

F O R W A R D P L A N

FOR THE PERIOD : 1 JANUARY 2023 TO 30 APRIL 2023

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 JANUARY 2023 TO 30 APRIL 2023**

	MATTER TO BE DECIDED	DECISION MAKER AND DATE	
1	Budget Development Proposals 2023/24 to 2025/26	Council	1 February 2023
2	Budget 2023/24	Council	8 March 2023
3	Resource Implications of the Adult Social Care Charging Reforms	Executive Board	19 January 2023
4	Halton Borough Council and NHS Cheshire & Merseyside (Halton Place) : Joint Working Agreement	Executive Board	16 March 2023
5	School Admission Arrangements 2024	Executive Board	19 January 2023
6	School Capital Programme 2023-24	Executive Board	19 January 2023
7	Children and Young People's Speech and Language Therapy: Recommissioning of Contract	Executive Board	19 January 2023

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Leader's Portfolio

Budget Development Proposals 2023/24 to 2025/26	Council 1 February 2023	To seek approval to the transformation programme and budget proposals covering the period 2023/24 to 2025/26.	N/A	N/A	Ed Dawson 0151 511 7965 ed.dawson@halton.gov.uk
Budget 2023/24	Council 8 March 2023	To seek approval for the Council's revenue budget, capital programme and council tax for 2023/24.	Chamber of Commerce	N/A	Ed Dawson ed.dawson@halton.gov.uk

Adult Social Care Portfolio

Resource Implications of the Adult Social Care Charging Reforms	Executive Board 19 January 2023	Allocation of funds to provide resources, staffing and IT infrastructure, to meet the increased demands placed on the local authority to comply with the Government funding reforms for adult social care. This includes personnel resource to fulfil additional Care Act	None – legislative requirement. Any representations need to be made in writing to Sue Wallace-Bonner, Director of Adult Services, no later than 5 October 2022.	N/A	Sue Wallace-Bonner 0151 511 8825 Susan.wallace-bonner@halton.gov.uk
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		social care needs assessments and associated financial assessments, and IT systems to record progression towards the Care Cap, amongst other new requirements.			
Halton Borough Council and NHS Cheshire & Merseyside (Halton Place) : Joint Working Agreement	Executive Board 16 March 2023	<p>The current Joint Working Agreement (JWA) between Halton Borough Council (HBC) and *NHS Cheshire & Merseyside took effect on 1st April 2020 and is due to expire 31st March 2023.</p> <p>This report proposes an extension to the current JWA for a period of 12 months. This allows for a full review of the JWA by the Integrated Care Board (ICB)</p>	Prior to coming to Executive Board, the extension will be considered by the One Halton Adults Finance Sub Group and One Halton Finance & Performance Sub-Committee (with senior representatives from both HBC and ICB) whose role it is to ensure that an integrated system is developed and appropriately managed thus ensuring that the resources available to both Health and Social Care,	N/A	Sue Wallace-Bonner 0151 511 8825 Susan.wallace-bonner@halton.gov.uk

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		and HBC. The extended JWA will be updated to reference the new governance arrangements in place, which came into force during 2022/23.	including the Better Care Fund, are effectively used in the commissioning of delivery of personalised, responsive and holistic care to those who are most in need within our community.		

Children and Young People Portfolio

School Admission Arrangements 2024	Executive Board 19 January 2023	To approve the Council's School Admissions Policy for the September 2024 intake for all community and voluntary controlled schools for which the Local Authority is the admission authority, and to approve the Co-ordinated Admissions Schemes for all primary and secondary schools in the Borough.	Statutory consultation is undertaken for a 6 week period commencing no earlier than 1 October 2022 and must be completed by no later than 31 January 2023. Halton is consulting from 3 October 2022 to 11 November 2022. Consultation is undertaken via a comprehensive consultation document on the Council's website for parents and carers to access. The consultation is also	A report will be submitted to the Council's Executive Board seeking approval for the proposed admissions policy and co-ordinated primary and secondary schemes. All documentation will be attached as appendices to the Executive Board report.	Martin West 0151 511 7378 martin.west@halton.gov.uk
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			<p>issued to Chairs of Governors and Head Teachers of all Halton schools via the Strategic Director's Termly Report to Governors.</p> <p>Neighbouring local authorities, academy schools and voluntary aided schools (who are their own admission authority) and the Diocesan authorities representing voluntary aided schools in Halton are also consulted.</p> <p>Any representations can only be made as part of the statutory consultation process.</p>		
School Capital Programme 2023-24	Executive Board 19 January 2023	To approve the proposed Capital Programme for works to be undertaken at a number of Halton schools/educational establishments during the 2023-24 financial year.	N/A	Schools Capital Funding Applications – DfE, can be viewed 2 nd Floor, Rutland House, Shopping City, Runcorn, WA7 2ES	Martin West 0151 511 7378 martin.west@halton.gov.uk

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Children and Young People's Speech and Language Therapy: Recommissioning of Contract	Executive Board 19 January 2023	To approve the recommissioning of Children and Young People's Speech and Language Therapy in partnership with NHS Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board in 2023. NHS Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board is in agreement with jointly recommissioning the service.	A stakeholder engagement and consultation timetable is in progress with parents and carers, young people, schools and settings, and partner services, with a view to co-producing the service specification and shaping the new provision.	A report will be submitted to the Council's Executive Board seeking approval for the proposed recommissioning of the Children and Young People's Speech and Language Therapy Service. All documentation will be attached as appendices to the Executive Board report.	Julie Karmy 0151 511 7323 Julie.karmy@halton.gov.uk

NOTE

The following Members comprise the Executive Board:

Leader – Councillor Wharton

Deputy Leader – Councillor Thompson

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