

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

REPORT TO: Halton Strategic Partnership Board
DATE: 9 November 2005
SUBJECT: Community Strategy Priorities Process

1. INTRODUCTION

The overall policy direction for the Borough is captured in the Community Strategy. This is now subject to a wholesale review, which has been in train since January. The key challenge is how best to frame the response to the needs of Halton through the Community Strategy. This has two stages;

- Decide the themes that encompass everything that needs doing (currently described as the 5 priorities), that then provide the framework for the strategy and the governance arrangements.
- Decide the priorities for investment within this framework and strike the right financial balance between them.

A major partner event is taking place on the morning of 9 November, immediately preceding the Board meeting to look at these issues. A full discussion paper covering all the key issues has been sent to Board members separately with details of that event. The task for the Board will be to reflect on that (and previous) discussion and come to a view on shaping the key elements of the new Community Strategy.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

The Board is recommended to reflect upon the discussions at the preceding Partners event and if appropriate agree:

- The framework for the priorities which will form the basis of the Community Strategy;
- That a partner event be held in January to examine the governance arrangements for the partnership; and,
- Explore a workable mechanism for deciding how available NRF resources should be invested behind the agreed priorities.