



## **Halton Strategic Partnership Board – 18<sup>th</sup> May 2005**

### **Safer and Stronger Communities Fund**

The Board approved the progress made with Halton's mini Local Area Agreement which will be submitted to Government Office North West. Halton will receive an allocation of funding based on an agreement to achieve a set of outcomes based on local and national priorities.

**Action:** Completed submission will be circulated amongst Board members.

### **Neighbourhood Renewal Fund Management Arrangements 2005/06**

Responsibility for the management of Neighbourhood Renewal Fund has been delegated to the five Specialist Strategic Partnerships. The Board approved a range of guidelines to ensure fair management of allocations and good practices.

### **Community Engagement**

Progress with the plans to develop a new Community Engagement Strategy for Halton was discussed, and will include a toolkit containing advice and best practice. A protocol for sharing the results of such engagement will also be included.

**Action:** The Board will consider the draft strategy at the next meeting in July.

### **Neighbourhood Data**

The Neighbourhood Renewal Unit has strongly encouraged Local Strategic Partnerships to identify priority neighbourhoods. In addition, they are expected to have measures to ensure these neighbourhoods improve more quickly than other areas. The Board examined a report that examined the most deprived areas in Halton, and considered the issues that focusing on specific areas may bring up.

**Action:** It was agreed to consider this in more detail once funding levels for the next two years are announced.

### **Choosing Health in Halton**

The Board received a copy of Halton's Public Health Annual Report which has been produced by the Director of Public Health, Dr Daniel Seddon. Copies

can be found in the “Health” section of the Partnership website at [www.haltonpartnership.net](http://www.haltonpartnership.net).

### **Halton Together Update**

The Chair of the Community Empowerment Network, Andy Guile, gave an update on developments since the last meeting. The issue of a shortfall in Government funding for the network was discussed, and it was stressed that this will hamper the efforts taking place.

### **Partnership Branding**

The Board reinforced the message that the Specialist Strategic Partnerships must share common branding with the overall Partnership. This will enable a cohesive picture of the work taking place across Halton to be projected.

**Action:** Shared branding to be implemented across all Partnerships.

### **Halton Festival**

The first Halton Festival will take place from the 9<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> July 2005, and is being co-ordinated by the Halton Strategic Partnership. More than 70 events have already been organised, with something for all age groups and interests on offer. More information can be found at [www.haltonfestival.net](http://www.haltonfestival.net).

### **Community Strategy Priorities Process**

An update was given on progress with the Priorities Process – the State of the Borough phase is now nearing its conclusion, and the baselining process will last until July. It is expected that the final draft of the new documents will be ready for the Board’s endorsement in November.

**Date of next meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> July 2005**