commissioned services to Vol Orgs	224	168	168	0	0
Residential Care	18,620	14,049	19,391	(5,342)	(6,410)
Out of Borough Adoption	96	0	0	0	96
Out of Borough Fostering	4,363	3,154	3,930	(776)	(886)
In House Adoption	548	380	272	108	131
Special Guardianship Order	2,510	1,960	1,993	(33)	(39)
In House Foster Carer Placements	2,739	2,150	1,859	291	348
Lavender House Contract Costs	234	176	164	12	15
Home Support & Respite	340	258	270	(12)	(13)
Care Leavers	277	251	378	(127)	(151)
Family Support	53	36	43	(7)	(9)
Contracted services	3	3	3	0	0
Early Years	0	0	0	0	0
Emergency Duty	132	38	72	(34)	(42)
Youth Offending Services	321	129	169	(40)	(47)
Transfer to Reserves	8	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditure	49,774	39,029	47,329	(8,300)	(9,836)
Income					
Fees & Charges	-33	-13	0	(13)	(14)
Sales Income	-4	-3	0	(3)	(4)
Rents	-81	-70	-70	0	0
Reimbursement & other Grant Income	-832	-904	-766	(138)	(167)
Transfer from reserve	-82	-82	-82	0	20
Dedicated Schools Grant	-50	0	0	0	0
Government Grants	-11,559	-11,260	-11,191	(69)	(86)
Total Income	-12,641	-12,332	-12,109	(223)	(251)
Net Operational Expenditure	37,133	26,697	35,220	(8,523)	(10,087)
Recharges					
Premises Support	2,274	1,895	1,895	0	0
Transport	398	332	332	0	0
Central Support Recharges	16	14	14	0	0
Asset Rental Support	0	0	0	0	0
Internal Recharge Income	-955	-796	-796	0	0
Net Total Recharges	1,733	1,445	1,445	0	0
Net Departmental Expenditure	38,866	28,142	36,665	(8,523)	(10,087)

Education, Inclusion & Provision

	Annual Budget	Budget to Date	Actual Spend	Variance (Overspend)	Forecast Outturn
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure					
Employees	7,390	6,158	6,318	(160)	(215)
Agency - covering vacancies	0	0	230	(230)	(290)
Agency - addition to establishment	72	60	14	46	58
Premises	14	12	11	1	3
Supplies & Services	4,597	3,041	3,069	(28)	(33)
Independent School Fees	10,201	8,743	8,743	0	0
Schools Contingency	295	295	295	0	0
Transport	43	33	41	(8)	(10)
Schools Transport	2,341	1,433	2,130	(697)	(837)
Early Years Payments	11,419	9,696	9,696	0	0
Early Years Pupil Premium	132	102	102	0	0
Commissioned Services	1,879	1,431	1,525	(94)	(111)
Inter Authority Special Needs	1,164	973	973	0	0
Grants to Voluntary Organisations	110	25	75	(50)	(60)
Capital Financing	4,661	3,507	3,506	1	1
Total Expenditure	44,318	35,509	36,728	(1,219)	(1,494)
Income					
Fees & Charges Income	-556	-530	-527	(3)	(4)
Government Grant Income	-8,339	-6,838	-6,838	0	0
Dedicated Schools Grant	-25,530	-21,275	-21,275	0	0
Inter Authority Income	-274	-274	-274	0	0
Reimbursements & Other Grant Income	-1,785	-1,343	-1,343	0	0
Schools SLA Income	-436	-374	-396	22	27
Transfers from Reserves	-119	0	-350	350	420
Total Income	-37,039	-30,635	-31,003	368	443
Net Operational Expenditure	7,279	4,874	5,725	(851)	(1,051)
Recharges					
Premises Support	344	287	287	0	0
Transport Support	528	427	582	(155)	(186)
Central Support	1,603	1,336	1,338	(2)	(3)
Asset Rental Support	17	0	0	0	0
Recharge Income	0	0	0	0	0
Net Total Recharges	2,492	2,050	2,207	(157)	(189)
Net Departmental Expenditure	9,771	6,924	7,932	(1,008)	(1,240)

Community & Greenspaces

	Annual Budget	Budget to Date	Actual Spend	Variance (Overspend)	Forecast Outturn
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure					
Employees	17,435	14,211	13,419	792	951
Agency - covering vacancies	0	0	182	(182)	(218)
Agency - in addition to establishment	0	0	200	(200)	(240)
Premises	3,455	2,466	2,532	(66)	(78)
Supplies & Services	2,243	1,622	1,748	(126)	(151)
Hired & Contracted Services	854	854	854	0	0
Book Fund	128	111	111	0	0
Food Provisions	388	334	304	30	36
School Meals Food	1,960	1,087	1,192	(105)	(126)
Transport	117	62	100	(38)	(45)
Other Agency Costs	429	425	425	0	0
Other Expenditure	0	0	67	(67)	(67)
Waste Disposal Contracts	7,002	3,562	3,326	236	284
Grants to Voluntary Organisations	64	50	24	26	30
Grants to Norton Priory	174	174	174	0	0
Total Expenditure	34,249	24,958	24,658	300	376
Income					
Sales Income	-1,373	-1,218	-1,209	(9)	(10)
Fees & Charges Income	-5,490	-4,623	-4,775	152	183
Rental Income	-235	-193	-241	48	57
Markets Income	-910	-738	-716	(22)	(26)
Government Grant Income	-1,628	-1,628	-1,628	0	0
Reimbursements & Other Grant Income	-703	-687	-687	0	0
School SLA Income	-1,313	-563	-563	0	0
School Meals Income	-3,598	-2,127	-2,210	83	100
Internal Fees Income	-322	-214	-293	79	95
Capital Salaries	-173	-129	-58	(71)	(85)
Transfers From Reserves	-15	-15	-15	0	202
Total Income	-15,760	-12,135	-12,395	260	516
Net Operational Expenditure	18,489	12,823	12,263	560	892
Recharges					
Premises Support	1,675	1,396	1,396	0	0
Transport	2,257	1,855	1,916	(61)	(73)
Central Support	3,897	3,247	3,247	0	0
Asset Rental Support	199	0	0	0	0
HBC Support Costs Income	-1,148	-957	-957	0	0
Net Total Recharges	6,880	5,541	5,602	(61)	(73)
Net Departmental Expenditure	25,369	18,364	17,865	499	819

Economy, Enterprise & Property

	Annual Budget	Budget to Date	Actual Spend	Variance (Overspend)	Forecast Outturn
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure					
Employees	5,075	4,438	3,991	447	536
Agency - covering vacancies	0	0	349	(349)	(407)
Repairs & Maintenance	1,706	1,478	1,560	(82)	(98)
Premises	136	120	120	0	0
Energy & Water Costs	1,248	920	830	90	108
NNDR	690	684	659	25	30
Rents	173	133	128	5	6
Economic Regeneration Activities	21	16	16	0	0
Security	544	417	473	(56)	(67)
Supplies & Services	506	305	335	(30)	(36)
Supplies & Services - Grant	2,090	812	812	0	0
Grants to Voluntary Organisations	75	107	107	0	0
Capital Finance	0	0	0	0	0
Transfer to Reserves	185	186	185	1	1
Total Expenditure	12,449	9,616	9,565	51	73
Income					
Fees & Charges Income	-987	-711	-771	60	72
Rent - Commercial Properties	-872	-758	-758	0	0
Rent - Investment Properties	-38	-32	-33	1	1
Government Grant	-2,510	-1,714	-1,714	0	0
Reimbursements & Other Grant Income	-193	-510	-492	(18)	(22)
Schools SLA Income	-227	-223	-210	(13)	(15)
Recharges to Capital	-295	-239	-243	4	5
Transfer from Reserves	-1,120	-1,165	-1,167	2	2
Total Income	-6,242	-5,352	-5,388	36	43
Net Operational Expenditure	6,207	4,264	4,177	87	116
Recharges					
Premises Support	2,074	1,728	1,728	0	0
Transport Support	30	22	22	0	0
Central Support	1,947	1,623	1,623	0	0
Asset Rental Support	4	0	0	0	0
Recharge Income	-7,927	-6,606	-6,606	0	0
Net Total Recharges	-3,872	-3,233	-3,233	0	0
Net Departmental Expenditure	2,335	1,031	944	87	116

Planning & Transportation Department

	Annual Budget £'000	Budget to Date £'000	Actual Spend £'000	Variance (Overspend) £'000	Forecast Outturn £'000
Expenditure					
Employees	5,814	4,831	4,440	391	469
Agency - covering vacancies	110	53	120	(67)	(81)
Agency - in addition to establishment	24	2	75	(73)	(88)
Efficiency Savings	-150	-125	0	(125)	(150)
Premises	193	169	127	42	51
Hired & Contracted Services	59	0	208	(208)	(166)
Planning Appeal Decision	0	0	0	0	(300)
Supplies & Services	144	178	340	(162)	(195)
Street Lighting	1,662	862	884	(22)	(25)
Highways Maintenance - Routine & Reactive	1,772	1,215	1,411	(196)	(235)
Highways Maintenance - Programmed Works	1,908	1,028	738	290	349
Fleet Transport	1,455	1,202	1,184	18	21
Bus Support - Halton Hopper Tickets	23	22	15	7	8
Bus Support	498	746	746	0	0
Agency Related Expenditure	8	8	49	(41)	(41)
Grants to Voluntary Organisations	31	31	31	0	0
NRA Levy	74	74	73	1	2
LCR Levy	1,059	794	794	0	0
Contribution to Reserves	359	359	359	0	0
Total Expenditure	15,043	11,449	11,594	(145)	(381)
Income					
Sales & Rents Income	-97	-80	-148	68	82
Planning Fees	-826	-691	-442	(249)	(299)
Building Control Fees	-245	-204	-190	(14)	(17)
Other Fees & Charges	-908	-760	-1,169	409	491
Grants & Reimbursements	-206	-131	-131	0	0
Government Grant Income	-240	-243	-253	10	0
Halton Hopper Income	-24	-20	-8	(12)	(15)
Recharge to Capital	-562	-91	-91	0	(36)
LCR Levy Reimbursement	-1,059	-1,036	-1,036	0	0
Contribution from Reserves	-1,036	-794	-794	0	0
Total Income	-5,203	-4,050	-4,262	212	206
Net Operational Expenditure	9,840	7,399	7,332	67	(175)
Recharges					
Premises Recharges	560	467	467	0	0
Transport Recharges	749	634	648	(14)	(17)
Central Recharges	1,534	1,278	1,278	0	0
Asset Charges	851	0	0	0	0
HBC Support Costs Income	-5,129	-4,259	-4,699	440	528
Net Total Recharges	-1,435	-1,880	-2,306	426	511
Net Departmental Expenditure	8,405	5,519	5,026	493	336

Corporate & Democracy

	Annual Budget	Budget to Date	Actual Spend	Variance (Overspend)	Forecast Outturn
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure					
Employees	412	343	293	50	17
Contracted Services	39	32	35	(3)	0
Supplies & Services	119	108	110	(2)	(23)
Premises Expenditure	5	5	7	(2)	0
Transport Costs	1	1	8	(7)	(9)
Members Allowances	983	819	823	(4)	0
Interest Payable - Treasury Management	1,341	1,118	1,826	(708)	(849)
Interest Payable - Other	115	96	179	(83)	(100)
Bank Charges	132	99	203	(104)	(100)
Audit Fees	348	261	27	234	0
Contingency	538	538	0	538	667
Capital Financing	2,409	2	2	0	301
Debt Management Expenses	20	17	4	13	0
Precepts & Levies	240	200	175	25	30
Transformation Efficiency Savings	-4,000	-3,333	0	(3,333)	(3,871)
Total Expenditure	2,702	306	3,692	(3,386)	(3,937)
Income					
Interest Receivable - Treasury Management	-4,152	-3,460	-4,358	898	1,078
Interest Receivable - Other	-19	-16	-16	0	0
Other Fees & Charges	-158	-128	-85	(43)	(61)
Grants & Reimbursements	-255	-85	-418	333	333
Government Grant Income	-377	-314	-504	190	315
Total Income	-4,961	-4,003	-5,381	1,378	1,665
Net Operational Expenditure	-2,259	-3,697	-1,689	(2,008)	(2,272)
Recharges					
Premises Support	21	17	17	0	0
Transport	0	0	0	0	0
Central Support	1,016	889	889	0	0
Asset Rental Support	0	0	0	0	0
HBC Support Costs Income	-3,026	-1,866	-1,866	0	0
Net Total Recharges	-1,989	-960	-960	0	0
Net Departmental Expenditure	-4,248	-4,657	-2,649	(2,008)	(2,272)

Public Health

	Annual Budget	Budget to Date	Actual Spend	Variance (Overspend)	Forecast Outturn
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure					
Employees	5,419	3,914	3,913	1	1
Agency - covering vacancies	0	0	0	0	0
Other Premises	6	0	0	0	0
Supplies & Services	388	283	248	35	42
Contracts & SLA's	8,112	6,218	6,188	30	36
Transport	4	3	2	1	1
Transfer to Reserves	19	19	19	0	0
Other Agency	24	24	24	0	0
Total Expenditure	13,970	10,461	10,394	67	80
Income					
Fees & Charges	-88	-116	-116	0	0
Reimbursements & Grant Income	-574	-559	-559	0	0
Transfer from Reserves	-1,714	-1,714	-1,714	0	0
Government Grant Income	-12,193	-11,984	-11,984	0	0
Total Income	-14,569	-14,373	-14,373	0	0
Net Operational Expenditure	-599	-3,912	-3,979	67	80
Recharges					
Premises Support	149	125	125	0	0
Transport Support	22	18	20	(2)	(2)
Central Support	2,387	1,990	1,990	0	0
Asset Rental Support	0	0	0	0	0
Recharge Income	-669	-557	-557	0	0
Net Total Recharges	1,889	1,575	1,577	(2)	(2)
Net Departmental Expenditure	1,291	-2,337	-2,402	65	78

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Appendix 3

Scheme Detail	2024/25 Original Allocation £000	2024/25 Revised Allocation £000	Q1 Spend £000	Q2 Spend £000	Q3 Spend £000	Q4 Spend £000	Total Spend £000	Allocation remaining £000	2025/26 Allocation £000	2026/27 Allocation £000
Childrens Directorate										
Capital Repairs	749.0	749.0	151.0	531.0	50.0	1.0	733.0	16.0	550.0	
Basic Need Projects	600.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	600.8	
SEND capital allocation	3,355.2	1,529.2	178.0	519.0	356.0	65.0	1,118.0	411.2	1,781.0	
SCA unallocated	255.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	448.0	
Family Hubs & Start for Life	53.2	110.4	1.3	54.1	10.0	27.7	93.1	17.4		
Childcare Expansion	314.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	314.8	
Childrens Directorate Total	5,328.6	2,388.6	330.3	1,104.1	416.0	93.7	1,944.1	444.6	3,694.6	0.0
Adults Directorate										
Halton Carers Centre Refurbishment	199.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Grants - Disabled Facilities	600.0	1,050.0	353.0	227.0	157.0	147.0	884.0	166.0	600.0	600.0
Stair Lifts	270.0	250.0	66.0	23.0	62.0	50.0	201.0	49.0	270.0	270.0
Joint Funding RSL Adaptations	270.0	250.0	53.0	24.0	81.0	49.0	207.0	43.0	270.0	270.0
Telehealthcare Digital Switchover	0.0	135.0	60.0	0.0	20.0	-20.0	60.0	75.0		
Oakmeadow & Peelhouse Network Improvements	0.0	40.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	40.0		
Madeline McKenna Refurbishment	0.0	120.0	9.0	73.0	2.0	7.0	91.0	29.0		
Millbrow Refurbishment	0.0	50.0	26.0	8.0	0.0	12.0	46.0	4.0		
St Lukes Care Home	0.0	120.0	10.0	14.0	7.0	74.0	105.0	15.0		
St Patricks Care Home	1,200.0	150.0	14.0	16.0	-1.0	86.0	115.0	35.0		
Adults Directorate Total	2,539.0	2,165.0	591.0	385.0	328.0	405.0	1,709.0	456.0	1,140.0	1,140.0

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Scheme Detail	2024/25 Original Allocation	2024/25 Revised Allocation	Q1 Spend	Q2 Spend	Q3 Spend	Q4 Spend	Total Spend	Allocation remaining	2025/26 Allocation	2026/27 Allocation
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Environment & Regeneration Directorate										
Stadium Minor Works	30.0	30.0	7.9	7.7	0.0	22.2	37.8	-7.8	30.0	30.0
Halton Leisure Centre	8,997.0	8,997.0	2,030.0	3,045.4	3,229.2	469.0	8,773.6	223.4		
Children's Playground Equipment	67.8	67.8	1.0	1.0	40.0	0.0	42.0	25.8	65.0	65.0
Landfill Tax Credit Schemes	340.0	340.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	340.0	340.0	340.0
Upton Improvements	13.0	13.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.0		
Crow Wood Park Play Area	12.0	12.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.0		
Open Spaces Schemes	600.0	600.0	130.0	154.4	135.0	-11.0	408.4	191.6	600.0	600.0
Runcorn Town Park	468.6	468.6	0.0	6.8	0.0	3.0	9.8	458.8	280.0	280.0
Spike Island / Wigg Island	1,933.5	1,933.5	2.4	4.4	38.0	0.0	44.8	1,888.7		
Pickerings Pasture Cafe	503.0	503.0	9.7	1.2	1.1	0.0	12.0	491.0		
Replacement Cremator Widnes	308.0	308.0	0.0	77.3	7.0	0.0	84.3	223.7		
Litter Bins	20.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
3MG	134.5	134.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	134.5		
Murdishaw redevelopment	21.2	21.2	5.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.4	15.8		
Equality Act Improvement Works	293.2	93.2	8.7	17.6	59.6	3.8	89.7	3.5	300.0	300.0
Foundary Lane Residential Area	1,160.0	1,240.0	1.8	464.8	2.3	11.0	479.9	760.1		
Town Deal	11,352.9	11,552.9	174.9	261.8	940.0	588.0	1,964.7	9,588.2	7,190.4	
Property Improvements	360.2	460.5	4.3	131.1	286.6	136.3	558.3	-97.8	200.0	200.0
Runcorn Station Quarter	484.7	76.0	0.0	60.5	15.5	0.0	76.0	0.0		
Waterloo Building	0.0	75.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	1.3	73.7		
UK Shared Prosperity Fund	178.2	178.2	0.0	0.0	12.2	152.0	164.2	14.0		
Runcorn Waterfront Residential Development	484.7	268.7	8.6	122.9	61.5	0.2	193.2	75.5		
Changing Places	24.1	24.1	2.5	0.1	1.6	0.0	4.2	19.9		
Sci-tech Daresbury Project Violet	2,200.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,200.0	
Port of Weston	0.0	20.0	0.0	1.3	1.7	0.0	3.0	17.0	3,940.0	
Kingsway Leisure Centre Demolition	0.0	750.0	0.0	30.7	0.0	0.9	31.6	718.4		







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Scheme Detail	2024/25 Original Allocation £000	2024/25 Revised Allocation £000	Q1 Spend £000	Q2 Spend £000	Q3 Spend £000	Q4 Spend £000	Total Spend £000	Allocation remaining £000	2025/26 Allocation £000	2026/27 Allocation £000
Bridge and Highway Maintenance	0.0	2,265.6	280.8	313.0	20.0	114.0	727.8	1,537.8		
Runcorn Busway	0.0	0.0	227.4	80.0	371.0	237.0	915.4	-915.4		
ATF3 Murdishaw to Whitehouse	0.0	3,000.0	175.3	363.0	497.0	194.0	1,229.3	1,770.7		
ATF4 Widnes Town Centre Accessibility	0.0	114.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	114.5		
A56 Reconstruction (Delph Lane)	0.0	943.7	351.1	0.0	10.0	2.0	363.1	580.6		
Dukesfield ATL (Waterloo Bridge)	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	-1.1		
LCWIP Phase 2 Daresbury	0.0	3,861.7	629.3	56.0	15.0	1.0	701.3	3,160.4		
Additional Pothole Funding	0.0	429.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	429.1		
CRSTS	5,819.4	5,288.6	1,656.0	884.0	2,184.0	305.0	5,029.0	259.6		
Street Lighting - Structural Maintenance	1,025.6	250.0	0.0	37.0	94.0	21.0	152.0	98.0	975.6	200.0
Street Lighting - Upgrades	969.4	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	869.4	
East Runcorn Connectivity	5,851.7	5,851.7	452.5	207.0	810.0	1,670.0	3,139.5	2,712.1	5,851.7	5,851.7
Risk Management	597.8	50.0	4.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.9	45.1	667.8	120.0
Fleet Replacements	4,927.4	2,500.0	1,081.8	455.0	256.0	76.0	1,868.8	631.2	3,850.7	
Environment & Regeneration Directorate Total	49,390.3	53,054.5	7,247.4	6,800.4	9,187.5	4,085.1	27,320.4	25,734.1	27,380.6	8,006.7
Chief Executives Directorate										
IT Rolling Programme	1,026.9	1,026.9	27.7	668.2	20.0	24.0	739.9	287.0	700.0	700.0
Halton Smart Microgrid	11,000.0	1,000.0	0.0	0.0	128.0	0.0	128.0	872.0	10,000.0	
Transformation Programme	3,740.0	3,740.0	435.0	624.0	712.0	201.0	1,972.0	1,768.0	1,000.0	
Chief Executives Directorate Total	15,766.9	5,766.9	462.7	1,292.2	860.0	225.0	2,839.9	2,927.0	11,700.0	700.0
Grand Total	73,024.8	63,375.0	8,631.4	9,581.7	10,791.5	4,808.8	33,813.4	29,561.6	43,915.2	9,846.7



Progress Against Agreed Savings

Appendix 4

Adult Social Care




	Service Area	Net Budget £'000	Description of Saving Proposal	Savings Value		Current Progress	Comments
				24/25 £'000	25/26 £'000		
ASC1	Housing Solutions	474	Remodel the current service based on good practice evidence from other areas.	0	125		Anticipated to be achieved, currently under review.
ASC2	Telehealthcare	680	Explore alternative funding streams such as Health funding or Disabled Facilities Grants.	170	0		Currently Under Review
			Increase charges / review income.	170	0		Charges were increased by 40% w.e.f. April 2024, so this should be achieved
			Cease the key safe installation service.	15	0		Service still being provided
ASC17/18	Quality Assurance Team	395	Review the activities of the Quality Assurance Team, given there are fewer providers for domiciliary care and the transfer of four care homes into the Council.	0	0		Saving implemented
			Merge the service with the Safeguarding Unit.	50	0		

ASC16	Shared Lives (Adult Placement Service)	115	Engage with an external agency currently operating Shared Lives to take over the running of this service. It is anticipated that this would provide an improved service.	58	0	u	Service currently still provided in-house, although a balanced budget will be attained for 2024/25 as a result of current temporary savings, and work is ongoing to ensure the 2025/6 structure can achieve the permanent savings target
ASC19	Voluntary Sector Support	N/A	Review the support provided by Adult Social Care and all other Council Departments, to voluntary sector organisations. This would include assisting them to secure alternative funding in order to reduce their dependence upon Council funding. A target saving phased over two years has been estimated.	200	100	✓	Anticipated to be achieved
ASC4	Positive Behaviour Support Service	349	Increase income generated in order to ensure full cost recovery, through increased service contract charges to other councils.	100	0	✓	Contracts being re-costed on renewal, saving anticipated to be achieved
				150	0	u	ICB funding not secured, although a balanced budget will be attained for 2024/25 as a result of current temporary savings, and work is ongoing to ensure the 2025/6 structure can


			Review the Integrated Care Board contribution for Adults, to ensure the full recovery of related costs.				achieve the permanent savings target
ASC15	Learning Disability Nursing Team	424	Cease provision of this service. The service is a Health related function rather than Adult Social Care, but this is a historical arrangement. The Integrated Care Board would need to consider how they want to provide this function.	424	0		Costs now recharged to the ICB
ASC14	Care Management Community Care Budget	18,982	Attract £500k investment from the pooled budget (BCF) from 2024/25. Undertake work in years 1 and 2 to reduce reliance upon contracted services from 2025/26. Services are currently in the process of being redesigned on a “Strengths Based Approach” ie. focused upon prevention.	500	1,000		Position currently being reviewed.

Total Adult Social Care Department	1,837	1,225		
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Finance

Ref.	Service Area	Net Budget £'000	Description of Saving Proposal	Savings Value		Current Progress	Comments
				24/25 £'000	25/26 £'000		
F9	Internal Audit	300	Restructure in light of potential retirements over the next two years within the Internal Audit Team.	0	50		No official changes made yet
F13	Discretionary Support Scheme	221	Review the roles, procedures and structure of the team.	25	0		On track
F17	Council Tax	84	Increase the charges applied when a court summons is issued by 30% (£23), to achieve full cost recovery over the three year period.	40	40		On track
Total Finance Department				65	90		

Legal and Democratic Services

Ref.	Service Area	Net Budget £'000	Description of Saving Proposal	Savings Value		Current Progress	Comments
				24/25 £'000	25/26 £'000		
L4	Marketing, Design and Communications	45	Review the frequency of production of Inside Halton, as part of the wider consideration of the Council's communications strategy required for the Transformation Programme	15			Budget adjusted inline with the savings in the ICT department
Total Legal Services Department				15	0		



Children and Families

Ref.	Service Area	Net Budget £'000	Description of Saving Proposal	Savings Value		Current Progress	Comments
				24/25 £'000	25/26 £'000		
C1	Ditton and Warrington Road Daycare Centres	52	Closure of Ditton and Warrington Road daycare centres, given the significant on-going net losses at both centres. Sufficient alternative provision exists nearby, as well as in the adjoining nursery schools.	26	0		Early Years has now closed and budget for 24/25 has been removed
C2	Children's Centres	1,293	Review the operation of Windmill Hill Children's Centre, where there is the potential to save on premises and staffing costs.	0	22		This is subject to further review as external factors are changing the original review parameters. Potential alternative funding also to be reviewed.
C3	Children with Disabilities and Inglefield	858	Explore the potential for selling Inglefield and then purchase two bungalows within the community to provide a more appropriate setting.	112	0		Amount was removed at budget setting as will not be achieved
Total Children & Families Department				138	22		

Education, Inclusion and Provision

Ref	Service Area	Net Budget £'000	Description of Saving Proposal	Savings Value		Current Progress	Comments
				24/25 £'000	25/26 £'000		
EIP1	Education Psychology Service	339	There is excess demand from schools for the Education Psychology Service. The service is valued and there is opportunity to expand our offer and generate additional income.	52	0	✓	
EIP2	SEN Assessment Team	82	Consideration will be given to funding the full service costs from the High Needs Block of the Dedicated Schools Grant.	80	0	✗	DSG funding removed as does not comply with grant conditions.
EIP5	Commissioning	148	Review with Health colleagues how the Emotional Health and Wellbeing Service for Children in Care, Care Leavers and Carers could instead be provided by Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) as they are commissioned by the Integrated Care Board.	148	0	u	To be reviewed.
Total Education, Inclusion and Provision Department				280	0		


Community and Greenspace

Ref.	Service Area	Net Budget £'000	Description of Saving Proposal	Savings Value		Current Progress	Comments
				24/25 £'000	25/26 £'000		
COMM3	Sport & Recreation	471	Restructuring the roles and responsibilities of the Sports Development Team	36	0		Restructure is currently underway
COMM5	Stadium & Catering Services – School Meals	12	Cease to deliver the school meals service, which has made significant losses of over £200,000 for a number of years and is forecast to make a similar loss by year-end. Work would be undertaken with schools over the next two years to support them to secure an alternative means of delivery, whether in-house or via an external provider.	0	12		The cessation of the service is underway with the majority of schools ending their contracts by the end of the calendar year.
Total Community & Greenspace Department				36	12		

Economy, Enterprise and Property

Ref.	Service Area	Net Budget £'000	Description of Saving Proposal	Savings Value		Current Progress	Comments
				24/25 £'000	25/26 £'000		
EEP4	Cleaning Services – Council Buildings	580	Review cleaning arrangements, with a focus on only emptying bins and cleaning toilets daily.	100	0	U	A review of the cleaning service is underway with some positions removed from the structure. The full savings will not be achieved until the accommodation review is complete.
EEP2	Caretaking & Security Services	641	A review and restructuring of caretaking arrangements.	52	0	U	The restructure can now take place following the retirement of a member of staff. The full saving will not be made until financial year 25/26
Total Economy, Enterprise & Property Department				152	0		

Policy, Planning and Transportation

Ref.	Service Area	Net Budget £'000	Description of Saving Proposal	Savings Value		Current Progress	Comments
				24/25 £'000	25/26 £'000		
PPT6	Traffic	N/A	Consider introducing civil traffic enforcement for traffic violations. Employ private sector civil enforcement officers to issue fines and generate income. It would take 12 months to apply for powers from the DFT and put the scheme in place. The Environment & Urban Renewal Policy & Performance Board will consider this via a Topic Group.	150	0		Not currently viable, therefore no income will be generated in the current year as the traffic enforcement will not be carried out.
Total Policy, Planning & Transportation Department				150	0		

Symbol**Objective**

Indicates that the objective is on course to be achieved within the appropriate timeframe.



Indicates that it is uncertain or too early to say at this stage whether the milestone/objective will be achieved within the appropriate timeframe.



Indicates that it is highly likely or certain that the objective will not be achieved within the appropriate timeframe.

2024/25 Budget Risk Register as at 31 January 2025

Appendix 5

Risk No	Risk Identified	Impact	Likelihood	Risk Score	Risk Control Measures	Assessment of Residual Risk with Control Measures Implemented			Responsible Person	Timescale for Review	Progress Comments	Date Updated
						Impact	Likelihood	Risk Score				
1	Pay costs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pay award Staff Turnover Saving Target Agency, casuals and overtime National Living Wage Pension Costs 	4	4	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget based upon individual staff members/vacancies Budget monitoring Contingency Balances Medium Term Forecast Engage with Cheshire Pension Scheme and pension actuary Recruitment and retention scheme children social care workers. Social Care Academy for children social care workers Connect to Halton 	3	3	9	ED/SB/Executive Directors	Monthly	2024/25 pay offer accepted and implemented November 2024. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £1290 on all pay points from 1st April Equivalent to 5.77% on point 2 and 2.5% on point 43 2.5% on all pay points above 43 and below chief officer level Estimated 4% 2024.25 budget uplift will cover cost of pay award. Connect to Halton scheme went live September 2024, agency and casual appointments to be covered by the scheme.	31/01/25

2	Redundancy and Early Retirements	3	3	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benefits Tracking Process • Future savings to take into account cost of redundancy and early retirements. • Seek Government approval to use capital receipts to fund transformation costs. • Transformation Reserve 	2	3	6	ED/SB	Quarterly	Tracker created to monitor redundancy costs in current year. Transformation reserve created to cover costs but limited reserves will impact use of this. Look to capitalise compulsory costs where possible where evidence exists it creates in a longer term saving.	31/01/25
3	Savings not achieved	4	3	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget monitoring • Contingency • Reserves / Provisions • Rigorous process in approving savings. • Review of savings at departmental and directorate level • Monthly budget monitoring 	4	2	8	RR/ED/SB	Monthly	Savings for 2024/25 have been written into Directorate budgets. Budget savings monitored closely and if necessary offsetting savings sought. Transformation Programme Board meeting on monthly basis to discuss progress against programme.	31/01/25

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medium Term Financial Forecast • 2023/24 to 2025/26 savings agreed February 2023. • RAG monitoring of savings included in quarterly monitoring reports. • Transformation saving targets reported monthly through Transformation Programme Board. 							
4	Price inflation	3	3	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prudent budget provision • Latest forecast information used eg. utilities • Budget monitoring • Contingency • Balances 	3	3	9	ED/SB	Monthly	CPI for January 2025 is 3.0% and RPI is 3.6%. Office of Budget Responsibility (OBR) forecast inflation to be 2.6% in 2025 and 2.1% through to 2027. Rates are higher than forecast in September 2024 and remain	31/01/25

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPI/RPI monitoring • MTFS 						above Governments 2% target.	
5	Review of LG Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business rates retention – 100% Pilot and Review • Fair Funding Review • National Public Spending Plans • Social Care Green Paper 	4	4	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPs • SIGOMA / LG Futures • Liverpool City Region & Merseyside Treasurers Group • Medium Term Financial Strategy • Member of business rate retention pilot region • Dialogue with DCLG 	3	3	9	ED/SB/NS/MW/MG	Weekly/ Monthly	Business rate retention pilot continues through to March 2026. Government are committed to providing more certainty on LG Finances through multi year settlements. Final settlement announced 03 February 2025, funding is higher than within financial forecast.	31/01/25
6	Treasury Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Borrowing • Investment 	2	3	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasury Management Strategy • Link Asset Services advice • Treasury Management planning and monitoring 	1	3	3	ED/SB/MG	Daily / Quarterly	Investment rates continue to be high relative to last decade. BoE base rate reduced to 4.5%, Impact of Exceptional Financial Support request to be	31/01/25

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance at Networking and Benchmarking Groups Officer Training 						assessed with regards to timing of future borrowing.	
7	Demand led budgets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children in Care Out of borough fostering Community Care 	4	4	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget monitoring Contingency Balances Review service demand Directorate recovery groups Monthly budget monitoring 	4	4	16	ED/SB/NS/MW	Monthly	<p>Children in care, numbers and costs continue to exceed budget. Numbers of children in care and with protection plans reviewed on a weekly basis. Community care costs and numbers on increase, reviewed on a regular basis.</p> <p>Investment in Children Services following OFSTED inspection to be monitored with regard to control and reduction of future costs.</p>	31/01/25

8	Mersey Gateway Costs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Costs Toll Income Funding Accounting treatment 	4	2	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular monitoring with Crossing Board Capital reserve Government Grant Liquidity Fund 	2	1	2	ED/SB/MG	Quarterly	Arrangements in place to monitor spend and availability of liquidity fund.	31/01/25
9	Council Tax Collection	3	3	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council tax monitoring on monthly basis Review of Collection Rate Collection Fund Balance Provision for bad debts Review recovery procedures Benchmarking 	3	2	6	ED/PG/SB/PD/BH/MG	Monthly	Collection rate to 31 January 2025 was 89.01% which is marginally lower than the rate of 89.09% at the same point last year. To 31 January 2025 £2.205m was collected in relation to old year debt.	31/01/25
10	Business Rates Retention Scheme	3	3	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and monitoring of latest business rates income to baseline and estimate for year. 	3	1	3	ED/SB/LB/MG	Monthly	Collection rate to 31 January 2025 was 92.7% which is 3.21% higher than the rate at the same point last year. To 31 January 2025	31/01/25

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prudent allowance for losses in collection • Prudent provision set aside for losses from valuation appeals • Regular monitoring of annual yield and baseline / budget position • Benchmarking Groups • Review recovery procedures 						£2.057m was collected in relation to old year debt.	
11	Income recovery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uncertainty to economy following Brexit, cost of living and high inflation 	3	3	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate charging policy • Budget monitoring • Contingency • Balances • Income benchmarking 	3	2	6	ED/MM/SB	Monthly	Income shortfalls identified and cause of increased concern in certain areas are being closely monitored. Cost of living crisis adds to uncertainty over collection.	31/01/25
13	Capital Programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costs • Funding • Key Major Projects 	4	3	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Management • Regular monitoring • Detailed financial analysis of new 	3	2	6	Project Managers/ED /SB/LH	Quarterly	Capital receipts have been fully committed therefore new capital schemes need to bring own funding.	31/01/25

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clawback of Grant • Availability and timing of capital receipts • Cashflow • Contractors 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • schemes to ensure they are affordable • Targets monitored to minimise clawback of grant. • Contractor due diligence • Dialogue with Government departments. 							
14	Academy Schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact of transfer upon Council budget • Loss of income to Council Services 	2	4	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early identification of school decisions • DfE Regulations • Prudent consideration of financial transactions to facilitate transfer • Services continue to be offered to academies • Transfer Protocol 	1	3	3	ED/SB/NS	Monthly	Consideration given in MTFS for loss of funding.	31/01/25
15	Reserves <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diminishing reserves, used to balance budget, fund overspend positions. 	3	4	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitored on a quarterly basis, reported to Management Team and Exec Board • Benchmarking 	3	3	9	ED/SB	Quarterly	Monitored and reported on a regular basis. Council reserves at historic low levels. Reserves will need to be replenished	31/01/25

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Forecast Programme to replenish reserves. 						within future budgets	
16	Budget Balancing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council has struggled to achieve a balanced budget position for a number of years. Forecast for current year is an overspend position of £19m. Reserves insufficient to balance current year budget. Before transformation targets, there is a forecast budget gap of £68.5m through to 2028/29. 	4	4	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current year budgets monitored on a regular basis. Forward forecasting through to March 2029 reported on a prudent basis. Regular conversations with DHLUC re Council's financial position. LGA to undertake a financial assurance review. Transformation programme in place. 	4	4	16	ED/SB	Ongoing	Updated benchmarking to be reported to better inform Transformation Programme targets.	31/01/25