



Halton Strategic **PARTNERSHIP**

Halton Strategic Partnership Board Summary 18th February 2009

The Sustainable Community Strategy Review

The draft review was presented to the board for consultation. It must be noted that the strategy is not being rewritten but refreshed in line to meet the challenges set out in its initial development. The review objectives include the incorporation of the Housing and Homelessness Strategy and cross cutting targets covering social inclusion, cohesion, equalities and closing the gap.

Halton's Economic Review

Jim Twomey from Pion Economics presented a review on Halton's Economic Development & Tourism for the previous year. The full report is available on the partnership website. It should be noted that some of the issues highlighted in the report are now out of date, such as level 3 attainments in Halton are now above the national average.

Safeguarding Children

In the light of the recent tragic case of 'Baby P' in Haringey, CYP presented a report outlining the current working practices and what it intends to do to ensure locally that it retains its 'outstanding' performance on safeguarding in terms of the JAR report and more importantly to safeguard the lives of children in Halton. Work into making the service provision more tailored to a local approach will be piloted in The Grange and further work to recruit further foster carers will be reviewed and delivered.

State of the Borough Report 2009

As part of preparation for the mid term review of the Sustainable Community Strategy and the Local Area Agreement, the State of the Borough Report has been updated. The report should be shared amongst your organisations to help support priorities set out, although it is important to note that much of the data reflects the situation before the economic downturn. Please find the report available via the Partnership website -

Allocation of Working Neighbourhood Fund and Safer Stronger Communities Funds

The LSP Board approved the SSPs proposals for the allocation of the Working Neighbourhood Fund and Safer Stronger Communities Fund for 2009/10 and the indicative proposals for 2010/1. The Board has asked for reports back at the May meeting on commissioning proposals for Alcohol and ASB.

External Funding in Halton

The External Funding team have agreed the creation of a working group that will report into the LSP board. The role will be to coordinate better the way that external funding is accessed in the Borough, via a group made up of key partners. Mike Fry was agreed as Chair of the working group.

Contact Wesley Rourke, Head of External Funding, HBC, for further information.

LSP Performance Management Framework

The advent of the Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) in April 2009, along with findings of the CPA Corporate Assessment in 2008, has identified a requirement for partnership performance management arrangements to evolve to a more advanced level across Halton. The LSP board agreed to the completion of this review and implementation of the revised framework.

Other agenda items included:-

- The annual review and refresh of the LAA and it's development plan
- Review of infrastructure supporting Equalities, Community Cohesion and Engagement
- Risk Assessment Review
- Comprehensive Area Assessment Update
- HBC's Budget Process
- Halton's Economic Downturn update
- Update on the Performance Management Framework
- Neighbourhood Management Update

A full set of the Board papers with the above reports and frameworks can be found on the LSP website under Board Papers at www.haltonpartnership.net