

F O R W A R D P L A N

FOR THE PERIOD : 1 JUNE 2008 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2008

What is the Forward Plan?

The Forward Plan is a list of the key decisions the Authority intends to take during a four month period. The Plan is updated monthly and is available to the public 14 days before the beginning of each month.

What is a Key Decision?

Key decisions are defined as any executive decision which is likely

- to result in expenditure or savings which are significant in the context of the budget for the service or function in question; or
- to be significant in terms of its effects on the communities living or working in two or more wards in the area.

What does the Forward Plan tell me?

The Plan gives information about:

- what key decisions are coming forward in the next four months;
- when those key decisions are likely to be made;
- who will make those decisions;
- what consultation will be given;
- who you can make representations to, and how;
- what documents will be considered; and
- who you can contact for further information.

Who takes Key Decisions?

Under the Authority's Constitution, Key Decisions are taken by the Council, the Executive Board (and its Sub-Committees/Sub-Boards) or individual officers acting under delegated powers.

Most Key Decisions are taken at public meetings of either the Council or the Executive Board. Council meets at 6.30 pm at the Town Hall, Runcorn and the Executive Board meets at 2.00 pm in the Municipal Building, Widnes.

How to make representations and by when

Names of contact officers are included in the Plan and can be reached via (0151) 907 8300. If you are unsure, please ring Committee Services via the same number and staff there will be able to assist you.

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Recommendation to Council that Core Strategy (Preferred Option Stage) Document is approved for public consultation.	Executive Board	Not before 1st June, 2008	Part of on-going consultation, previous Issues and Options consultation stage with general public and key internal and external stakeholders. A wide variety of consultation and community involvement methods will be used.	PPS12: Local Development Frameworks; Regional Spatial Strategy for the North West; Halton Core Strategy Issues and Options Papers (and accompanying documentation); Halton Local Development Scheme 2006/07; Halton Unitary Development Plan - all from Nathan Renison, Rutland House	Phil Watts
Approval of publication of	Executive Board	Not before 1st	Previous	Halton UDP (from	Phil Watts

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Draft Design of New Residential Development Supplementary Planning Document for public consultation	Sub Committee	June, 2008	'Partnership Consultation' with selected Council officers. Following the decision, there will be public consultation during May and June 2007. Documents will be on display at various locations around the Borough and on the Council's web site for a six week period.	Neil Macfarlane); Draft Design of New Residential Development SPD; Draft Design of New Residential Development SPD Partnership Consultation Stage; Sustainability Appraisal Pre Production Scoping Report - from Perran Baragwanath at Rutland House	
Environmental Protection Act 1990 Part IIA - Contaminated Land - to consider the first four year review of the strategy for	Strategic Director - Environment	Not before 1st June, 2008	Management Team, Safer Halton PPB, Urban Renewal PPB, Contaminated Land	Report on findings so far, DETR Circular 02/2000 Contaminated Land,	Dick Tregoe

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inspection of contaminated land published in 2001.			Working Panel. Via reports.	Contaminated Land: Strategy for Inspection (July 2001), Part IIA Environmental Protection Act 1990.	
Adoption of Draft Town Centre Strategy Supplementary Planning Documents for Halton Lea and Runcorn Old Town	Executive Board	Not before 1st June, 2008	Public consultation has taken place between 1 February and 15 March 2007. Documents were on display at various locations around the Borough and on the Council's website for a six week period. Selected Council Officers and stakeholders in each town centre have also been	Halton UDP; Runcorn Old Town and Halton Lea Draft Town Centre Strategies (Feb 2007); Runcorn Old Town and Halton Lea Town Centre Strategies Partnership Consultation Stage (Nov 2005); Sustainability Appraisal Pre Production	Phil Watts

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			consulted.	Scoping Reports (June 2005) - all from Neil Macfarlane at Rutland House, Halton Lea	
Decision on the provision of new grave space in Halton for 2015 onwards.	Executive Board	Not before 1st June, 2008	Clergy, funeral directors, memorial masons, cemetery users, residents, Members and bereavement service officers will be consulted via meetings and/or surveys.	None.	Dwayne Johnson
Approval of the Halton Multi-agency Parenting Support Strategy 2008-2011	Executive Board	Not before 1st July, 2008	Partner agencies within Children's Alliance – YOT, 3 rd Sector Partnership, Parent and Carer	Halton Children and Young People's Plan (available from Tilly Heigh);	Lorraine Butcher

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			Forum, PCT, and Local Authority Service representatives will all be consulted via a series of workshops and meetings.	Teenage Pregnancy Strategy (available from Tony Crane); Children in Need Strategy (available from Paul Boyce); and Childcare Strategy (available from Geraldine Derby) - all officers can be contacted at Grosvenor House	
Agreement on Phase 3 of the Children's Centre Development	Executive Board	Not before 1st July, 2008	The Alliance Board, children and families, and other strategic partnerships will be consulted verbally and in writing.	Sure Start Children's Centres: Phase 3 Planning and Delivery; and Childcare Act 2006 - both	Gerald Meehan

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				available from Geraldine Derby at Grosvenor House	
To establish Children's Trust arrangements by converting the Alliance Board to the Halton Children's Trust (arrangement) and to approve new working arrangements with the Halton and St Helens PCT	Executive Board	Not before 1st June, 2008	The PCT, Alliance Board, Voluntary Sector, Policy and Performance Board and NHS Staff will all be consulted via regular Partnership meetings and special events.	Children Act 2004; and Statutory Guidance on Inter-Agency Co-operation to Improve the Wellbeing of Children: Children's Trusts (DfES2005) - available from Ms Tilly Heigh; and National Service Framework for Children, Young People and Maternity Services	Gerald Meehan

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				(DoH2004); and Facing the Future: A Review of the Role of Health Visitors (DH2007) - available from Ms Janet McDonald, Halton and St Helens PCT	
Decision on Silver Jubilee Bridge Road User Charging Order	Executive Board	Not before 1st June, 2008	Pre-application public consultation has taken place and a report on the feedback is now available to the public. The Planning Application will lead to a statutory 16 week period where people can comment or object	SJB Road User Charging Order - available from Steve Nicholson	Steven Nicholson

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			on the scheme. (The Executive Board on 10 th April resolved to commence consultation on the proposed charging order.)		
Decision to confirm the Mersey Gateway TWA Application	Council	Not before 1st June, 2008	Pre-application public consultation has taken place and a report on the feedback is now available to the public. The Planning Application will lead to a statutory 16 week period where people can comment or object on the scheme. Further consultation	TWA Application Document - available from Steve Nicholson	Steven Nicholson

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			will take place after the TWA Application is made.		
Approval of the Primary School Capital Strategy	Executive Board	5 June 2008	Schools, Children's Centres, parents, dioceses, trusts and other promoters, Primary Care Trust and community health care providers, early years childcare providers, and potential promoters of new primary schools will all be consulted via a range of consultation meetings with key partners, verbal and written reports.	Every Child Matters: Primary Capital Programme - Primary Strategy for Change - available from Lorraine Cox, 3rd Floor Grosvenor House	Gerald Meehan

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To receive the outcome report from the Ofsted Inspection of Adoption Services. The inspection was carried out in March 2008 and has made an overall judgement of "Good". One statutory action is required and a number of recommendations made	Executive Board	5 June 2008	School governing meetings, consultation meetings and written responses. and body public	Ofsted Adoption Report - available on the Ofsted Website (contact Christine Taylor)	Gerald Meehan
Endorsement of Mersey Gateway Regeneration Strategy Options Report	Executive Board	Not before 1st June, 2008	Previous public consultation has taken place at the Issues and Options stage. The consultation used Halton's Local Development Framework consultation	Mersey Gateway Regeneration Strategy: Options Report; and Saved Policies of the Halton Unitary Development Plan - both available from Andrew Pannell, Rutland	Phil Watts

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			database. Letters were sent to interested parties and public exhibitions held.	House, Runcorn	
To formally adopt the Local Area Agreement prior to its submission to Government.	Executive Board	5 June 2008	The Local Area Agreement (LAA) has been drawn up in consultation with all the partners who are part of the Halton Strategic Partnership. The process has been ongoing since October 2007. Consultation has taken place through a variety of formal Board and Thematic Partnership meetings, and	Draft LAA State of Halton Report - available from Rob MacKenzie at Municipal Building	Rob Mackenzie

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			through a reference group made up of Lead Officers from all relevant partner organisations. Any person wishing to make representations about the matter should contact the lead officer in writing by Thursday, 29 th May 2008.		

NOTE

The following Members comprise the Executive Board:

Leader – Councillor McDermott

Deputy Leader and Planning, Transportation, Regeneration and Renewal Portfolio Holder – Councillor Polhill

Children and Young People Portfolio Holder – Councillor McInerney

Health and Social Care Portfolio Holder – Councillor Gerrard

Environment, Leisure and Sport Portfolio Holder – Councillor Harris

Community Portfolio Holder – Councillor Wright

European Affairs Portfolio Holder – Councillor D Cargill

Corporate Services Portfolio Holder – Councillor Wharton

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Quality and Performance Portfolio Holder – Councillor Swain
 Neighbourhood Management and Development Portfolio Holder – Councillor Nelson