



UPDATE

HALTON STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP



Changes in Halton Strategic Partnership

There have been lots of changes in the Halton Strategic Partnership recently. The chair of the Strategic Partnership, Cllr Rob Polhill was recently selected as the new Leader of Halton Borough Council. However, Cllr Polhill will remain as the chair of the Partnership.

There have also been some changes in the people who support the Halton Strategic Partnership. Feel free to contact the team if you have any questions!

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Reductions in Government Funding

As you will have heard, the government has announced cuts to public sector funding. The Working Neighbourhoods Fund (WNF) and Local Public Service Agreement Reward grant are amongst the budgets to be cut. Services which Halton Strategic Partnership commissions will be reduced by just under £1.2m as a result. Some key decisions have been made to make sure that Halton Strategic Partnership keeps within its budget.

In order to keep to the smaller budget, the Halton Strategic Partnership has reduced funding to approved projects that have not

yet started, or that have not spent as much as expected.

In this year's Autumn Spending Review, it is expected that funding will either be significantly reduced further or removed altogether, and this will impact on the partners and the public who receive services. In order to minimise the impact, it is important we focus on our top priorities, and on activities that we know are making a difference. The partnership will also firm up its exit strategies for services for which there will be no government grant funding in future.

During these tough times, the government is encouraging a different relationship between public organisations and the communities we serve, with voluntary and self-help playing a bigger part in future.

Member of the Halton Strategic Partnership Board have been written to about the funding cuts.

We will keep you informed in future about the Autumn Spending Review and effects on Halton Strategic Partnership.



Looking at our priorities



It's all happening in Halton

Sustainable Community Strategy

Halton's current Sustainable Community Strategy is due to end in March 2011 and work has already started to consider the new Strategy for 2011-2026.

The Strategy aims to enhance the quality of life of local communities through actions to improve the economic, social and environmental well being of the area and its inhabitants.

Setting out our key priorities for the 15 years from April 2011 will show the direction we need to progress in and the targets we're working to achieve together.

A steering group of key partners will meet on a monthly basis to co-ordinate and deliver the plan. You'll be hearing more about the Sustainable Community Strategy over the coming months and we'll keep you all updated.

Comprehensive Area Assessment 2010

At the May 2010 Partnership Board, the Audit Commission delivered a presentation around the 2010 Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA). Since the group met, the government has announced that the CAA will be ending with immediate effect. We will keep you informed of what's happening in this area in future.

My Halton

After the success of last year's event, there are plans to host 'My Halton' again in 2010. The Halton Strategic Partnership Board decided to run the event this year at the meeting in May 2010.

The aim of the event is to promote the profile of the Halton Strategic Partnership by telling our community what we're doing, why, what the outcomes have been and how our work benefits them.

Halton Strategic Partnership will be responsible for organising the event, briefing partners and co-ordinating the day.

The event will take place during October half-term and more details of the event will be emerging over the coming months and we look forward to seeing you all there either as exhibitors or visitors.

In the Next Newsletter

We will keep you updated on the changes affecting the Halton Strategic Partnership and tell you more about the upcoming 'My Halton' event.

What is the Halton Strategic Partnership?

The Partnership is Halton's local strategic partnership (LSP) and brings the main service providers and agencies in the area together to improve services and drive regeneration. You can find out more at www.haltonpartnership.net. There are lots of projects supported through the Partnership's work - if you'd like to find out more please get in touch using the contact details below:

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