

F O R W A R D P L A N

FOR THE PERIOD : 1 MARCH 2008 TO 30 JUNE 2008

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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Recommendation to Council that Core Strategy (Preferred Option Stage) Document is approved for public consultation.	Executive Board	Not before 1st March, 2008	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 community involvement methods will be used.	PPS12: Local Development Frameworks; Regional Spatial Strategy for the North West; Halton Core Strategy Issues and Options Papers (and accompanying documentation); Halton Local Development Scheme 2006/07; Halton Unitary Development Plan - all from Nathan Renison, Rutland House	Phil Watts
Approval of the Council's	Executive Board	Not before 1st	Management	Draft updated	Dick Tregga

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updated Municipal Waste Management Strategy		March, 2008	Team, elected Members and Halton Residents (eg Halton 2000 Panel and Area Forums) are to be consulted via formal reports, Area Forum presentations, questionnaires and the Council's website.	Waste Management Strategy - available from Jimmy Unsworth at Lowerhouse Lane	
Agree the integration of the PCT Children and Young People staff within the Local Authority Children and Young People Department structure	Executive Board	Not before 1st March, 2008	PCT Staff; Alliance Board; Chief Officers' Management Team; C&YP SMT; and PCT Management Team are all to be consulted via agenda items and staff	Children and Young People's Plan - available from Tony Crane at Grosvenor House	Gerald Meehan

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			conferences/events.		
The establishment of a Company (of which the Council will be a member) to Manage the Mersey Multimodal Gateway (3MG).	3MG Executive Sub Board	Not before 1st March, 2008	The Stobart Group and Legal Services. Company documentation has been distributed to the Partners for comment. Their comments have been considered and taken on Board where appropriate, whilst protecting the Council's interest. Further time is being allowed for the newly formed Stobart Group to consider the documentation and provide additional comments; this will occur autumn 2007.	3MG Management Company Report to be considered at 3MG Executive Sub-Board in January to April 2008 - Major Projects Department, Sally McDonald.	Sally McDonald

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Approval of publication of Draft Design of New Residential Development Supplementary Planning Document for public consultation	Executive Board Sub Committee	Not before 1st March, 2008	Previous 'Partnership Consultation' with selected Council officers. Following the decision, there will be public consultation during May and June 2007. Documents will be on display at various locations around the Borough and on the Council's web site for a six week period.	Halton UDP (from Neil Macfarlane); Draft Design of New Residential Development SPD; Draft Design of New Residential Development SPD Partnership Consultation Stage; Sustainability Appraisal Pre Production Scoping Report - from Perran Baragwanath at Rutland House	Phil Watts
Environmental Protection Act 1990 Part IIA -	Strategic Director - Environment	Not before 1st March, 2008	Management Team, Safer Halton	Report on findings so far, DETR	Dick Tregoe

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Contaminated Land - to consider the first four year review of the strategy for inspection of contaminated land published in 2001.			PPB, Urban Renewal PPB, Contaminated Land Working Panel. Via reports.	Circular 02/2000 Contaminated Land, Contaminated Land: Strategy for Inspection (July 2001), Part IIA Environmental Protection Act 1990.	
Adoption of Draft Town Centre Strategy Supplementary Planning Documents for Halton Lea and Runcorn Old Town	Executive Board	Not before 1st March, 2008	Public consultation has taken place between 1 February and 15 March 2007. Documents were on display at various locations around the Borough and on the Council's website for a six week period. Selected Council Officers and	Halton UDP; Runcorn Old Town and Halton Lea Draft Town Centre Strategies (Feb 2007); Runcorn Old Town and Halton Lea Town Centre Strategies Partnership Consultation Stage (Nov 2005);	Phil Watts

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			stakeholders in each town centre have also been consulted.	Sustainability Appraisal Pre Production Scoping Reports (June 2005) - all from Neil Macfarlane at Rutland House, Halton Lea	
Decision on the provision of new grave space in Halton for 2015 onwards.	Executive Board	Not before 1st March, 2008	Clergy, funeral directors, memorial masons, cemetery users, residents, Members and bereavement service officers will be consulted via meetings and/or surveys.	None.	Dwayne Johnson
To endorse the Parenting Strategy	Executive Board	Not before 1st March, 2008	The Alliance Board is to be consulted	Parenting Strategy -	Gerald Meehan

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			via the agenda item.	available from Tilly Heigh, Alliance Board Manager, Belgrave 4, Grosvenor House	
Budget, Capital Programme and Council Tax for 2008/09	Council	5 March 2008	Consultation will be via Policy and Performance Board meetings and Area Forum meetings.	Committee Report	Bill Dodd
Decision to submit the Mersey Gateway Planning Application	Council	Not before 1st March, 2008	Pre-application public consultation has taken place and a report on the feedback is now available to the public. The planning application will lead to a statutory 16 week	Planning Application submission document; Environmental Impact Assessment; and public consultation analysis report.	Steven Nicholson

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			period where people can comment or object on the scheme.		
Decision to submit the Mersey Gateway TWA Application	Council	Not before 1st March, 2008	Pre-application public consultation has taken place and a report on the feedback is now available to the public. The planning application will lead to a statutory 16 week period where people can comment or object on the scheme.	TWA Application document	Steven Nicholson
14-19 Strategy for Young People in Halton	Executive Board	Not before 1st March, 2008	14-19 Partnership will be consulted via partnership	14-19 Education Plan; and 14-19 GONW Progress	Gerald Meehan

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			meetings and broader consultation.	Check - both available from Simon Clough at Grosvenor House	
Agreement on Phase 3 of the Children's Centre Development	Executive Board	Not before 1st March, 2008	The Alliance Board, children and families, and other strategic partnerships will be consulted verbally and in writing.	Sure Start Children's Centres: Phase 3 Planning and Delivery; and Childcare Act 2006 - both available from Geraldine Derby at Grosvenor House	Gerald Meehan
Strategy for Children in Care (the Council's response to "Care Matters")	Executive Board	Not before 1st March, 2008	Children in care and statutory partners will be consulted by a variety of methods.	Synopsis of Children and Young People Bill; Halton Child in Care Strategy; Halton Child in	Gerald Meehan

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				Care Profile - available from the Strategic Director - Children and Young People, Municipal Building, Kingsway, Widnes	
Approval of Halton's Local Area Agreement	Executive Board	10 April 2008	Halton Strategic Partnership, residents of Halton and the Council's Policy and Performance Boards are all to be consulted. Halton Strategic Partnership through consideration at Board meetings and specialist strategic partnerships;	Making it Happen in Halton - Community Strategy; Consulting the Communities in Halton 2007; State of Borough of Halton 2008; and Halton Local Area Agreement 2007 - all available from Rob MacKenzie, Municipal	Rob Mackenzie

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			residents through 2007 telephone survey “Consulting the Communities of Halton”; and Policy and Performance Boards through presentations to meetings.	Building, Widnes	

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 Swain

Neighbourhood Management and Development Portfolio Holder – Councillor Nelson