

F O R W A R D P L A N

FOR THE PERIOD : 1 APRIL 2008 TO 31 JULY 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 April, 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
The establishment of a	3MG Executive	Not before 1st	The Stobart Group	3MG	Sally McDonald

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Company (of which the Council will be a member) to Manage the Mersey Multimodal Gateway (3MG).	Sub Board	April, 2008	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.	Management Company Report to be considered at 3MG Executive Sub-Board in January to April 2008 - Major Projects Department, Sally McDonald.	
Approval of publication of Draft Design of New	Executive Board Sub Committee	Not before 1st April, 2008	Previous 'Partnership	Halton UDP (from Neil Macfarlane);	Phil Watts

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Residential Development Supplementary Planning Document for public consultation			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.	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	
Environmental Protection Act 1990 Part IIA - Contaminated Land - to consider the first four year review of the strategy for inspection of contaminated	Strategic Director - Environment	Not before 1st April, 2008	Management Team, Safer Halton PPB, Urban Renewal PPB, Contaminated Land Working Panel. Via	Report on findings so far, DETR Circular 02/2000 Contaminated Land, Contaminated	Dick Tregoe

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land published in 2001.			reports.	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 April, 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 stakeholders in each town centre have also been consulted.	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); Sustainability Appraisal Pre Production Scoping Reports	Phil Watts

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				(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 April, 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 April, 2008	The Alliance Board is to be consulted via the agenda item.	Parenting Strategy - available from Tilly Heigh, Alliance Board Manager,	Gerald Meehan

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				Belgrave 4, Grosvenor House	
Decision to submit the Mersey Gateway Planning Application	Council	Not before 1st April, 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.	Planning Application submission document; Environmental Impact Assessment; and public consultation analysis report.	Steven Nicholson
Decision to submit the Mersey Gateway TWA Application	Council	23 April 2008	Pre-application public consultation has taken place and a report on the feedback is now	TWA Application document	Steven Nicholson

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14-19 Strategy for Young People in Halton	Executive Board	Not before 1st April, 2008	14-19 Partnership will be consulted via partnership meetings and broader consultation.	14-19 Education Plan; and 14-19 GONW Progress Check - both available from Simon Clough at Grosvenor House	Gerald Meehan
Agreement on Phase 3 of the Children's Centre Development	Executive Board	Not before 1st April, 2008	The Alliance Board, children and families, and other strategic partnerships will be	Sure Start Children's Centres: Phase 3 Planning and Delivery; and	Gerald Meehan

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			consulted verbally and in writing.	Childcare Act 2006 - both available from Geraldine Derby at Grosvenor House	
Strategy for Children in Care (the Council's response to "Care Matters")	Executive Board	Not before 1st April, 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 Care Profile - available from the Strategic Director - Children and Young People, Municipal Building, Kingsway, Widnes	Gerald Meehan
Approval of Halton's Local	Executive Board	10 April 2008	Halton Strategic	Making it Happen	Rob Mackenzie

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

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To establish Children's Trust arrangements by converting the Alliance Board to the Halton Children's Trust (arrangement) and to approve new working arrangements with the Halton and St Helens PCT	Executive Board	Not before 1st April, 2008	The PCT, Alliance Board, Voluntary Sector, Policy and Performance Board and NHS Staff will all be consulted via regular Partnership meetings and special events.	Children Act 2004; and Statutory Guidance on Inter-Agency Co-operation to Improve the Wellbeing of Children: Children's Trusts (DfES2005) - available from Ms Tilly Heigh; and National Service Framework for Children, Young People and Maternity Services (DoH2004); and Facing the Future: A Review of the Role of Health Visitors (DH2007) - available from Ms Janet	Gerald Meehan
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				McDonald, Halton and St Helens PCT	
Decision to appropriate land for the purposes of the Mersey Gateway Project	Executive Board	Not before 1st April, 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 on or object to the scheme.	None.	Steven Nicholson
Decision to make Silver Jubilee Bridge Road User Charging Order	Executive Board	Not before 1st April, 2008	Pre-application public consultation has taken place	SJB Road User Charging Order - available from	Steven Nicholson

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			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.	Steve Nicholson	
Decision to make Highways Act CPO	Executive Board	10 April 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	Draft CPOs - available from Steve Eccles	Steven Nicholson

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			comment or object on the scheme.		
Decision to make Side Roads Order	Executive Board	10 April 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.	Side Roads Order - available from Steve Nicholson	Steven Nicholson
Decision to confirm the Mersey Gateway TWA Application	Council	Not before 1st May, 2008	Pre-application public consultation has taken place and a report on the feedback is now	TWA Application Document - available from Steve Nicholson	Steven Nicholson

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			available to the public. The Planning Application will lead to a statutory 16 week period where people can comment or object on the scheme. Further consultation will take place after the TWA Application is made.		
Decision on the Statutory Consultation to close Fairfield High School and expand Wade Deacon High School	Executive Board	19 May 2008	All Widnes schools, primary, secondary and special schools, staff, parents and governors, Diocesan Authorities, neighbouring local	Linked Statutory Notice on closure of Fairfield High and Expansion of Wade Deacon; notes of consultation meetings - both available from	Gerald Meehan

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			authorities, the PCT and health service providers will be consulted via school and governing body meetings, public consultation meetings and written responses.	Ann McIntyre, Grosvenor House. Written responses to consultation - available from Mark Reaney, Municipal Building	

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