



Halton Strategic **PARTNERSHIP**

Halton Strategic Partnership Board Summary 20th May 2009

Comprehensive Area Assessment

The Audit Commission presented the latest CAA findings in terms of how the partnership is currently performing and any areas for concern.

The full presentation can be found on the partnership website in the Board Papers section -

<http://www.haltonpartnership.net/site/index.php?option=content&task=view&id=59&Itemid=83>

Halton & St Helens PCT - Obesity in Halton

It was reported that obesity is an increasing problem in Halton amongst both general population and children and young people in particular. Halton is currently bucking the national trend of those affected with the worst obesity figures not being directly linked to areas of deprivation; in many cases it was the most affluent areas where obesity was most prevalent amongst children and young people.

The Sustainable Community Strategy Refresh

The final draft was presented to the board for consultation. It should 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 Downturn

It is apparent from the data supplied that the economic picture has changed dramatically during the past 12 months. In common with the rest of the country, Halton is now suffering as a result of the downturn with its resulting impacts on individuals, families and businesses. Income to Halton BC is also reducing, which increases pressure on budgets delivering support to local people.

Halton Strategic Partnership Showcase

It has been agreed that instead of the annual conference, the HSP will host a joint partnership showcase on Wednesday 7th October 2009 from 12pm to 7pm. The showcase will involve partnership projects going out into the community to promote key issues such as Healthy Eating and Men's Health.

There will be a central 'Information Hub' held at Stobart Stadium Halton with hosted partnership stands promoting the partnerships activities to the public. Contact Helen Slater, Partnership Communications Officer, for more information on Tel: 0151 471 7528 or email: helen.slater@halton.gov.uk

Neighbourhood Management (NM) Update

NM is working closely with Halton & St. Helens PCT to design and launch an intervention at the neighbourhood level round the misuse of alcohol and also to establish a screening service to reduce CVD (Cardio vascular disease - heart attacks, strokes, kidney disease & diabetes). Other key activities for NM include the review of the three neighbourhood partnerships' Neighbourhood Action Plans, with the aim of better alignment with Halton's 'refreshed' LAA and Sustainable Community Strategy and the neighbourhood boards' grant awarding panels continue to consider applications from local community and voluntary groups seeking small and medium sized grants for a wide range of events, projects and activities.

Halton Strategic Partnership (HSP) Engagement Consultation

In order to inform Halton's Sustainable Community Strategy the HSP had commissioned large scale telephone quantitative consultation exercises in 2003, 2005 and 2007. The recent requirement of the Audit Commission's Place Survey has lead to a re-examining of the need to undertake another large scale quantitative survey so close to the publication of its findings. Many questions contained in the Place Survey replicate those asked by the previous telephone surveys.

Rather than duplicate the Place Survey the HSP have agreed to use the resources available for 2009 in a more qualitative way in order to try and tease out more useful in-depth information about changes in both the Borough as a whole and in the three Neighbourhood Management Areas, using a new approach resting on more qualitative approaches. Three research suppliers are being interviewed in a bid to carry out this exercise on behalf of the HSP.

For further information contact Shelah Semoff, Partnership Officer, on Tel: 0151 471 7528 or email: shelah.semoff@halton.gov.uk

Other agenda items included:-

- Halton Observatory
- Request for HSP Board membership
- Performance management of LAA indicators and WNF
- Local Area Agreement refresh and Performance Report
- Core strategy consultation
- Sustainable communities act
- Working Neighbourhood Fund – Financial Summary

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