# FORWARD PLAN

FOR THE PERIOD: 1 MARCH 2009 TO 30 JUNE 2009

#### 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.

Key Decision	Decision-maker	Date decision to	Those to be consulted	Relevant reports	Lead Officer (to
		be taken	& how	_	whom
	[For details, see			[i.e. any document	representations
	notes on final page]			relating to the	should be made)
				decision which are	
				available at the time	
				of publication of the	
				Forward Plan]	

Recommendation to Council that Core Strategy (Preferred Option Stage) Document is approved for public consultation.	Executive Board	Not before 1st March, 2009	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.		Phil Watts
To decide the Borough's	Executive Board	Not before 1st	Traders will be	Runcorn Old	Mick Noone

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future policy on parking management in the town centre		March, 2009	consulted via the Traders Forum. Representations should be in writing by 31 October 2008.	Access study; Widnes and Halton Lea	
Approval of publication of Draft Design of New Residential Development Supplementary Planning Document for public consultation	Executive Board Sub Committee	Not before 1st March, 2009	Previous 'Partnership Consultation' with selected Council officers. Public consultation will take place during March and April 2009. Documents will be on display at various locations around the Borough	Macfarlane); Draft Design of New Residential Development SPD; Draft Design of New Residential Development	Phil Watts

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			and on the Council's web site for a six week period.	Stage;	
Environmental Protection Act 1990 Part IIA - Contaminated Land - to consider the first four year review of the strategy for inspection of contaminated land published in 2001.	Strategic Director - Environment	Not before 1st March, 2009	Management Team, Safer Halton PPB, Urban Renewal PPB, Contaminated Land Working Panel. Via reports.	Report on findings so far, DETR Circular 02/2000 Contaminated Land, Contaminated Land: Strategy for Inspection (July 2001), Part IIA Environmental Protection Act 1990.	Dick Tregea
Adoption of Draft Town	Executive Board	Not before 1st	Public consultation	Halton UDP;	Phil Watts

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Centre Strategy Supplementary Planning Documents for Halton Lea and Runcorn Old Town		March, 2009	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 consulted.	Town and Halton Lea Draft Town Centre Strategies (Feb 2007); Runcorn Old Town and Halton Lea Town Centre Strategies	
Decision on the provision of new grave space in	Executive Board	Not before 1st March, 2009	Clergy, funeral directors, memorial	None.	Dwayne Johnson

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Halton for 2015 onward	ds.				service	residents, ers and vement e officers will onsulted via and/or			
Agreement on Phase 3 the Children's Centre Development	3 of	Executive	Board	before 1st rch, 2009	childre familie strate partne consu	es, and other gic erships will be	Children's Centres: Phase 3 Planning and	Geral	d Meehan
Decision on approaches to	Exec		Not befo	Consultatio taken plac		Child Health F Halton - availa	Profiles and Child He	alth in	Gerald Meehan

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tackling underlying causes of poor health of children in the Borough			2009	children young per partnership headteacher and the P Care through presentation meetings, workshops discussions	ers rimary Trust ns, and	http://www.nw	/ph.net/cayp/hi/profile	e.aspx	
Decision to approve the use of a Compulsory Purchase Order for lar assembly for land at Eddarbridge/West Band Dock Estate	nd	Council		before 1st rch, 2009	Bank 3MG's sector	with the s and iers of bridge/West Dock Estate. s private r partner "The rt Group" are	3MG Masterplan - available from Sally McDonald, Municipal Building	Sally	McDonald

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			discussions and have appointed agents G L Hearn to open negotiations. Every effort will be made to secure all the land and property required for 3MG without resorting to a CPO. However, in the event a CPO is necessary, a report will be taken to Executive Board to seek a formal resolution. All the statutory consultation requirements will be complied with.		
Children's Trust Arrangements including	Executive Board	Not before 1st March, 2009	PCT Acute Trusts, Children's Trust,	Children Act 2004; Statutory	Gerald Meehan

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Section 75 - Memo of Understanding			PPB, NHS Staff, Children and Young People Directorate and Health and Community Directorate will all	operation to Improve the Wellbeing of Children:	

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				and St Helens PCT	
Whether to support proposals to invest in a children in care placement strategy that will result in the development of a greater range of placements for children in care	Executive Board	Not before 1st March, 2009	Children in care, foster carers, the PCT, schools, PPB, chief officers' management team, and the Budget Planning Sub Committee will all be consulted. There will be formal presentation of the options and business case. Representations should be made to Christine Taylor by the end of September.	Tony Crane. Children in Care Strategy -	Chris Taylor
Decision on BSF Funding	Executive Board	Not before 1st	BSF Strategic	Funding	Gerald Meehan

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and Procurement		March, 2009	Board, BSF Finance and Procurement Workstream, Partnership for Schools, and secondary special governing bodies will all be consulted via meetings and reports. Representations should be made to Gerald Meehan, Strategic Director — Children and Young People, in writing by 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2009.	Strategy for Change Part 2 Guidance; BSF Strategic Board - Minutes; Outline Business Case for Guidance (for	
Adoption of the Ditton Strategic Rail Freight Park Supplementary Planning	Executive Board	Not before 1st March, 2009	Public consultation took place during November and	Saved Policies of the Halton UDP - available from	Phil Watts

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Document			December 2005. Documents were on display at various locations around the Borough and on the Council's website for a six week period. Representations should be made in writing by mail, fax or telephone.	Draft Ditton Strategic Rail Freight Park SPD (September 2005)	
Introduce a Choice Based Lettings Scheme (CBL) in line with the DCLG guidance	Executive Board	Not before 1st March, 2009	Registered Social Landlords and Elected Members will be consulted via the Halton Housing Partnership and an Elected Members' Seminar.	None at this stage. A report will be submitted following costs being available for the potential options.	Joanne Sutton

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Approve the Arts Strategy for Halton	Executive Board	Not before 1st March, 2009	The Employment, Learning and Skills Policy and Performance Board and the Cultural Partnership will both be consulted via meetings.	Draft Strategy - available from Howard Cockcroft at Runcorn Town Hall	Howard Cockcroft
Budget, Capital Programme and Council Tax for 2009/10	Council	4 March 2009	Consultation will be via Policy and Performance Board meetings and Area Forum meetings.	Committee Report to be available in due course.	Bill Dodd
BSF Secondary Re- organisation	Executive Board	Not before 1st March, 2009	Secondary and secondary special schools, Trade Unions, BSF Strategic Board and BSF Programme	Halton Stategy for Change Part 2 - available from Daniel Hennessy, BSF Programme Director, at	Gerald Meehan

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			Board will be consulted via meetings and reports. Any representations should be made to Gerald Meehan, Strategic Director – Children and Young People, in writing by 31st March 2009.	Grosvenor House	
Adoption of the Mersey Gateway Sustainable Transport Strategy (MGSTS)	Executive Board	1 March 2009	There has been wide ranging consultation undertaken with stakeholders including local authorities, residents associations and community forums, police, fire and rescue services,	available from	Steven Nicholson

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			train operators, transport interests, primary care trusts etc. The Draft MGSTS was posted to consultees requesting comments and feedback. The MGSTS that will be presented to the Executive Board will take account of the feedback received. Representations should be made to Steve Nicholson, Mersey Gateway Project Director, in writing by 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2009.		
Approval of Service Plans	Executive Board	Not before 1st	All Policy and	None.	David Parr

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for Council Services for the period 2009-12		March, 2009	Performance Boards will be consulted. Any other person who wishes to make representations to the Executive Board about the matter should contact the Chief Executive in writing.		
Updated Local Area Agreement	Executive Board	Not before 5th March, 2009	Halton Strategic Partnership through consideration at Board meetings and specialist strategic partnerships; residents through 2007 telephone survey "Consulting the Communities of Halton".	None.	Rob Mackenzie

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Mid Term Review of Sustainable Community Strategy	Executive Board	Not before 1st March, 2009	Halton Strategic Partnership Board will receive a presentation prior to the decision being made. Any person who wishes to make representations to the Executive Board (or decision taker) about the matter should contact Rob MacKenzie on 0151 471 7416 in writing 31 January 2009	Sustainable Community Strategy - available from Rob Mackenzie, Municipal Buildings, Kingsway, Widnes  State of the Borough Report 0 Draft Revised Sustainable	Rob Mackenzie

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Approval of Halton Local Development Scheme 2009 (LDS) for Submissions to the Secretary of State	Executive Board	Not before 1st March, 2009	Selected Council Officers and Members will be consulted. There is no public consultation on the Local Development Scheme because it sets the work programme for preparing the Halton Local Development Framework for the next three years. However, it details future dates for public consultation upon documents that make up the Halton Local Development Framework.	Development Scheme 2007; Halton Annual Monitoring Report - both available from Anne Moyers at Rutland House,	Phil Watts

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To review the social work provision following the death of Baby P in Haringey	Executive Board	Not before 1st March, 2009	A presentation of the review will be made to the Halton Safeguarding Children Board (HSCB) and the Halton Children Trust (CT), and to front line staff in Halton in workshop form.	Halton post Baby P - available from Paul Boyce at Grosvenor House,	Gerald Meehan
Approval of publication of Draft Provision of open Space Supplementary Planning Document for public consultation	Executive Board Sub Committee	Not before 1st March, 2009	Previous "Partnership Consultation" with selected Council officers. Two previous stages of public consultation: July/September 2006; and February/March 2007.	Neil Macfarlane; Drafts of Provision of Open Space	Phil Watts

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			Public consultation will take place during March/April 2009. Documents will be on display at various locations around the Borough and on the Council's web site for a six week period.	Rachel Apter at	
Approval of publication of Draft Runcorn Town Centre Supplementary Planning Document for public consultation	Executive Board Sub Committee	Not before 1st March, 2009	Previous "Partnership Consultation" with selected Council officers, Members and external stakeholders has taken place. Previous public consultation (smaller area		Phil Watts

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			coverage) also took place in February 2007.  Further public consultation will take place during March/April 2009. Documents will be on display at various locations around the Borough and on the Council's web site for a six week period.	Sustainability Appraisal Pre Production Scoping Report - available from Rachel Winstanley at Rutland House,	
Approval of publication of Draft Southern Widnes Regeneration Action Area Supplementary Planning Document for public consultation	Executive Board Sub Committee	Not before 1st March, 2009	Previous "Partnership Consultation" with selected Council officers, Members and external stakeholders has	Neil Macfarlane;	Phil Watts

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			taken place. Public consultation will take place during March/April 2009. Documents will be on display at various locations around the Borough and on the Council's web site for a six week period.	Draft Southern Widnes Regeneration Action Area SPD Partnership Consultation Stage; Sustainability Appraisal Pre	
To incorporate the Transport Implementation	Council	22 April 2009	No formal consultation will	Letter from DfT, dated 27/11/07;	Phil Cornthwaite

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Programme 2009/10 into the Council's 2009/10 Capital Programme; to carry forward Borrowing Power approvals to facilitate a re-profiling of works associated with the Primary Route Network (PRN) Bridge Streng			take place. However, anyone who wishes to make representations should do so in writing by 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2009.	Correspondence on PRN funding - available from Phil Cornthwaite and Mike Bennett	
Endorsement of the Borough's Homelessness Strategy 2009-2013	Executive Board	Not before 1st March, 2009	Council staff, Registered Social Landlords, Halton residents, partner agencies attending the Borough's Homelessness Forum, and relevant Council Policy and	Homelessness Strategy 2009- 2011 - available	Terry Upton

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			Performance Boards will be consulted via e- mail, Council meetings and the Council's web site.		

#### 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

Quality and Performance Portfolio Holder - Councillor Swain

Neighbourhood Management and Development Portfolio Holder - Councillor Nelson