

REPORT TO: Council

DATE: 5th March 2008

REPORTING OFFICER: Operational Director – Financial Services

SUBJECT: Budget 2008/09

WARD(S): Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To recommend to Council the budget, capital programme and council tax for 2008/09.
- 1.2 At the time of writing the report to the Executive Board meeting on 21st February, the Cheshire Police and Fire Authorities had not set their budgets and council tax precepts. These have now been set and the appropriate figures included in the report.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: That the Council adopt the resolution set out in Appendix A, which includes setting the budget at £101.895m and the Band D Council Tax for Halton (before Parish , Police and Fire precepts) of £1,079.97.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Local Government Finance Settlement

- 3.1 The Government has recently announced the Final Local Government Finance Settlement for 2008/09, 2009/10 and 2010/11 – the first three year settlement, in alignment with the Comprehensive Spending Review 2007. For 2008/09 it includes Formula Grant totalling £60.763m made up of £7.425m revenue support grant and £53.338m as the Council's share of national non domestic rates. Formula grant totals £62.459m for 2009/10 and £63.969m for 2010/11.
- 3.2 As far as the non domestic premises are concerned, the rate is fixed centrally by the Government, and for 2008/09 has been set at 46.2p in the £, and 45.8p for small businesses. The Council merely acts as tax collector, paying over the full proceeds of the business rate to the Government, which is paid back to authorities as part of the Formula Grant.

Budget 2008/09

- 3.3 The Executive Board Sub-Committee receives regular reports summarising spending in the current year against the budget. The latest report indicates that spending is expected to be below the overall budget, due to the reduction in the minimum revenue provision costs

and increased investment income. The Sub-Committee has agreed to establish reserves to fund time limited expenditure in the budget proposals. It is anticipated that balances at 31st March 2008 will be broadly as planned when the budget was set last year.

- 3.4 The Executive Board considered the level of growth and savings at its Away Day meeting on 10th January 2008 and agreed to consult the Policy and Performance Boards and Area Forums. Any comments will be reported to and considered by the Executive Board at the meeting. One Area Forum will not have met before the meeting of the Executive Board and any further comments will be reported to the Council.
- 3.5 In considering potential growth and savings, the Executive Board took into account the priorities contained within the Community Strategy and the Council's Corporate Plan. Those are:
- A Healthy Halton
 - Halton's Urban Renewal
 - Halton's Children and Young People
 - Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton
 - A Safer Halton
 - Corporate Effectiveness and Business Efficiency

In addition, in November 2007 a survey was undertaken on the Council's budget using the Halton 2000 citizens panel. The results of the survey were reported to the Executive Board on 7th February 2008 and it was agreed that the results would be taken into account when considering the 2008/09 budget.

- 3.6 The proposed growth and savings are shown in Appendices B and C and after taking account of these and the use of reserves set out in paragraph 3.3, the budget totals £101.895m. The budget continues the policy of utilising £350,000 from the windfall gain arising from the commutation adjustment in 2004/05. In addition, it provides a further £500,000 for the Revenue Priorities Fund and assumes this money will be used to offset part of the cost of the agreed growth.
- 3.7 The Local Government Act 2003 places a requirement on the Chief Financial Officer to report on the robustness of the estimates included in the budget and the adequacy of the reserves for which the budget provides. In my view the budget setting process and the information provided should be sufficient to allow the Council to come to an informed view regarding the 2008/09 budget, capital programme and council tax and balances and reserves should provide sufficient resilience to meet the financial consequences of any unforeseen events.

Budget Outlook

- 3.8 The Finance Settlement showed the provisional grant rising by 2.9% for 2009/10 and 2.4% for 2010/11. However, it is expected that spending to maintain current services will increase at a greater rate requiring savings to balance the budget.
- 3.9 The Government's Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR07) set more challenging targets for efficiency gains, with cashable savings of 3% for each year. The Council's efficiency partners, KPMG, will be reporting its findings following completion of the first stage of the efficiency programme.

Capital Programme

- 3.10 The Government has issued the single capital pot spending guidelines. These total £11.792m and are supported either through the Formula Grant system or by capital grant. Relevant Directorates will report detail spending proposals to the Executive Board separately.
- 3.11 The proposed new starts programme is shown in Appendix D. In addition, the Priorities Fund of £750,000 has again been set aside for new starts, to be spent on the five priorities set out in the Community Plan. All of this expenditure will be funded by grants and contributions or internal resources through the Capital Reserve, which is expected to remain above the minimum target level.

Halton's Council Tax

- 3.12 The tax base (Band D equivalent) has been set at 37,762 and the combined effect of the budget, government support and council tax base gives a Band D Council Tax for Halton of £1,079.97, an increase of £36.52, or 3.5%.
- 3.13 The Government still retains reserve capping powers, and it has made it clear that they expect Local Authorities to limit council tax rises to an increase of substantially less than 5%. It is expected that the recommended increase in council tax would avoid the prospect of capping.

Parish Precepts

- 3.14 The Parish Councils have set their precepts for the year as shown below, and together with the precepts for the two new parishes the resultant additional Council Tax for a Band D property being as follows:

	Precept	Additional Council Tax	Basic Council Tax
	£	£	£
Hale	15,412	21.29	1,101.26
Daresbury	3,000	21.43	1,101.40
Moore	4,000	11.46	1,091.43
Preston Brook	3,605	10.63	1,090.60
Halebank	5,000	9.80	1,089.77
Sandymoor	5,000	6.13	1,086.10

Average Council Tax

- 3.15 In addition, it is also necessary to calculate the average Council Tax for the area as a whole. This is the figure required by Government and used for comparative purposes and for a Band D property is £1,080.92.

Police Precept

- 3.16 The Police Authority have set their precept on the Council at £5.126m which is £135.75 for a Band D property, an increase of £19.72 or 17.0%. At this level there is a risk the Police Authority may be capped, which would have implications on the Council as billing authority. The figures for each Band are shown in Recommendation 4 in Appendix A.

Fire Precept

- 3.17 The Fire Authority set their precept on the Council at £2.368m which is £62.71 for a Band D property, an increase of £1.71 or 2.8%. The figures for each Band are shown in Recommendation 5 in Appendix A.

Total Council Tax

- 3.18 Combining all these figures will give the total Council Tax for 2008/09, and these are shown in Recommendation 6 in Appendix A. The total Band D Council Tax (before Parish precepts) is £1,278.43.
- 3.19 It is expected that Halton's Total Council Tax will continue to be amongst the lowest in the north west. Given that nearly half of all properties in the Borough are in Band A, and also 85% of properties are in Bands A-C, most households will pay less than the "headline" figure. In addition, many households will receive reduced Council Tax bills through Benefits or Personal Discounts, and these adjustments will be shown on their bills.
- 3.20 A complex set of resolutions, shown in Appendix A, needs to be agreed to ensure that the Budget and Council Tax level are set in a way which fully complies with legislation.

Prudential Code

3.21 The Local Government Act 2003 has introduced the Prudential Code which provides a framework for the self-regulation of capital expenditure. The key objectives of the Code are to ensure that the Council's:

- capital expenditure plans are affordable;
- external borrowing is within prudent and sustainable levels; and
- treasury management decisions are taken in accordance with good professional practice.

3.22 To demonstrate that Authorities have fulfilled these objectives, the Prudential Code sets out a number of indicators which must be used. These are in the course of preparation and will be set out in Appendix E and monitored throughout the year and reported as part of the Treasury Management quarterly monitoring reports to the Executive Board Sub-Committee.

Capital Financing

3.23 The Government are considering changes to the Capital Financing system. It is intended that the minimum revenue provision liability will be governed by statutory guidance rather than through regulation. A further report will be made in due course.

4.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

The budget will support the Council in achieving the aims and objectives set out in the Community Plan for Halton and the Council's Corporate Plan and has been prepared in consideration of the priorities listed below.

4.1 **Children and Young People in Halton**

4.2 **Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton**

4.3 **A Healthy Halton**

4.4 **A Safer Halton**

4.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

5.0 RISK ANALYSIS

5.1 The budget is prepared in accordance with detailed guidance and timetable to ensure the statutory requirements are met and a balanced budget is prepared that aligns resources with corporate objectives.

6.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

6.1 There are no Equality and Diversity implications arising directly from this report.

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Document	Place of Inspection	Contact Officer
Local Government Finance Report (England) 2008/09	Municipal Building	Nick Finnan

APPENDIX A

DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR SUBMISSION TO THE COUNCIL AT ITS MEETING ON 5th MARCH 2008

RECOMMENDATION: that the Council adopt the following resolution:

1. The policies outlined in this paper be adopted, including the Budget for 2008/09, the growth and savings set out in Appendix B, the Capital Programme set out in Appendix C, and Prudential Indicators set out in Appendix D.
2. That it be noted that at the meeting on 12th December 2007 the Council agreed the following:
 - (a) For 2008/09, in accordance with the Local Government Act 2003 and with regulations made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, a Council Tax Base of 37,762 being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992, as its Council Tax Base for the year, and
 - (b) For the Parishes, the Council Tax base for each Parish for the year 2008/09 be set as follows:

Parish	Tax Base
Hale	724
Daresbury	140
Moore	349
Preston Brook	339
Halebank	510
Sandymoor	816

being the amounts calculated by the Council, in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Regulations, as the amounts of its Council Tax Base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which special items relate.

3. In accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (Sections 32 to 36), the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2008/09 and agreed as follows:
 - (a) £288,942,717 – being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2)(a) to (e) of the said Act.

- (b) £187,362,000 – being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3)(a) to (c) of the said Act.
- (c) £101,580,717 – being the amount calculated by the Council for the year 2008/09 in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as its budget requirement for the year.
- (d) £60,762,844 – being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its General Fund in respect of redistributed Non-Domestic Rates (£53,337,790) and Revenue Support Grant (£7,425,054).
- (e) £1,080.92 – being the amount at 3(c) above less the amount at 3(d) above all divided by the amount at 2(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.
- (f) £36,017 – being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, each individual Parish precept being:

	£
Hale	15,412
Daresbury	3,000
Moore	4,000
Preston Brook	3,605
Halebank	5,000
Sandymoor	5,000

- (g) £1,079.97 Local Government Finance Act 1992, as the basic amount of Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates.
- (h) Part of the Council's Area

	£
Hale	1,101.26
Daresbury	1,101.40
Moore	1,091.43
Preston Brook	1,090.60
Halebank	1,089.77
Sandymoor	1,086.10

being the amounts given by adding to the amounts at 3(g) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at 2(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings of its area to which one or more special items relate.

(i) Part of the Council's Area

Band	Hale	Daresbury	Moore	Preston Brook	Halebanks	Sandymoor	All other Parts of the Council's Area
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
A	734.17	734.27	727.62	727.07	726.51	724.07	719.98
B	856.54	856.65	848.89	848.25	847.60	844.75	839.98
C	978.89	979.02	970.16	969.42	968.68	965.42	959.97
D	1,101.26	1,101.40	1,091.43	1,090.60	1,089.77	1,086.10	1,079.97
E	1,345.98	1,346.15	1,333.97	1,332.95	1,331.94	1,327.45	1,319.96
F	1,590.71	1,590.91	1,576.51	1,575.31	1,574.12	1,568.81	1,559.96
G	1,835.43	1,835.67	1,819.05	1,817.67	1,816.28	1,810.17	1,799.95
H	2,202.52	2,202.80	2,182.86	2,181.20	2,179.54	2,172.20	2,159.94

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 3(g) and 3(h) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in Valuation Band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

4. It is further noted that for the year 2008/09 the Police Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Authority, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

	£
A	90.50
B	105.58
C	120.67
D	135.65
E	165.92
F	196.08
G	226.25
H	271.50

5. It is further noted that for the year 2008/09 the Fire Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Authority, in accordance with the Local Government Act 2003 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

	£
A	41.81
B	48.77
C	55.74
D	62.71
E	76.65
F	90.58
G	104.52
H	125.42

6. That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 3(i), 4 and 5 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2008/09 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Band	Hale	Daresbury	Moore	Preston Brook	Halebank	Sandymoor	All other Parts of the Council's Area
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
A	866.48	866.58	859.93	859.38	858.82	856.38	852.29
B	1,010.89	1,011.00	1,003.24	1,002.60	1,001.95	999.10	994.33
C	1,155.30	1,155.43	1,146.57	1,145.83	1,145.09	1,141.83	1,136.38
D	1,299.72	1,299.86	1,289.89	1,289.06	1,288.23	1,284.56	1,278.43
E	1,588.55	1,588.72	1,576.54	1,575.52	1,574.51	1,570.02	1,562.53
F	1,877.37	1,877.57	1,863.17	1,861.97	1,860.78	1,855.47	1,846.62
G	2,166.20	2,166.44	2,149.82	2,148.44	2,147.05	2,140.94	2,130.72
H	2,599.44	2,599.72	2,579.78	2,578.12	2,576.46	2,569.12	2,556.86

being satisfied that:

- (a) The total amount yielded by its Council Taxes for the said financial year will be sufficient, so far as is practicable, to provide for items mentioned at 3(a) to (d) above; and, to the extent that they are not, to be provided for by any other means.
 - (b) Those amounts which relate to a part only of its area will secure, so far as is practicable, that the precept or portion of a precept relating to such part will be provided for only by the amount yielded by such of its Council Taxes as relate to that part.
7. The Operational Director – Financial Services be authorised at any time during the financial year 2008/09 to borrow on behalf of the Council by way of gross bank overdraft such sums as he shall deem necessary for the purposes of this paragraph, but not such that in any event the said overdraft at any time exceeds £10m (£1.5m net) as the Council may temporarily require.

APPENDIX B**SAVINGS OPTIONS**

Service Area	Financial Consequences		
	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Corporate and Policy Directorate			
Reduction in Minimum Revenue Provision	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Reduction in Caretaking Provision	20,000	20,000	20,000
Reduction in frequency of window cleaning	15,000	15,000	15,000
Review of Building Cleaning Contract (provisional estimated saving)	20,000	20,000	20,000
Savings in advertising costs	25,000	25,000	25,000
Cease provision of meals at training courses	40,000	40,000	40,000
Departmental restructuring	235,000	235,000	235,000
Changes to IT Network with Schools	70,000	70,000	70,000
Reduction in opening hours of HDL	25,000	25,000	25,000
Implementation of Accommodation Strategy	260,000	350,000	400,000
Reduction in Agency Staff	100,000	100,000	100,000
Energy Efficiency Measures (funded by Invest to Save Fund)	50,000	100,000	150,000
TOTAL	1,860,000	2,000,000	2,100,000
Children and Young People			
Lease car allowance to provide foster carers	65,660	65,660	65,660
Transport Services for Children's Services	20,000	20,000	20,000
Transport Services for Schools	50,000	50,000	50,000
Agency and Boarded Out	100,000	100,000	100,000
Play Service	128,000	128,000	128,000
Carry forward	350,000	-	-
Reduction in Core Staffing Budgets	149,000	149,000	149,000
Increase income	86,500	86,500	86,500
Reduction of Training Budget	20,000	20,000	20,000
TOTAL	969,160	619,160	619,160
Environment			
Cease grants in Tourism and Promotions Management	3,500	3,500	3,500
Reduce Halton Today publication	3,450	3,450	3,450
Business Services Brochure	2,595	2,595	2,595
Increase charges for Adult Floristry	1,700	1,700	1,700
Reduce frequency of Economic Forum	1,000	1,000	1,000
Alternative arrangements for transporting display unit etc.	2,110	2,110	2,110

Service Area	Financial Consequences		
	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Alternative funding for E-Halton	19,500	19,500	19,500
Freeze Vacant Senior Engineers Post (Bridges & Highways Maintenance)	37,000	37,000	37,000
Achieve insurance claim payout savings of 10% and increase S38 supervision fee to 8%. Introduce new charge for street naming & numbering. Increase 3 rd party recharge fees to 10% (from 5%)	115,500	115,500	115,500
Amending funding for gritting fleet to 4 vehicles through purchase of standby vehicle	20,000	20,000	20,000
Car Leasing – introduce admin charge and other costs	15,000	30,000	45,000
Fee for accommodation to be paid by the 3MG, Castlefields and EDZ teams	11,000	11,000	11,000
Vacant senior post to be frozen in Major Projects Department	41,000	41,000	41,000
Restructure of Landscape Services Division	100,000	100,000	100,000
Waste Management Division Restructure	25,000	25,000	25,000
Waste Disposal Costs reduced by 5%	50,000	50,000	50,000
Planning fee income	50,000	50,000	50,000
Hired and Contracted Services (Planning)	2,800	2,800	2,800
General Computer Expenditure	14,708	14,708	14,708
Hired and Contracted Services (Brownfield Sites)	1,260	1,260	1,260
Miscellaneous Expenditure (UDP Consultancy)	11,760	11,760	11,760
Miscellaneous Expenditure (Forward Planning Surveys)	6,300	6,300	6,300
Miscellaneous Expenditure (UDP Statutory Procedures)	10,500	10,500	10,500
Grants for Listed Buildings and Conservation Area Works	2,650	2,650	2,650
Freeze the currently vacant environmental protection post	33,000	33,000	33,000
Contaminated land strategy	12,000	12,000	12,000
The food safety budget	2,000	2,000	2,000
Deletion of post in Civic Catering	20,000	20,000	20,000
Increased income from other catering	10,000	10,000	10,000
TOTAL	625,333	640,333	655,333

Service Area	Financial Consequences		
	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Health and Community			
In-house Home Care re-design.	40,000	40,000	40,000
Increase the income target for transport	40,000	40,000	40,000
Increase Community Centre income.	15,000	15,000	15,000
Care Services Efficiency Drive (CSED) Project.	20,000	70,000	70,000
Reduce number of leaflets in line with CSED initiative.	5,000	5,000	5,000
Reduce grants to the voluntary sector.	72,000	72,000	72,000
Reduce coaching and marketing budgets within Sports Development.	5,000	5,000	5,000
Re-design of Sports Development and Parks & Countryside service.	20,000	20,000	20,000
Reduce grant to Groundwork.	10,000	10,000	10,000
Meals on Wheels re-design.	20,000	20,000	20,000
Bridgewater.	10,000	10,000	10,000
Non-filling of vacancies and reduction of agency staff.	175,000	175,000	175,000
Cease provision of meals at training courses.	20,000	20,000	20,000
Conference attendance.	10,000	10,000	10,000
Community Care Savings	200,000	200,000	200,000
TOTAL	662,000	712,000	712,000
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GRAND TOTAL	4,116,493	3,971,493	4,086,493

APPENDIX C

GROWTH

Service Area	Financial Consequences		
	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Children and Young People			
Building Schools for the Future	500,000	500,000	500,000
Care Leavers Accommodation	50,000	50,000	50,000
Hear By Rights	30,000	30,000	30,000
TOTAL	580,000	580,000	580,000
Corporate and Policy			
ICT – Infrastructure Maintenance and Disaster Recovery	200,000	300,000	400,000
Home Information Packs – Legal Searches	50,000	50,000	50,000
TOTAL	250,000	350,000	450,000
Environment			
Firework display	20,000	20,000	20,000
The Mersey Partnership	75,000	75,000	75,000
Implementing Waste Management Strategy for Kerbside Recycling	262,000	490,000	770,000
Additional statutory duty to receive and kennel dogs found by the	20,000	20,000	20,000
Improved education in recycling	150,000	150,000	Nil
Additional staff resource to process planning application for Mersey Gateway Bridge	100,000	100,000	Nil
Transport impact assessment for Mersey Gateway Bridge	50,000	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	677,000	855,000	885,000

Service Area	Financial Consequences		
	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Health and Community			
ALD Transition Growth.	260,000	520,000	780,000
Continued growth in Older People's service	340,000	420,000	500,000
Adult Protection Co-ordinator.	25,000	25,000	25,000
Homelessness	87,000	87,000	87,000
Halton Adult Placement Service	40,000	78,000	78,000
TOTAL	752,000	1,130,000	1,470,000
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GRAND TOTAL	2,259,000	2,915,000	3,385,000
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APPENDIX D

NEW CAPITAL STARTS

Service Area	Financial Consequences		
	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Corporate and Policy			
ICT	500,000	-	-
<i>Revenue Consequences</i>	<i>150,000</i>	<i>150,000</i>	<i>150,000</i>
TOTAL	500,000	-	-
	150,000	150,000	150,000
Environment			
Information Touch Screen display kiosks at Runcorn Station	50,000	-	-
<i>Revenue Consequences</i>	<i>4,500</i>	<i>4,500</i>	<i>4,500</i>
Lewis Carroll match for Heritage Lottery Bid (provisional sum)	50,000	-	-
<i>Revenue Consequences</i>	<i>4,500</i>	<i>4,500</i>	<i>4,500</i>
Widnes Industrial Area preliminary work on business estate management and improvement scheme	50,000	-	-
<i>Revenue Consequences</i>	<i>4,500</i>	<i>4,500</i>	<i>4,500</i>
3 year programme of additional recycling bins (funded by grant)	100,000	80,000	70,000
<i>Revenue Consequences</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
Contingency for Early land acquisition in respect of Mersey Gateway	6,000,000	-	-
<i>Revenue Consequences</i>	<i>500,000</i>	<i>500,000</i>	<i>500,000</i>
Increased budget for capital investment in flood/drainage mitigation and improvement	50,000	50,000	50,000
<i>Revenue Consequences</i>	<i>4,500</i>	<i>9,000</i>	<i>13,500</i>
Bringing roads to adopted standard	100,000	100,000	100,000
<i>Revenue Consequences</i>	<i>9,000</i>	<i>18,000</i>	<i>27,000</i>
TOTAL	6,400,000	230,000	220,000
	527,000	540,500	554,000

Service Area	Financial Consequences			
	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	
Health and Community				
Additional funding for Disabled Facilities Grants and Work with RSLs.	500,000			
<i>Revenue Consequences</i>	45,000	45,000	45,000	
Development of facilities at Runcorn Town Hall Park. Total cost of scheme is £495K. £185k has already been identified from other funders	310,000			
<i>Revenue Consequences</i>	42,900	58,900	58,900	
Upgrade of Halton Lea Library. The library has attracted £1.3million Big Lottery Funding (maximum available). Additional funding would fund new lighting and heating to fully complete the upgrade.	200,000	50,000	-	
<i>Revenue Consequences</i>	18,000	22,500	22,500	
Installation of 5 Multi use games areas. Identified in Sports Facilities Strategy.	100,000	100,000	100,000	
<i>Revenue Consequences</i>	9,500	18,000	39,500	
Installation of electronic access bollards to 6 parks.	72,000	-	-	
<i>Revenue Consequences</i>	6,480	6,480	6,480	
Improvement to allotments (for example, roadways and pathways, fencing, security).	65,000	65,000	65,000	
<i>Revenue Consequences</i>	5,850	11,700	17,550	
Headstone Safety Project	50,000	0	0	
<i>Revenue Consequences</i>	4,500	4,500	4,500	
Major adaptations equity release/loans scheme.	100,000			
<i>Revenue Consequences</i>	9,000	9,000	9,000	
Re-design of communal spaces and furnishings at Oakmeadow.	72,000			
<i>Revenue Consequences</i>	6,480	6,480	6,480	
TOTAL	Capital	1,469,000	215,000	165,000
	Revenue	147,710	182,560	209,910
GRAND TOTAL	CAPITAL	8,369,000	445,000	385,000
	REVENUE	824,710	873,060	913,910

APPENDIX E

PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS

	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Affordability					
1. Ratio of financing costs to net revenue stream (estimate) – General Fund %		-0.4	0.6	2.1	2.8
2. Ratio of financing costs to net revenue stream (actual) – General Fund %	-0.2				
3. Incremental impact of capital investment decisions on the Council Tax £			5.18	0.74	1.69
Capital Expenditure					
5. Total capital expenditure (estimate) (see Note) – General Fund £m Note: These figures will be amended as further allocations and grant approvals are received.		33.0	39.8	25.0	17.3
6. Total capital expenditure (actual) – Actual £m	29.3				
Capital Financing Requirement					
7. Capital Financing Requirement (estimate) – General Fund £m		57.0	70.3	75.0	82.4
8. Capital Financing Requirement (actual) – General Fund £m	46.4				

	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Treasury Management					
Adopted CIPFA Code of Practice for Treasury Management			Note: to be considered by Executive Board Sub-Committee on 20th March 2008		
9. Authorised limit for external debt £m			58.1	68.0	75.5
10. Operational boundary for external debt £m			53.1	63.0	70.5
11. External debt (actual) £m	22.0				
12. Upper limit on interest rate exposure on fixed rate debt %			75	75	75
13. Upper limit on interest rate exposure on variable rate debt %			75	75	75
14. Maturity structure of borrowing as a percentage of fixed rate borrowing %					
Under 12 months			Lower 0	Upper 50	
12 months - 2 years			0	75	
2 years - 5 years			0	50	
5 years - 10 years			0	50	
10 years and above			0	75	
15. Total principal sums invested for periods longer than 364 days					
1-2 years %			60	60	60
2-3 years %			30	30	30
16. Maturity structure of new fixed rate borrowing in previous year	None				