

F O R W A R D P L A N

FOR THE PERIOD : 1 SEPTEMBER 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 September, 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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Detailed funding proposals for Mersey Gateway	Mersey Gateway Executive Board	22 September 2011	Any person wishing to make representations should do so in writing to Steve Nicholson, Project Director, Mersey Gateway.	None.	Steven Nicholson

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	Tim Gibbs
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				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.	Executive Board	Not before 1st December, 2011	Management Team, Safer PPB, Environment and Urban Renewal PPB,	Report on findings so far, DETR Circular 02/2000 Contaminated Land, Contaminated Land: Strategy for Inspection (July 2001), Part IIA Environmental Protection Act 1990.	Tim Gibbs
Adoption of Draft Town Centre Strategy Supplementary Planning Documents for Halton Lea	Executive Board	Not before 1st December, 2011	Public consultation has taken place between 1 February and 15 March 2007.	Halton UDP; Runcorn Old Town and Halton Lea Draft Town	Tim Gibbs

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and Runcorn Old Town			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.	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 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	Tim Gibbs

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				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	
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	

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Children Young People and Families Portfolio

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To give permission to The Bankfield School to apply for Presumption and the development of a Post 16 Centre	Executive Board	22 September 2011	Schools and Riverside College; Young people; Unions; Businesses; Communities; 14-19 partnership; Dioceses; Primary Care Trust; Representations should be made to the Strategic Director Children and Enterprise.	Raising the Participation Age: supporting local 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	Strategic Director - Children and Enterprise
Halton Child and Family Poverty Strategy	Executive Board	Not before 1st October, 2011	Children Young People and Families and	2010 Child Poverty Needs Assessment,	Tim Gibbs

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			<p>Corporate Policy and Performance Boards; Halton Strategic Partnership; Children's Trust; staff and partner agencies.</p> <p>Attendance at relevant meetings to present and 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>	available from Neil McSweeney at Municipal Building, Kingsway, Widnes	

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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
Capital Team	Executive Board	3 November 2011	<p>A number of options will be developed to demonstrate how the shortfall in Primary places can be accommodated. These options will be discussed with the schools concerned and shared with the Archdiocese. Feedback from these meetings will be shared with the Executive Board.</p> <p>Any person wishing</p>	None.	Ann McIntyre

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			to make representations should do so in writing to Ann McIntyre or Katrina Hall at Grosvenor House, Halton Lea, Runcorn by 1 October 2011.		
Response to the James Review Priority School Building Project	Executive Board	Not before 1st September, 2011	Schools meeting Condition criteria. Any person wishing to make representations should do so in writing to Ann McIntyre or Katrina Hall, Grosvenor House, Halton Lea, Runcorn, by 1 September 2011.	Sebastian James' Review of Education Capital - 8 April 2011 Priority School Building Programme letter from Partnerships for Schools dated 19 July 2011	Ann McIntyre

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Allocation of European Social Fund Funding to Private Sector Providers	Executive Board Executive Board	22 September 2011 17 November 2011	Colleagues and services within Children and Enterprise, Communities and Policy and Resources Directorates will be consulted. Any persons wishing to make representations should do so in writing to Gerald Meehan, Strategic Director Children and Enterprise by 30 August 2011.	Reports available from Julie Karmy (julie.karmy@halt on.gov.uk) from 19 August 2011	Strategic Director - Children and Enterprise

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Health and Adults Portfolio

Creation of Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board for Halton (ahead of formal implementation in April 2013)	Dwayne Johnson Strategic Director, Communities	Between 1 September 2011 and 1 December 2011	<p>Consultation has already taken place with key stakeholders including Halton Health Partnership, GP Consortia leads, the Health PPB, Executive Board Sub Committee, Chief Officers Management Team, Interim Director of Public Health, Medical Director (PCT), Halton and St Helens VCA.</p> <p>Any person wishing to make representations should do so in</p>	Health and Wellbeing Board report including Appendix 1 - Terms of Reference and Appendix 2 - Early Implementer Letter available from the Strategic Director, Communities	Dwayne Johnson
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			writing to Dwayne Johnson, Strategic Director, Communities, at Halton Borough Council Municipal Building, Kingsway, Widnes by 30 September 2011.		
Public Health Re-organisation of services to the Local Authority	Executive Board (Interim report) Executive Board (Final report)	Between 1 November 2011 and 29 February 2012 Before 31 December 2012	Health PPB, Children, Young People and Families PPB NHS Partner Organisations and staff. Attendance at relevant meetings to present and discuss the key issues. Any person wishing to make	Documents will be available during the consultation process.	Dwayne Johnson

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			representations about this matter should contact Dwayne Johnson, Strategic Director, Communities in writing at Halton Borough Council, Municipal Building, Kingsway, Widnes by 1 December 2011.		

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

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