



Halton Strategic **PARTNERSHIP**

Halton Strategic Partnership Board – 14th February 2007

Presentations

Alan Harrison gave a presentation to the Board about the improvement of Riverside College since its merger – it is now the best performing college in the sub-region. You can find out more information by looking at www.riversidecollege.ac.uk/.

Halton Observatory

The Observatory pulls together all the key national statistics about Halton, and can be accessed through the Partnership website at www.haltonpartnership.net. The next phase of development will see local statistics added – to help this happen it was agreed that a protocol for sharing data between organisations will be developed.

Governance Review

The Board agreed to freshen up its membership by the adding another Councillor from Halton Borough Council, a Fire Service Representative and a second member from Halton's Business Community. It also agreed arrangements to improve the working of the Specialist Strategic Partnerships and delegated consultation and engagement tasks to the Performance and Standards Group.

Local Area Agreement

The final version of Halton's Local Area Agreement is now with the Minister in London for signing. The Board agreed its delivery plan and allocated Local Area Agreement resources across the five priorities to a range of schemes.

Community Foundation for Merseyside

The Board offered its support to the Community Foundation extending the boundary of the area it covers to include Halton.

Mainstreaming Partnership Activity

The Board reflected on its work over the past five years and the impact that Neighbourhood Renewal Fund has had. It was agreed that a formal impact

assessment should be carried out by the summer. This will be done through a “peer review” by officers from a similar area to us.

Neighbourhood Management Update

The Neighbourhood Management Team is in place and the area assessments are complete. The Neighbourhood Management Board has now formed and meets for the first time in March, as will the three Local Area Boards. There has been a huge amount of interest from local residents in getting involved in the Local Area Boards.

Other Issues

The Board discussed flexible working practices in organisations and equality and diversity. These issues are likely to be of increasing importance in the way the Partnership delivers its business in years to come.

All the Board papers are available on www.haltonpartnership.net

Date of next meeting

16th May 2007