

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

REPORT TO: Halton Strategic Partnership Board

DATE: 13 July 2005

REPORTING OFFICER: Local Authority Chief Executive

SUBJECT: Central partnership activity report

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To report on central partnership activity progress and spend.

2. RECOMMENDATION: For information

3. BACKGROUND

This report includes a report on the expenditure against the central partnership activity budget agreed in February 2005 and a progress report on the work programme agreed by the Board in December 2004.

ATTACHED DOCUMENTS

Central partnership activity report – Quarter 1 2005/06

Work programme progress report

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Item	Spend to date	Budget to date	Expenditure as % of budget	Year end estimate	2005/06 budget	Expenditure as % of budget	Under/ overspend
Staffing	£44,495	£50,000	89%	£180,000	£200,000	90%	-£20,000
Printing	£2,204	£2,000	110%	£8,000	£8,000	100%	£0
Catering and hospitality	£15,541	£750	2072%	£20,000	£3,000	667%	£17,000
Communication and publications	£2,931	£3,750	78%	£11,724	£15,000	78%	-£3,276
Conferences	£150	£1,250	12%	£600	£5,000	12%	-£4,400
Training and development	£3,500	£2,500	140%	£14,000	£10,000	140%	£4,000
Research for Priorities Process	£21,307	£20,000	107%	£21,307	£20,000	107%	£1,307
Conference	£0	£0	0%	£9,000	£9,000	100%	£0
Support charges	£0	£0	0%	£15,000	£15,000	100%	£0
Specialist Strategic Partnerships	£2,990	£5,000	60%	£20,000	£20,000	100%	£0
Halton Festival	£1,877	£10,000	19%	£40,000	£40,000	100%	£0
Social enterprise development	£0	£15,000	0%	£0	£60,000	0%	-£60,000
Total	£94,995	£110,250	86%	£339,631	£405,000	84%	-£65,369

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Theme	Purpose	Activity	Timescale	Progress
Branding	To encourage greater understanding of the ethos and purpose of the Halton Strategic Partnership, enable consistency of associated professional visual images, build recognition of these and increase the profile of the work of the partners and the partnership	Halton Strategic Partnership Board approved its basic visual identity	November 2004	Complete – logo in use
		Specialist Strategic Partnerships to recommend visual identities linked to that of Halton Strategic Partnership Board	May 2005	Work with Specialist Strategic Partnerships to agree shared branding is ongoing – target date for completion is July 2005
		Produce guidance on use of Partnership identity	May 2005	Awaiting outcome of above work
		Report to Halton Strategic Partnership Board regarding delivery of communications strategy	May 2005	Report to be produced for September 2005

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Communication	Build on current information sharing arrangements to help partners develop their skills and knowledge in key areas of neighbourhood renewal policy and practice	<p>Learning events delivered regarding structure, purpose, ethos and activities of the Partnership</p> <p>Progress report to Halton Strategic Partnership Board</p> <p>Sharing of policy developments and best practice</p>	<p>2005 – 06</p> <p>July 2005</p> <p>Monthly</p>	<p>Seminar held for Halton Borough Council members in May 2005. Workshops on project development and management held in May and June 2005. Full programme of events not yet planned due to diversion of resources to other activities.</p> <p>No progress report due to above</p> <p>New policy bulletin distributed to partners from Strategic Policy and Partnership Team</p>

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Community engagement	Increase the amount and profile of community engagement through a concentration of effort through Area Forums, Community Empowerment Network, consultation, and engagement through initiatives	Consultation via large scale consultation exercise, community/ voluntary sector, and focus groups	Spring 2005	Complete – reports available on Partnership website
		Area Forums linked to Participation and Delivery meetings of the Police, attendance by individuals from interest/area-based groups encouraged	Spring 2005	Complete
		Community Empowerment Network attendees of Specialist Strategic Partnerships linked to appropriate wider fora of community/voluntary sector	Spring 2005	Complete
		Neighbourhood Renewal Fund funded initiatives identify engagement levels and mechanisms	Spring 2005	Complete – initiatives provide information through quarterly monitoring process
		Report to Halton Strategic Partnership Board	May 2005	Complete – work continuing to develop new community engagement strategy

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Halton local area agreements	Look at the possible development of 'Halton area agreements' between the Halton Strategic Partnership Board and the Specialist Strategic Partnerships to cover shared objectives and targets, the resources (mainstream and additional) being targeted at particular areas, and to encourage partners to incorporate the shared intentions in their own strategic plans	Safe and Stronger Communities Fund identified as a possible area to test mini Local Area Agreement	October 2004	Complete
		Implementation of mini Local Area Agreement (Safer and Stronger Communities Fund)	Spring 2005	Complete – mini Local Area Agreement in place from April 2005
		Partners reflect appropriate targets/ objectives of Community Strategy in their plans	April 2006 onwards	
		Discussion by Halton Strategic Partnership Board	May 2005	Complete – Halton bid for full Local Area Agreement submitted

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Neighbourhood working	Analyse deprivation information at super-output level and provide intelligence to the partnership to use to inform resource allocation	Progress report to Halton Strategic Partnership Board	February 2005	Complete – report tabled at May 2005 meeting; further work to take place following announcement of Neighbourhood Renewal Fund allocation for 2006 – 2008
Service targeting	Map the delivery of mainstream services on an area basis to identify geographical service gaps and assist in service planning	Progress report to Halton Strategic Partnership Board	January 2006	

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Performance management	Refine current reporting systems to provide most appropriate information to the Halton Strategic Partnership Board and the Specialist Strategic Partnerships, for example, through reporting by exception, i.e. only poor or excellent performance, and assist Specialist Strategic Partnerships in their management of Neighbourhood Renewal Fund and additional resources	Issues to Halton Strategic Partnership Board Detailed report to Halton Strategic Partnership Board	February 2005 January 2006	Complete – new processes, including delegation of management to Specialist Strategic Partnerships agreed in May 2005
Pooled budgets	Potentially linked to Local Area Agreements, encourage the amalgamation of funding streams used by the different partners within each Specialist Strategic Partnerships to strengthen the impact of the funds – this will build on work in areas already using pooled budgets and recognise the need for different funding streams to be focused on particular areas.	Initial report Detailed report to Halton Strategic Partnership Board	Spring 2005 April 2006	Complete – Halton bid for full Local Area Agreement submitted