

APPENDIX 1

Extract of Executive Board Sub Committee Minutes Relevant to the Safer Halton Policy and Performance Board

EXECUTIVE BOARD 7th SEPTEMBER 2006

EXB029 BUDGET SAVINGS

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director – Corporate and Policy providing details of budget savings.

It was noted that the Council set its 2006/07 revenue budget on 1st March 2006 and, in doing so, approved the inclusion of a savings reduction of £250,000 for each Directorate. Details of how the savings were to be implemented by each Directorate were presented in the Appendix to the report.

RESOLVED: That the savings proposals presented in Appendix 1 to the report be approved.

EXB030 WASTE MANAGEMENT THE NEXT STEPS

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director – Environment outlining progress on the development of a potential waste management partnership working with the Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority (MWDA).

It was noted that, following the meeting of the Board on 22nd June 2006, the Council's intentions to formally request that Halton Borough Council be accepted as a partner by the MWDA to work towards securing appropriate waste treatment and disposal services and facilities had been declared in a letter to the MWDA; at its Annual Meeting held on 28th June 2006, MWDA Members resolved that:

- (1) the Authority agrees in principle to the acceptance of Halton Borough Council as a partner; and
- (2) officers be instructed to consider the implications of this proposal and produce a risk/benefit analysis for

consideration by Members at a future meeting of the Authority.

Warrington Borough Council had been formally advised of Halton's intentions to work with Merseyside and, as a result, it was jointly agreed that the Joint Halton and Warrington Waste Management Board should be disbanded.

The consequences of a Halton/MWDA partnership were outlined in the report for the Board's consideration. It was noted that the next key dates for Halton were to reach an "In Principle" agreement to work in partnership by 13th September 2006 and for a firm and binding decision to be reached by all parties by early October 2006.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Council agree, in principle, to work in partnership with the MWDA to secure appropriate waste treatment and disposal services and facilities;
- (2) a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) containing partnership principles between Halton Borough Council and MWDA be drawn up and signed by both parties, and approval be given for officers to work through the detail of a formal Inter Authority Agreement (IAA) with the MWDA;
- (3) Halton's Municipal Waste Management Strategy be updated and aligned with the strategic approaches contained within the Merseyside Waste Management Strategy;
- (4) the Strategic Director – Environment, in consultation with the Executive Board Member for Environment, be authorised to commission work, as needed, from the external consultants appointed by the MWDA; and
- (5) a further report be presented to the Executive Board on 21st September 2006.

EXB040 WASTE MANAGEMENT THE NEXT STEPS

At its meeting on 7th September 2006, the Board approved an in principle agreement to work in partnership with the Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority (MWDA) to secure appropriate waste treatment and disposal services and facilities. The Government's Project Review Group would consider the MWDA Outline Business

Case for PFI Credits by mid-October and the MWDA had made it clear that they would not allow any delay by Halton to jeopardise their bid and had made it clear that by the end of September the Council must demonstrate a clear commitment in writing to working in partnership with Merseyside.

Should the Council fail to meet this requirement, the opportunity to work with MWDA would disappear.

A draft memorandum of understanding containing partnership principles between Halton and MWDA had been agreed by both parties. In addition, work had commenced on the preparation of a former inter-authority agreement with the MWDA. It was planned that the agreement would be completed by December 2006 and a draft would be presented to Members for consideration at a future meeting.

With the support of external consultants, work had commenced on the preparation of Halton's Waste Action Plan. This plan, which was the equivalent of the District Council's Action Plans produced by each of the District Authority's in Merseyside, would form part of the agreement. Completion of the Action Plan was expected by the end of October 2006. A household waste composition analysis was also being produced to support the production of the Halton Waste Action Plan. With the support of external consultants, officers would continue to work towards developing the following documents that would be presented to a future meeting of the Executive Board Sub-Committee:

- (i) a draft updated Waste Management Strategy for Halton;
- (ii) a draft Halton Waste Action Plan;
- (iii) a draft formal inter-authority agreement;
- (iv) a Joint Communications and Awareness Protocol to be developed with the MWDA;
- (v) discussions would continue on exits/succession strategies in relation to Halton's current waste management contracts;
- (vi) arrangements would be made to ensure that the Council engages with residents and other stakeholders through consultation, this would require a structural public relation strategy to be developed for both the short and medium term.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) a formal partnership with the Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority be established for the procurement of appropriate waste treatment and disposal for services and facilities;
- (2) Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority be advised of Halton's intentions; and
- (3) further reports be presented to the Executive Board Sub-Committee on progress made with the development of the formal Inter-Authority Agreement (IAA), the Council's updated Waste Management Strategy, and relevant supporting plans.

EXB042 JOINT MERSEYSIDE WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Board considered a report which sought approval for Halton's inclusion in the preparation of a Joint Merseyside Waste Development Plan document in collaboration with other Merseyside authorities. The Waste Development Plan document would allocate sites for waste related development as well as providing detailed policies.

The report also sought agreement that Halton contributes to the stages of the preparation of the Waste Plan Document for a three-year period and that delegated authority be granted to the Operational Director Environmental and Regulatory Services to determine certain states of the document's production.

RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended that subject to the prior adoption of the revised Halton Local Development Scheme 2006/07:

- (1) Halton's formal inclusion in the preparation of the Joint Merseyside Waste Development Plan Document (to be known as the Halton Borough Council, Liverpool City Council, Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council, Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council, St. Helens Borough Council and Wirral Borough Council Joint Waste Development Plan Document) be approved;
- (2) the necessary financial arrangements be put in place to fund Halton's contribution to the Joint Merseyside Waste Development Plan Document for the next three financial year, commencing with the current financial year 2006/07; and

- (3) the Operational Director – Environmental and Regulatory Services (ODERS) be given delegated authority to determine all matters as indicated in column 1 of the table below in accordance with column 2 of the same table (other than those matters indicated to be determined by full Council).