

**REPORT TO:** Council

**DATE:** 3 March 2021

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Chief Executive

**PORTFOLIO:** Leader

**SUBJECT:** Urgent Decisions

**WARDS:** Borough Wide

## 1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To bring to the attention of Council urgent decisions taken since the last meeting of Council.

## 2.0 RECOMMENDATION:

2.1 That the report is noted.

## 3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 The Council's Constitution gives authority to the Chief Executive to take urgent decisions which are required before the next formal meeting of Executive Board/Council.

These must be made in consultation with the Leader of the Council where practicable, and with the Operational Director – Finance and/or Operational Director – Legal and Democratic Services where necessary. They must also be reported for information to the next practically available meeting of the Board.

3.2 The absence of meetings of full Council during the COVID-19 crisis has meant that a number of urgent decisions have been necessary. More information on each can be found on the Council's website here:

<http://councillors.halton.gov.uk/mgDelegatedDecisions.aspx?bcr=1>

3.3 The urgent decisions taken since the last meeting of Council:

Date Decision taken	Decision details
2 September 2020	Cronton College - to approve proposed demolition, refurbishment and extension to two areas to provide two 24 classrooms, one tutorial room, 3 staff rooms, general store, male and female changing facilities, student WC's, staff WC and shower room, remodelled circulation spaces including new stairs and lifts and enhancements to external elevations including replacement of windows and doors.

24 September 2020	HBC Field Disposal – authority given to sell 7.4 acres to CDP in addition to the 27.4 acres already approved by Executive Board on 12 December 2019.
8 October 2020	Kick Start Intermediary - to enable the Council to apply for Intermediary Status to deliver the Government's Kick Start Programme.
9 October 2020	Covid-19 Self-Isolation Grant Payments - to approve the eligibility criteria to be used by the Council for assessing applications from residents for Covid-19 Self Isolation grant payments.
9 October 2020	Essential server replacement – for the provision of Microsoft Teams and Office 365 through the Halton Cloud Services Platform.
14 October 2020	To enable the Council to administer Halton's element of the Liverpool City Region Leisure and Hospitality Business Support Programme ' <i>No Reservations</i> '.
11 November 2020	Liverpool City Region Leisure and Hospitality Business Support Programme ' <i>No Reservations</i> ' – support to taxi drivers.
1 December 2020	Approval of WONDE – the School Meal Voucher Scheme

#### **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There are none other than the constitutional requirement to report urgent decisions for information.

#### **5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 None.

#### **6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

##### **6.1 Children and Young People in Halton**

None.

##### **6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton**

None.

##### **6.3 A Healthy Halton**

None.

##### **6.4 A Safer Halton**

None.

##### **6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal**

None.

## **7.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 The report is for information, and there are no risk issues arising from it.

## **8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 None.

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

9.1 No background papers were used in the preparation of this report. Further information on the decisions taken is available from the link in Paragraph 3.2.