



Halton Strategic **PARTNERSHIP**

Halton Strategic Partnership Board – 13th September 2006

Local Economic Growth Initiative Bid (LEGI)

The Board expressed its support for Halton's LEGI bid – our entry into a competitive bidding process for support to promote enterprise in the area. Our bid focuses around creating an enterprise culture, supporting businesses and attracting inward investment.

Election of Vice-Chair

Mike Fry was elected as Vice-Chair of the Partnership. Mike represents Halton's Community Empowerment Network, and replaces Andy Guile who has taken up a job with HVA Together.

Local Area Agreements

A draft of Halton's Local Area Agreement has now been produced, and the Board endorsed its submission to Government Office. The full draft can be viewed on the Partnership website at www.haltonpartnership.net.

Future of the Third Sector in Halton

Halton Voluntary Action and Halton Together (the Community Empowerment Network for the area) have decided to amalgamate to maximise the strengths of the two organisations. More information can be found at www.hvatogether.org.uk.

Annual Conference

This year's conference will be held on the 4th October at the Halton Stadium, and will be themed around the future for partnerships. The keynote speaker will be record-breaking sailor Dee Caffari – the first woman to sail the wrong way around the world against prevailing winds. The event will take place from 9.30am, and places can be booked by calling 0151 471 7528.

Partnership Review

The Partnership Review meeting with Government Office North West took place during June, and initial drafts of the report indicate we have maintained our rating of amber/green. Given that the criteria by which partnerships are judged have become more challenging this is considered to be a satisfying outcome.

Neighbourhood Management Update

The Neighbourhood Management Director has now been appointed and will take up his post in October 2006. The Neighbourhood Management governance arrangements are in the process of being set up, and resident perception surveys have been carried out across the three areas.

Date of next meetings

4th October - Annual Conference

15th November – Board Meeting