

F O R W A R D P L A N

FOR THE PERIOD: 1 AUGUST 2011 TO 30 NOVEMBER 2011

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 August, 2011	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

Approval of publication of Draft Design of New Residential Development Supplementary Planning Document for public consultation	Executive Board Sub Committee	Not before 1st September, 2011	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; Sustainability Appraisal Pre Production Scoping Report - from Glen Henry at Rutland House	Tim Gibbs
Environmental Protection Act 1990 Part IIA - Contaminated Land - to	Executive Board	Not before 1st December, 2011	Management Team, Safer PPB, Environment and	Report on findings so far, DETR Circular 02/2000	Tim Gibbs

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consider the first four year review of the strategy for inspection of contaminated land published in 2001.			Urban Renewal PPB,	Contaminated Land, 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 December, 2011	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	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	Tim Gibbs

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			each town centre have also been consulted.	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 September, 2011	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 Regeneration Action Area SPD Partnership Consultation Stage; Sustainability Appraisal Pre Production Scoping Report (combined with Mersey Gateway	Tim Gibbs

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				Regeneration Strategy) - available from Rachel Winstanley at Rutland House, Halton Lea	
Core Strategy	Council	20 July 2011	None before decision is taken. The Core Strategy has been subject to several rounds of public and stakeholder consultation, the latest of which was the 'publication' of the Proposed Submission Draft which was subject to an 8 week consultation period between 29	Halton Core Strategy Submission Draft; Halton Core Strategy Sustainability Assessment (SA); Halton Core Strategy Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA); Halton Core Strategy Equalities Impact Assessment; Halton Core	Tim Gibbs

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			November 2010 and 24 January 2011. Any person wishing to make representations should do so in writing to Tim Gibbs.	Strategy Health Impact Assessment; Halton Core Strategy Consultation Statement. Documents available from Tim Gibbs	
Waste DPD	Executive Board Council	Not before 1st October, 2011 Not before 1st November, 2011		The Core Strategy and supporting documents available from Tim Gibbs	

Children Young People and Families Portfolio

To give permission to The Bankfield School to apply for Presumption and the	Executive Board	22 September 2011	Schools and Riverside College; Young people;	Raising the Participation Age: supporting local	Strategic Director - Children and Enterprise

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development of a Post 16 Centre			Unions; Businesses; Communities; 14-19 partnership; Dioceses; Primary Care Trust; Representations should be made to the Strategic Director Children and Enterprise.	areas to deliver DCSF 2009 www.dcsf.gov.uk ; Expanding a maintained mainstream school by enlarging or adding a sixth form - a guide for local authorities and governing bodies; www.dscf.gov.uk	
Children and Young People's Plan 2011-14	Council	20 July 2011	Wide ranging public and stakeholder consultation from October 2010 will be undertaken at various stages in the Children and Young People's Plan development	A draft Children and Young People's Plan document available from Tim Gibbs early 2011	

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			process. Any person wishing to make representations should do so in writing to Tim Gibbs.		
Halton Child and Family Poverty Strategy	Executive Board	Not before 1st September, 2011	Children Young People and Families and Corporate Policy and Performance Boards; Halton Strategic Partnership; Children's Trust; staff and partner agencies. Attendance at relevant meetings to present and	2010 Child Poverty Needs Assessment, available from Neil McSweeney at Municipal Building, Kingsway, Widnes	Tim Gibbs

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			<p>discuss individual meetings with users of the services.</p> <p>Any person wishing to make representations should do so in writing to Tim Gibbs.</p>		

Sustainable School Travel Policy 2011/12 Academic Year	Executive Board	8 September 2011		Executive Board Report and Sustainable School Travel Policy 2011	Strategic Director - Children and Enterprise

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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 Wright

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