

F O R W A R D P L A N

FOR THE PERIOD : 1 JANUARY 2007 TO 30 APRIL 2007

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 (0151) 907 8300. 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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Agreement to the Commissioning Strategy for Physical and Sensory Disability Services	Executive Board	Not before 1st April, 2007	People who use physical and sensory disability services, staff, Halton Primary Care Trust and the Voluntary Sector. Via consultation groups and the Physical and Sensory Disabilities Local Implementation Team.	None.	Peter Barron, Operational Director Older People
Approval of publication of Joint Waste Development Plan Document Issues and Options Papers for Halton Council, Knowsley Council, Liverpool City Council, St Helens	Executive Board	Not before 1st January, 2007		Joint Waste Development Plan Document Issues and Options Papers, Regional Spatial Strategy for the North	Phil Watts, Operational Director Environmental and Regulatory Services

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Council, Sefton Council and Wirral Council for public consultation.				West, PPS10 'Planning for Sustainable Waste Management', Regional Waste Strategy for the North West (NWRA 2004) - from Andrew Pannell, Rutland House	
Recommendation to Council that Core Strategy (Preferred Option Stage) Document is approved for public consultation.	Executive Board	Not before 1st February, 2007	Part of on-going consultation, previous Issues and Options consultation stage with general public and key internal and external stakeholders. A wide variety of consultation and	PPS12: Local Development Frameworks; Regional Spatial Strategy for the North West; Halton Core Strategy Issues and Options Papers (and accompanying	Phil Watts, Operational Director Environmental and Regulatory Services

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			community involvement methods will be used.	documentation); Halton Local Development Scheme 2006/07; Halton Unitary Development Plan - all from Nathan Renison, Rutland House	
Approval of Service Plans for Council services for the period 2007-10	Executive Board	Not before 1st February, 2007	Policy and Performance Board Chairmen to be consulted by e-mail.	Report and Draft Service Plans from Rob MacKenzie, Municipal Building	David Parr, Chief Executive
Approval of an Action Plan that will outline the Council's proposals for meeting future waste management targets	Executive Board	Not before 1st January, 2007	It is not planned to carry out a specific consultation exercise on this Action Plan.	Waste Management Executive Board Report 21st September 2006 - available from Jimmy Unsworth,	Jimmy Unsworth, Head of Service - Waste Management

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				Lowerhouse Lane Depot	
Approval of publication of Draft Town Centre Strategies for Halton Lea and Runcorn Old Town for public consultation.	Executive Board Sub Committee	Not before 1st January, 2007	Previous "Partnership Consultation" with selected Council officers and selected stakeholders in each town. There will be public consultation during January and February 2007 – documents will be on display at various locations around the Borough and on the Council's website for a six week period.	UDP; Widnes, Runcorn Old Town & Halton Lea Draft Town Centre Strategies and Town Centre Strategies Partnership Consultation Stage (Nov '05); Sustainability Appraisal Pre Production Scoping Reports (June '05) - from Neil Macfarlane, Rutland House, Halton Lea.	Phil Watts, Operational Director Environmental and Regulatory Services

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Approval of the indicative timetable for the preparation of the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) for the Widnes Waterfront Economic Development Zone (EDZ).	Executive Board	Not before 1st January, 2007	Internally – number of Departments and Local Councillors; externally – owners and occupiers of land included in the CPO, owners and occupiers of land adjacent to land included in the CPO, general public consultation. Internally, done through the EDZ Steering Group meetings. Councillors, through regular progress meetings. Relevant owners and occupiers of land will be written to directly. Adverts will be placed in the local press to notify	New Widnes Waterfront Vision Document, Widnes Waterfront SPD, Widnes Waterfront Masterplan and Delivery Strategy and Widnes Waterfront Design Guide - from Andy Denton, Municipal Building. Executive Board 21/4/04 agenda item 4b - Committee Services.	Angela Gore, Group Manager Valuation
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			the public.		
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.	Strategic Director - Environment	Not before 1st January, 2007	Management Team, Safer Halton PPB, Urban Renewal PPB, Contaminated Land Working Panel. Via reports.	Report on findings so far, DETR Circular 02/2000 Contaminated Land, Contaminated Land: Strategy for Inspection (July 2001), Part IIA Environmental Protection Act 1990.	Dick Tregoe, Strategic Director Environment
Compulsory Purchase Order for the acquisition of land within the Economic Development Zone (EDZ) in order to carry out development, redevelopment and improvement of the land.	Executive Board	Not before 1st January, 2007	St Modwen and Council officers – via discussion.	Widnes Waterfront EDZ CPO 2005 Form of Resolution - available from Angela Gore, Property Services.	Angela Gore, Group Manager Valuation

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Youth Matters: Next Steps - endorsement.	Executive Board	Not before 1st January, 2007	Young people and partner agencies – via the Borough Youth Forum, Children’s Alliance Board, consultation, participation and engagement, Common Processes Task Group.	Youth Matters: Next Steps - available from Lorraine Butcher, Grosvenor House, Halton Lea.	Lorraine Butcher, Operational Director Sutent Services and Life Long Learning
The establishment of a Company (of which the Council will be a member) to Manage the Mersey Multimodal Gateway (3MG) infrastructure.	Executive (Transmodal Implementation) Sub Board	Not before 1st January, 2007	Direct contact with partners in the 3MG project and prospective Members of the proposed company.	A report to the Board will be prepared in due course and will be included with the agenda to be published at least 5 clear days prior to the meeting in question. This will	Sally McDonald, Programme Manager

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				be available on the website and at the One Stop shops in the Borough.	

NOTE

The following Members comprise the Executive Board:

Leader – Councillor McDermott

Deputy Leader and Planning, Transportation, Regeneration and Renewal Portfolio Holder – Councillor Polhill

Children and Young People Portfolio Holder – Councillor McInerney

Health and Social Care Portfolio Holder – Councillor Gerrard

Environment, Leisure and Sport Portfolio Holder – Councillor Harris

Community Portfolio Holder – Councillor Wright

European Affairs Portfolio Holder – Councillor D Cargill

Corporate Services Portfolio Holder – Councillor Wharton

Quality and Performance Portfolio Holder – Councillor Massey

Neighbourhood Management and Development Portfolio Holder – Councillor Nelson