

F O R W A R D P L A N

FOR THE PERIOD : 1 JUNE 2014 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2014

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.

**FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS FOR THE PERIOD
1 JUNE 2014 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2014**

	MATTER TO BE DECIDED	DECISION MAKER AND DATE	
1	School Governance Strategy	Executive Board	12 June 2014
2	Children's Social Work Reform and Service Restructure	Executive Board	12 June 2014
3	Foster Care Allowances	Executive Board	12 June 2014
4	Integrated Health and Social Care Physical and Sensory Disability Strategy 2014-2019	Executive Board	12 June 2014

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Children Young People and Families Portfolio

School Governance Strategy	Executive Board 12 June 2014	To approve the Local Authority's School Governance Strategy, which demonstrates Halton's commitment to supporting and strengthening leadership, management and governance within Halton's schools.		Statutory Guidance on the School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2012; The School Governance (Roles, Procedures and Allowances) (England) Regulations 2013; the Dept for Education Governors' Handbook for Governors in Maintained Schools, Academies and Free Schools. All documents are available for inspection at Rutland House, Runcorn	Martin West martin.west@halton.gov.uk
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Children's Social Work Reform and Service Restructure	Executive Board 12 June 2014	To approve the service restructure for children's social work services and the proposed funding arrangements including access to the Council's contingency fund.	<p>Staff through a number of workshops; Trade Unions through steering group and workshops; Children and young people via Involve and Children in Care Council in person.</p> <p>Any person wishing to make comments should do so in writing to Gerald Meehan, Strategic Director, Children and Enterprise, Municipal Building, Kingsway, Widnes by 20 May 2014.</p>	The Munro Review of Child Protection; Social Care Annual Report 2012/13 Ofsted.	Tracey Coffey tracey.coffey@halton.gov.uk
Foster Care Allowances	Executive Board 12 June 2014	To endorse a revised scheme for the payment of Foster Care Allowances and a revised means test for assessment of Special Guardianship	Foster Carers via the Foster Care Forum, support group, individual discussions and newsletter.	Appendices which will be attached to the report	Christine Taylor christine.taylor@halton.gov.uk

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		Allowances.			

Health and Wellbeing Portfolio

Integrated Health and Social Care Physical and Sensory Disability Strategy 2014-2019	Executive Board 12 June 2014	Development of an Integrated Health and Social Care Physical and Sensory Disability Strategy 2014-2019.	<p>Consultation will be undertaken with local people and community groups through a range of opportunities including customer and carer support groups, service specific forums and open public engagement. Local health and social care providers, clinicians and other professionals will also be invited to contribute.</p> <p>A defined period and methods for consultation will be set once the draft strategy is available for comment.</p>	Halton's Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2012-2015 which is available for inspection from Liz Gladwyn at Runcorn Town Hall, Runcorn	Liz Gladwyn liz.gladwyn@halton.gov.uk
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NOTE

The following Members comprise the Executive Board:

Leader – Councillor Polhill

Resources Portfolio Holder – Councillor Wharton

Children, Young People and Families Portfolio Holder – Councillor Philbin

Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder – Councillor Wright

Community and Sport Portfolio Holder – Councillor Harris

Community Safety Portfolio Holder – Councillor D. Cargill

Environmental Services Portfolio Holder – Councillor Nelson

Economic Development Portfolio Holder – Councillor Jones

Physical Environment Portfolio Holder – Councillor R. Hignett

Transportation Portfolio Holder – Councillor J. Stockton