

# **F O R W A R D   P L A N**

## **FOR THE PERIOD : 1 DECEMBER 2021 TO 31 MARCH 2022**

### ***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 DECEMBER 2021 TO 31 MARCH 2022**

	<b>MATTER TO BE DECIDED</b>	<b>DECISION MAKER AND DATE</b>	
1	Determination of Council Tax	Council	8 December 2021
2	Initial Budget Proposals 2022/23	Council	8 December 2021
3	Approval of the Main Modifications and minor amendments to the Delivery and Allocations Local Plan, including Policies Map for a formal period of public consultation pursuant to the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012	Council	8 December 2021
4	Halton Micro Grid	Executive Board	9 December 2021
5	School Capital Programme 2022-23	Executive Board	20 January 2022
6	School Admission Arrangements 2023	Executive Board	20 January 2022

Key Decision	Decision-Maker and Date	Brief Summary of Decision to be Taken	Consultees and Consultation method	Relevant Background Reports	Lead Officer Contact Details
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### Corporate Services

Determination of Council Tax	Council 8 December 2021	Approve the 2022/23 council tax base for the Borough.	N/A	N/A	Ed Dawson <a href="mailto:ed.dawson@halton.gov.uk">ed.dawson@halton.gov.uk</a>
Initial Budget Proposals 2022/23	Council 8 December 2021	Approve the initial set of revenue budget proposals for 2022/23.	N/A	N/A	Ed Dawson <a href="mailto:ed.dawson@halton.gov.uk">ed.dawson@halton.gov.uk</a>

### Environment and Urban Renewal

Approval of the Main Modifications and minor amendments to the Delivery and Allocations Local Plan, including Policies Map for a formal period of public consultation pursuant to the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012	Council 8 December 2021	The Delivery and Allocations Local Plan was submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination in March 2020. The Examination process has identified a number of issues that need to be resolved by 'Main Modifications' to the Plan. These are changes that	N/A  Permission is being sought for formal consultation on modifications to the draft Plan.	Halton Unitary Development Plan (April 2005)  Halton Core Strategy Local Plan – (April 2013)  National Planning Policy Framework and Technical Guidance (March 2012)  The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England)	Alasdair Cross <a href="mailto:alasdair.cross@halton.gov.uk">alasdair.cross@halton.gov.uk</a>
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		are required for the Plan to be found 'sound' which would allow the Council to move to adopt the plan. These main modifications, together with additional modifications that do not go to soundness, need to be subject to formal public consultation for a period not less than 6 weeks in compliance with regulations and the adopted Statement of Community Involvement.		Regulations 2012 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 Inspectors' letter of Initial Findings. All documents available from Planning & Transport Strategy 0151-551-7662 Forward.Planning@halton.gov.uk	

### Climate Change

Halton Micro Grid	Executive Board 9 December 2021	To seek approval for the development of a smart micro grid that that would seek to	N/A	N/A	Jim Yates <a href="mailto:Jim.yates@halton.gov.uk">Jim.yates@halton.gov.uk</a>
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		<p>decarbonise the Council's building electricity, heating and transport via the culmination of several technologies.</p> <p>The project will increase the total installed capacity to 5.1MW and connect the additional solar PV generators and building loads via the installation of a High Voltage ring between the following Council sites in central Widnes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Halton Stadium, Lower House Lane, Widnes WA8 7DZ</li> <li>• The Municipal Offices, Kingsway, Widnes WA8 7QF</li> </ul>			

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The New HBC Leisure Centre, Ellis Street, Widnes, WA8 7AP</li> <li>The Lower House Lane Depot, WA8 7AW</li> </ul>			

### Children and Young People

School Capital Programme 2022-23	Executive Board 20 January 2022	To approve the proposed Capital Programme for works to be undertaken at a number of Halton schools/educational establishments during the 2022-23 financial year.	N/A	Schools Capital Funding Allocations – Department for Education can be viewed at 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, Rutland House, Halton Lea, Runcorn WA7 2ES.	Martin West <a href="mailto:martin.west@halton.gov.uk">martin.west@halton.gov.uk</a>
School Admission Arrangements 2023	Executive Board 20 January 2022	To approve the Council's School Admissions Policy for the September 2023 intake for all community and voluntary controlled schools for which the Local Authority is the admission	Statutory consultation is undertaken for a 6 week period commencing no earlier than 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2021 and must be completed by no later than 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2022.	A report will be submitted to the Council's Executive Board seeking approval for the proposed admissions policy and co-ordinated primary and secondary	Martin West <a href="mailto:martin.west@halton.gov.uk">martin.west@halton.gov.uk</a>

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		<p>authority, and to approve the Co-ordinated Admissions Schemes for all primary and secondary schools in the Borough.</p>	<p>Halton is consulting from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 to 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Consultation is undertaken via a comprehensive consultation document on the Council's website for parents and carers to access. The consultation is also issued via the Local Authority Circular to all primary and secondary schools. Neighbouring local authorities, academy schools (who are their own admission authority) and the Diocesan authorities representing voluntary aided schools in Halton are also consulted.</p> <p>Representations</p>	<p>schemes. All documentation will be attached as appendices to the Executive Board report.</p>	

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			can only be made as part of the statutory consultation process and all consultees are aware of the deadline which is 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2021. Once the arrangements are determined, objections can then only be made to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator within the prescribed timescale.		

**NOTE**

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

- Leader – Councillor Wharton
- Deputy Leader – Councillor Thompson
- Corporate Services Portfolio Holder – Councillor Dennett
- Children and Young People Portfolio Holder – Councillor T McInerney
- Adult Social Care Portfolio Holder – Councillor J. Lowe
- Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder – Councillor Wright
- Community Safety Portfolio Holder – Councillor M. Lloyd Jones
- Environmental and Urban Renewal Portfolio Holder – Councillor Nelson
- Employment, Learning and Skills, and Community Portfolio Holder – Councillor Nolan
- Climate Change Portfolio Holder – Councillor Harris