

F O R W A R D P L A N

FOR THE PERIOD: 1 JULY 2025 TO 31 OCTOBER 2025

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 JULY 2025 TO 31 OCTOBER 2025**

	MATTER TO BE DECIDED	DECISION MAKER AND DATE	
1	Property Pool Plus Policy Amendments	Executive Board	10 July 2025
2	Halton Based Respite Care Service In Halton	Executive Board	10 July 2025
3	Community Meals: Review and Future Options	Executive Board	10 July 2025
4	Accommodation Review Update and Next Steps	Executive Board	10 July 2025
5	Kingsway Quarter Redevelopment Widnes	Executive Board	10 July 2025

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Health and Wellbeing Portfolio

Property Pool Plus Policy Amendments	Executive Board 10 July 2025	To seek approval for the implementation of several changes to the Property Pool Plus Housing Allocations Scheme. The identified changes will ensure the policy is current and compliant with legislation. Property Pool Plus is an LCR Allocations policy, whereby, each of the relevant Local Authorities will be seeking approval from respective management boards.	N/A	Property Pool Plus Allocations Policy (Contact Lead Officer)	Executive Director of Adult Services Susan.wallace-bonner@halton.gov.uk
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Adult and Social Care Portfolio

Halton Based Respite Care Service In Halton	Executive Board 10 July 2025	Board approval is sought for the granting of an extension to the current contract in place for the	N/A	None	Damian Nolan damian.nolan@halton.gov.uk
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		provision of the Home-Based Respite Care Service in Halton, to be delivered by Care at Home Group Limited for a further 2-year period from 19 th October 2025 to 18 th October 2027.			
Community Meals: Review and Future Options	Executive Board 10 July 2025	Approval from Executive Board to cease provision of a community meals service during 2025/26 due to financial unsustainability, during which time, Adult Social Care will identify alternative options for residents currently receiving community meals via Halton Borough Council.	Executive Board was previously consulted and granted approval on 15 th September 2022 for Halton Borough Council to continue to deliver a community meals service, on the basis that the service would financially break even.	Executive Board Report, 15 th September 2022 'Community Meals: Re-commissioning Options'	Damian Nolan damian.nolan@halton.gov.uk

Deputy Leader Portfolio

Accommodation Review Update and Next Steps	Executive Board 10 July 2025	Members to agree options relating to the Council's Accommodation Plan	N/A	None	John Hughes John.hughes@halton.gov.uk
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Deputy Leader and Housing and Environmental Sustainability Portfolios

Kingsway Quarter Redevelopment Widnes	Executive Board 10 July 2025	To agree a preferred option for the development of the Kingsway Quarter site.	Consultation was undertaken as part of the development of the Widnes Town Centre Regeneration Framework.	Widnes Town Centre Regeneration Framework – available at Floor 5 Municipal Building, Widnes	Damian Cooke damian.cooke@halton.gov.uk
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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 Ball

Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder – Councillor Wright

Community Safety Portfolio Holder – Councillor Wall

Environmental and Urban Renewal Portfolio Holder – Councillor Nolan

Employment, Learning and Skills, and Community Portfolio Holder – Councillor Bevan

Housing and Environmental Sustainability Portfolio Holder – Councillor Harris