

# **F O R W A R D   P L A N**

## ***FOR THE PERIOD : 1 SEPTEMBER 2010 TO 31 DECEMBER 2010***

### ***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 0303 333 4300. 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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### Leader's Portfolio

Mersey Gateway Additional Funding Approval granted by Ministers	Mersey Gateway Executive Board	Not before 1st September, 2010	The Coalition Government has announced that the funding for Mersey Gateway will be reviewed as part of the Comprehensive Spending Review to determine the budget for Government departments over the next three years. The Council will need to consider the outcome of this review with the aim of securing Conditional Funding Approval from the new Government.	Mersey Gateway Executive Sub Committee Report 17 June 2010 and minutes	Steven Nicholson

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### Physical Environment Portfolio

For the Council to enter into a Development Agreement with Network Rail for the delivery of the 3MG Rail connection.	3MG Executive Sub Board	Not before 1st October, 2010	The Council is seeking professional advice from experts in the field of Development Agreements from Property Agents, Lawyers and Rail Professionals. The Council will protect its interests at all times whilst achieving one of the key objectives of the 3MG.	3MG Master Plan, available from Sally McDonald, Municipal Building, Widnes.	Sally McDonald
For the Council to enter into a Development Agreement with the preferred developer for the development of HBC Field	3MG Executive Sub Board	Not before 1st October, 2010	The Council is seeking professional advice from experts in the area of	3MG Master Plan, available from Sally McDonald, Municipal Building, Widnes	Dick Tregoe

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			Development Agreements from Property Agents, Lawyers and Rail Professionals. The Council will protect its interests at all times whilst achieving one of the key objectives of 3MG.		
Approval of publication of Draft Design of New Residential Development Supplementary Planning Document for public consultation	Executive Board Sub Committee	Not before 1st September, 2010	Previous 'Partnership Consultation' with selected Council officers. Documents will be on display at various locations around the Borough and on the Council's web site for a six week period.	Saved Policies of the Halton UDP ; Draft Design of New Residential Development SPD; Draft Design of New Residential Development SPD Partnership Consultation Stage;	Phil Watts

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				Sustainability Appraisal Pre Production Scoping Report - from Glen Henry at Rutland House	
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 September, 2010	Management Team, Safer Halton PPB, Urban Renewal PPB, Contaminated Land Working Panel.	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 Tregear
Adoption of Draft Town Centre Strategy Supplementary Planning	Executive Board	Not before 1st October, 2010	Public consultation has taken place between 1 February	Halton UDP; Runcorn Old Town and Halton	Phil Watts

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Documents for Halton Lea and Runcorn Old Town			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.	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 Scoping Reports (June 2005)	
Approval of publication of Draft Southern Widnes Regeneration Action Area Supplementary Planning Document for public consultation	Executive Board	Not before 1st October, 2010	Previous "Partnership Consultation" with selected Council officers, Members and external stakeholders has taken place.	Saved Policies of the Halton UDP - Draft of Southern Widnes Regeneration Action Area SPD; Draft Southern Widnes	Phil Watts

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				Regeneration Action Area SPD Partnership Consultation Stage; Sustainability Appraisal Pre Production Scoping Report (combined with Mersey Gateway Regeneration Strategy) - available from Rachel Winstanley at Rutland House, Halton Lea	

**Children Young People and Families Portfolio**

To give permission to The Bankfield School to apply for Presumption and the development of a Post 16	Executive Board	18 November 2010	Schools and Riverside College; Young people; Unions;	Raising the Participation Age: supporting local areas to deliver	Strategic Director - Children & Young People

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Centre			Businesses; Communities; 14-19 partnership; Dioceses; Primary Care Trust; Representations should be made to the Strategic Director Children and Young People.	DCSF 2009 <a href="http://www.dcsf.gov.uk">www.dcsf.gov.uk</a> ; Expanding a maintained mainstream school by enlarging or adding a sixth form - a guide for local authorities and governing bodies; <a href="http://www.dscf.gov.uk">www.dscf.gov.uk</a>	
Redesign of Residential Services	Executive Board	9 September 2010	Children who live in the home; local residents where the home is situated; staff affected by the closure.  Representations should be submitted in writing	Children in Care Placement Strategy; Executive Board report available on the Council's website	Strategic Director - Children & Young People



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			to Gerald Meehan, Strategic Director, Children and Young People before the end of June 2010.		
BSF Approval	Executive Board  Executive Board		Partnerships for Schools, Schools, Governors, Resources, Adults and Community.	Executive Board reports on school organisation and BSF - Halton Borough Council website; BSF website.	
Annual Review of the Children and Young People Plan 2009-2011	Executive Board	9 September 2010	All Members of Halton's Children's Trust Key Elected Members  Representations should be submitted to Gerald	Copy of the Children and Young People Plan Review and Policy documents	

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			Meehan, Strategic Director Children and Young People in writing by 30 June 2010.		
BSF Tender - Approval of Preferred Bidder	Executive Board		Partnerships for Schools, Schools, Resources and Health and Community.	Executive Board report on award for BSF Preferred Bidder; Summary of Bid documents and evaluation	
Coalition Government Education Proposal - The Structure for the Development of Learning and Achievement across Halton	Executive Board	Not before 18th October, 2010	Schools and Riverside College 14-19 Partnership Children's Trust Dioceses  Representations should be made in writing to Gerald Meehan, Strategic	Academies Bill, available for inspection from Grosvenor House, Halton Lea, Runcorn WA7 2WD	

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			Director by 31 July 2010.		
To receive Halton Safeguarding Children Board (HSCB) Annual Report 2009/10 and Business Plan 2010/11	Executive Board	23 September 2010	Children and Families in the Borough  Representations should be made in writing to Gerald Meehan, Strategic Director by the end of August 2010.	Halton Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2009/10; HSCB Business Plan 2010/11	
Decision on Post 16 planning provision from HBC strategic commissioning role to meet statutory requirement under section 41 of the Apprenticeship Skills and Learning Bill (ASCL)	Executive Board	27 January 2011	Members of the Strategic Partnership through face to face meetings and written feedback in response to findings of the post 16 Strategic	14-19 Strategic Commissioning Plan, available from Grosvenor House, Halton Lea, Runcorn	

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			<p>Commissioning Statement.</p> <p>Any person who wishes to make representations should contact Simon Clough, Grosvenor House, Halton Lea, Runcorn in writing by 3 December 2010.</p>		

**Resources Portfolio**

Amend the 2010/11 Budget as a result of the Government reducing grants to the Council	Council	1 September 2010	Executive Board and Trades Unions. Any person who wishes to make representations to the Executive Board (or decision taker) about the matters should	Report to Council Government Announcements	
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**NOTE**

***The following Members comprise the Executive Board:***

- Leader – Councillor Polhill
- Deputy Leader and Resources Portfolio Holder – Councillor Wharton
- Children, Young People and Families Portfolio Holder – Councillor Swain
- Health and Adults Portfolio Holder – Councillor Gerrard
- Neighbourhood, Leisure and Sport Portfolio Holder – Councillor Harris
- Community Safety Portfolio Holder – Councillor D. Cargill
- Environmental Sustainability Portfolio Holder – Councillor Nelson
- Economic Development Portfolio Holder – Councillor Jones
- Physical Environment Portfolio Holder – Councillor McInerney
- Transportation Portfolio Holder – Councillor Stockton