

Extract of Executive Board Minutes relevant to the Environment & Regeneration Policy and Performance Board**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 11 SEPTEMBER 2025**

EXB41	REVIEW OF THE MERSEYSIDE AND HALTON JOINT WASTE LOCAL PLAN
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The Board considered a report of the Executive Director - Environment and Regeneration, which provided an update on the review of the Merseyside and Halton Joint Waste Local Plan (JWLP). The JWLP set the framework for waste related planning.

It was noted that the 2025 JWLP document reviewed the original 2013 policies to understand whether they were fit for purpose and in line with Local and National Policy. The report concluded that most of the policies in the plan remained fit for purpose. A copy of the review of the JWLP was attached as an Appendix to the report.

RESOLVED: That the Board notes the review and accepts the outcome of the review of the Joint Waste Local Plan.

EXB42	WASTE MANAGEMENT UPDATE
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The Board considered a report of the Executive Director - Environment and Regeneration, that provided an update on a number of matters in relation to the Council's Waste Management Services, including options to help meet legislative requirements, proposed contractual arrangements for the processing of collected recyclable materials, proposed recycling collection methodologies and potential financial implications where known at this stage.

RESOLVED: That the Board

- 1) endorse that the Council provides to the Merseyside Recycling and Waste Authority, as outlined commitment for Halton to be included in their procurement of new Waste Management and Recycling Contract arrangements that are to be introduced from 2029;
- 2) approve that, following the introduction of food waste collections in 2026, Halton's collected food waste is managed by the Merseyside Recycling and Waste Authority under the terms of the Waste Management and Recycling Contract;

- 3) approve that the Council collects 'Additional Materials' for recycling as part of household kerbside collections from 2026, at temporary additional cost, until the new Merseyside Recycling the Waste Authority Waste Management and Recycling contract is in place;
- 4) endorse that the Council retains a co-mingled recycling collection system from 2026 onwards (subject to a TEEP Assessment being carried out);
- 5) approve that the Council introduces the additional resources required to deliver a comprehensive, local waste communications and education campaign, and also approves the required expenditure to do so; and
- 6) delegated authority be given to the Executive Director - Environment and Regeneration, in consultation with the Environment and Urban Renewal Portfolio Holder, to take any decisions as may be necessary as part of Halton's inclusion in the Merseyside Recycling and Waste Authorities re-procurement exercise of the Waste Management and Recycling Contract.

EXB43	ARTICLE 4 DIRECTION - REMOVAL OF PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS FOR THE CHANGE OF USE FROM USE CLASS C3 (DWELLING HOUSES) TO C4 (HMOS) - KEY DECISION
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The Board considered a report of the Executive Director - Environment and Regeneration, that sought approval to remove the permitted development rights for the change of use from Use Class C3 (dwelling houses) to C4 (HMOs). The report advised that Local Planning Authorities had the power, in exceptional circumstances, to withdraw permitted development rights through the making of an Article 4 direction. This meant that deemed planning permission would not be granted automatically and an application needed to be made to the Council. It did not prohibit development but enabled the Council to have some control over the proposed development and to apply its own policies.

The report set out the type of Article 4 directions, the proposed local areas where it was required, together with evidence and justification, the procedure and the timescales involved to obtain Article 4 direction.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the making of an immediate Article 4 Direction to remove permitted development rights for the change of use from Use Class C3 (dwelling houses) to C4 (HMOs) as set out at Appendix 4 be approved;
- 2) the required notifications as set out in the report and the publication of a public notice as shown in Appendix C be authorised;
- 3) following notification and consultation, the matter is brought back to the Board to consider any consultation responses and make a decision on whether to confirm the immediate Article 4 Direction;

- 4) authority is delegated to the Director of Planning and Transportation in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Environmental Sustainability to amend the Houses in Multiple Occupation Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) to include the making of the article 4 direction; and
- 5) it was noted that this proposal is a key decision which has not been included on the Council's Forward Plan and the procedure set down in Rule 16 of the Access to information Procedure Rules of the Constitution have been followed.