



## Halton Strategic Partnership Board – 18<sup>th</sup> January 2006

### Community Strategy

The process of developing Halton's amended priorities is approaching a conclusion, and the Board were presented with a draft version of the new Community Strategy – the document that outlines the overall policy direction for the borough.

The Board agreed that the draft will be used as a consultation version, that Specialist Strategic Partnerships will examine the targets in their own themed sections, and that a final version of the strategy will be brought to the next meeting.

The consultation version of the strategy is available in the "latest news" section of the Partnership website – [www.haltonpartnership.net](http://www.haltonpartnership.net)

#### **Action:**

Partners to disseminate draft strategy through their own organisations  
Specialist Strategic Partnerships to examine proposed targets in draft strategy

### Neighbourhood Renewal Fund Allocations

Discussion took place around the future use of NRF based on recommendations from the Finance Group. These were accepted in full.

The allocations for 2006/07 were therefore agreed as follows:

Healthy Halton	£984,200
Safer Halton	£1,301,527
Urban Renewal	£887,060
Children and Young People	£1,205,500
Employment and Skills	£1,103,841

#### **Action:**

Specialist Strategic Partnerships to put together their two-year action plans and bring them to the next meeting of the Board

Discussions to take place with Halton Together on their support role to the Partnership

## **Local Public Service Agreements**

The Board agreed a set of themes and measures to be put forward to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister. Successful achievement of negotiated targets would lead to additional funding coming into Halton, and it was stressed that the process is the responsibility of all partners.

This process will be drawn together by the end of February.

## **Partnership Improvement Plan**

A proposed Improvement Plan for the Partnership was tabled, and Partners' comments invited. The plan will be amended following comments and brought to the next meeting for adoption.

## **Consultation on Local Strategic Partnerships**

A national consultation was presented to the Board, and comments invited to the Central Partnership Team. Many of the issues in the consultation will be covered in the Partnership's governance away day, giving the Team chance to compile responses before the deadline of 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

## **Quarter Three Reports**

Expenditure to date is progressing as projected, and it was requested that any additional underspend be reported to the Central Team as soon as possible.

## **Date of next meetings**

**1 February 2006 (Governance Away Day)**

**18 March 2006 (Board Meeting)**