



# **The Sustainable Community**

## **Strategy For Halton**

**2006 - 2011**

### **Year End Progress Report**

**01<sup>st</sup> April 2009 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010**

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<b>1.0</b>	14.05.10	Final HSPB
<b>1.1</b>	19.05.10	Minor correction and revision to page headers and additional of hyperlinks for each measure to take the reader to relevant page of document.
		NI 40 Correction to 2009 – 10 symbol from amber to red
<b>1.2</b>	24.05.10	NI 48 - Amended 2009 -10 Actual value to 5.9% (from numerical value of 37) and 2009 – 10 symbol to green (from red) as annual target has been exceeded.

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This report provides a summary of progress in relation to the achievement of targets within Halton’s Sustainable Community Strategy.

It provides both a snapshot of performance for the period 01<sup>st</sup> April 2009 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 and a projection of expected levels of performance to the period 2011.













The following symbols have been used to illustrate current performance against 2010 and 2011 target levels.

	Target is likely to be achieved or exceeded.
	The achievement of the target is uncertain at this stage
	Target is highly unlikely to be / will not be achieved.





The following indicators are not included within this performance report:

NI	Description	Reason
74	Proportion achieving L5+ at KS3 in both English and Maths	Following the deletion of these indicators from the National Indicator Data Set they have been removed from the Local Area Agreement for Halton from April 2009.
83	Proportion achieving L5+ at KS3 in Science	
95	Proportion progressing by two levels at KS3 in English	
96	Proportion progressing by two levels at KS3 in Maths	
97	Proportion progressing by two levels between KS3 and KS4 in English	
98	Proportion progressing by two levels between KS3 and KS4 in Maths	











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8	8	<a href="#">Adult participation in sport</a>		
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16	123	<a href="#">16+ Smoking rate prevalence</a>		
17	139	<a href="#">People &gt; 65 who say that they receive the information, assistance and support needed to exercise choice and control to live independently</a>	N/A	
17	142	<a href="#">Number of vulnerable people supported to maintain independent living</a>		
18	150	<a href="#">Adults in contact with secondary mental health services in employment</a>		


























## Non Local Area Agreement Measures / Targets

20	121	<a href="#">Mortality rate from all circulatory diseases at ages under 75 (proxy for local indicator H1)</a>		
21	122	<a href="#">Mortality from all cancers at ages under 75 (proxy for local indicator H2)</a>		
23	124	<a href="#">Increase the number of people with a long term condition supported to be independent and in control of their condition</a>	N/A	N/A







## CHILDREN &amp; YOUNG PEOPLE

24	72	<a href="#">Early years foundation stage attainment</a>		
25	73	<a href="#">Proportion achieving level 4 at KS2 in both English and Maths</a>		
27	75	<a href="#">Proportion achieving 5 A-C GCSE's including English and Maths</a>		
28	87	<a href="#">Secondary school persistence absence rate</a>		
29	92	<a href="#">Achievement Gap at Early Years Foundation Stage</a>		

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30	93	<u>Proportion progressing by 2 levels at KS2 in English</u>		
32	94	<u>Proportion progressing by 2 levels at KS2 in Maths</u>		
34	99	<u>Proportion of children in care achieving level 4 at KS2 English</u>		
35	100	<u>Proportion of children in care achieving level 4 at KS2 Maths</u>		
36	101	<u>Proportion of children in care achieving 5 A – C GCSE's</u>		
38	56	<u>Obesity among primary school age children in Year 6</u>		
39	63	<u>Stability of placements of looked after children</u>		
40	80	<u>Achievement of a Level 3 qualification at age 19</u>		
41	111	<u>First time entrants to Youth Justice System</u>		
42	112	<u>Under 18 conception rate</u>		
43	115	<u>Substance misuse by young people</u>		
44	116	<u>Proportion of children in poverty</u>	N/A	
46	117	<u>16 – 18 Year olds not in education, training or employment</u>		

### Non Local Area Agreement Measures / Targets

47	48	<u>Reduce the number of children and young people killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents</u>		
48	199	<u>Increase the children and young people's satisfaction with parks and play areas</u>		
49	CYP1	<u>Reduce the 13% gap in attainment of 5 A*-C GCSEs (including English and Maths) by 25% between those living in the worst 10% LSOA nationally and the Halton average in the three years to 2011</u>		

## SAFER HALTON

Page	NI	Descriptor	09/10 Target	2011 Target
51	5	<a href="#">Overall satisfaction with the area</a>	N/A	?
52	7	<a href="#">Environment for a thriving third sector</a>	N/A	?
53	16	<a href="#">Serious acquisitive crime rate</a>	✓	✓
55	17	<a href="#">Perceptions of anti-social behaviour</a>	N/A	?
57	20	<a href="#">Assault with injury crime rate</a>	✓	✓
58	30	<a href="#">Re-offending rate of prolific and priority offenders</a>	✓	?
60	32	<a href="#">Repeat incidents of domestic violence</a>	✓	✓
61	33	<a href="#">Arson incidents</a>	✓	✓
63	39	<a href="#">Alcohol related hospital admission rates</a>	✗	?
65	40	<a href="#">Drug users in effective treatment</a>	✗	?









**Non Local Area Agreement Measures / Targets**

66	47	<a href="#">Reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents</a>	✓	?
69	SH1	<a href="#">Reduce the number of incidents of ASB in the worst 5 Lower Super Output Areas compared with the rest of the borough</a>	✗	?








**EMPLOYMENT, LEARNING AND SKILLS**

71	153	<a href="#">Working age people claiming out of work benefits in the worst performing neighbourhoods</a>	✗	?
73	163	<a href="#">Working age population qualified to at least Level 2 or higher.</a>	✗	✗
75	171	<a href="#">VAT Registration rate</a>	✓	✓







**Non Local Area Agreement Measures / Targets**

Page	NI	Descriptor	09/10 Target	2011 Target
76	ELS1	<u>Reduce the proportion of adults with no qualifications</u>		
77	ELS2	<u>Increase the proportion of adults qualified to Level 3</u>		
77	ELS3	<u>Increase the rate of self-employment</u>		
78	ELS4	<u>Ensure unemployment in any Lower Super Output Area is less than 20% above the borough average</u>		

**URBAN RENEWAL**



79	154	<u>Net additional homes provided</u>		
80	175	<u>Access to services and facilities by public transport walking and cycling</u>		
81	186	<u>Per Capita CO2 Emissions in LA area</u>	N/A	
82	192	<u>Household waste collected and recycled</u>		

**Non Local Area Agreement Measures / Targets**

84	UR1	<u>Assist in maintaining the current baseline of 59,000 jobs in Halton</u>		
85	UR2	<u>To bring 10 hectares of derelict land back into beneficial use annually</u>		
86	UR3	<u>Facilitate the relocation of businesses affected by the construction of the Mersey Gateway Bridge (Business identified - 78)</u>		

## HEALTHY HALTON

### NI 8    Adult participation in sport

Baseline (2006)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
20.13%	22.13%	<b>21.4%</b> (Q.3 figure)		24.13%	

#### Data Commentary

This report covers 1 October–31 December 2009. The results of the Active People Survey 3 by which this indicator is now measured were released on 17 December 2009. Active People Survey years - October to October full year data available each December.

#### LAA reporting years

Data for NI 8 Year 1 is based on a 1000 sample in each Local Authority drawn from Active People between Oct 07 and Oct 09 and reported in Dec 09.

NI 8 indicator is determined by adding Active People Survey 2 (APS2) results (Dec 2008 - 18.7%) with Active People Survey 3 (APS3) result.

If a local authority has achieved a statistically significant increase from APS1 (2006) to APS3 or APS2/3 combined this is a real increase and indicates a positive direction of travel. Halton's APS1 was 19.62% and APS3 result 24.9% thus a statistically significant increase.

#### Breakdown of NI 8 data and Active People Diagnostic

The data will be incorporated into Sport England's Active People Diagnostic as soon as possible after the data has been released. It is anticipated that this will be available interactively in April 2010.

Data result for Halton's KPI 1 3 x 30 mins per week adult participation rate in APS3 showed a good increase to 24.9%. 19.62% was the 2006 baseline. Thus Halton has achieved its LPSA target (however, this has not yet been verified)

Our NI 8 LAA target for this year has not been achieved, but our direction of travel is good.

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### General Performance Commentary

Our performance has improved and local interventions should be viewed as having a direct contribution to this result. Targeted projects have received increased resources from Working Neighbourhoods Fund, Sport England and DCMS free swim scheme. This has allowed increased delivery within community settings through commissioning of voluntary sector sports clubs. Small amounts of money have seen huge benefits. Clubs have provided taster sessions; new targeted sessions and free sessions to attract new participants and the clubs have been supported to improve their infrastructure, through coach education and development workshops.

The Active People Survey from which the data is sourced is conducted annually (Oct to Oct), with results published December. Quarterly reporting is not possible at this time however there are suggestions that regular quarterly interim results may be published in the future.

For this reason local proxy indicators have been introduced to gauge progress:

- Leisure Centre usage can be monitored on a monthly basis. Adult participation is being monitored and contractor has been set a 1% increase target for adult participation at the Council's 3 Leisure Facilities.
- Free swim campaign for those aged 60 years and over can be monitored monthly.
- Sports Participation Project is targeted intervention recording participants' details and has annual targets set to increasing participation. This is a multi agency project to get more people active.

All of the above are reported Quarterly through Sports Participation Project reporting to Health SSP.

### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

The following activities took place in the last quarter:

#### **Community sessions:**

6 new community classes set up and running this quarter following consultation: 2 Tai chi classes in partnership with cancer support centre, adult gym follow-on class, Adults t dance, Fitness through dance and Gentle circuits at Heath.

Six Green Flag walks launched inc ½ page press. Free step-o-metres distributed linked to green walks 100+

Health walks program delivered by volunteers.

Risk assessments and instructor evaluations carried out.

General enquiries and sign posting to other services.

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New participant monitoring and questionnaires administered.  
Get Active 2010 Leaflet drops to 4 wards via probation service.  
Equipment supplied to St Ambrose church re older adult new age bowls.

### **Family Focus Activity MNT areas:**

Meeting Stobart Stadium re new family activity

### **Targeted Outreach:**

Get Active 2010 Leaflet drops to 4 wards via probation service.  
Sport tasters delivered to Halton College foundation studies students (disability)  
Health Trainer events attended Brookvale and Palacefields.  
Palacefields community-walking group supported and funding sourced (£2600) for Palacefields walk maps.  
Foyer status open days attended and taster sessions delivered to YMCA and Belvedere Housing.  
Advice and instructor contacts given to Children's centres to hire their own activity coaches.

### **Get Active Forum Halton:**

Meetings with PCT exercise referral schemes re referral participants assessing the Get Active programme activities.  
Get Active forum meeting, funding info disseminated to all forum members

### **Men's Health:**

On-going support to Men's health circuits, and Jog programme.  
Meeting Age Concern re men's 50+ activity.  
New men's-health football session (after work) at Kingsway Leisure Centre.

### **Girls & Women's Blitz:**



Women's yoga and Ladies morning supported.  
Case studies completed re women's yoga and depression/mental health.

### **Innovation:**

Frail older adult chair-based exercise level 2 training course delivered to 12 individuals. Training delivered (level 2) frail older adult chair-based exercise organised and delivered to care staff/coaches x 11.  
In Pursuit of Sport promotions disseminated and taster activity/sports arranged including golf, tennis, skiing etc.  
Support given to PCT re workplace health checks.  
Sports Relief event supported and info disseminated to attendees.

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### NI 53      Prevalence of breastfeeding at 6 – 8 weeks from birth

Baseline (Q.2 2008)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
12.1%	21%	<b>19.26%</b>		23%	

#### Data Commentary

The data has been calculated using total and partial breastfeeding numbers over the number of infants due a 6-8 week check.

Breastfeeding is recommended for a period of 6 months. Performance data is measured at birth and at 6 weeks although local information is available for interim stages. The proportion of mothers breastfeeding has increased year on year in both boroughs and over the last year has stabilized at around 48%.

#### General Performance Commentary

Breastfeeding performance continues to improve although the end of year target is still challenging. Progress against the breastfeeding action plan has continued with 49 premises receiving the baby welcome award and peer support groups are operating in children's centres. Support is available to women through maternity support workers and community parents at King's Cross have been trained to provide peer support. The Children's Trust has started the UNICEF Baby Friendly process in December 09.

#### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

Evidence suggests that a whole system approach is needed to increase the uptake and maintenance of breastfeeding. Over the past 2 years an action plan based on evidence of best practice has been implemented by a multi-agency steering group. Successes include:

- Development of robust measures to capture the new dataset. The recording of breastfeeding performance is consistently above target and is one of the highest in the country.
- Development and implementation of Get Closer- a social marketing approach to breastfeeding and promotion throughout the boroughs which has been well received and promoted nationally as good practice.
- Extensive training of all health visitors and midwives, particularly in St Helens on a 3-5 day intensive course
- Increased capacity of infant feeding coordinators in the PCT.

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- Training of La Leche peer support counsellors – 7 in Halton with a further 12 to be trained in 2010.
- Establishment and promotion of breastfeeding support groups in children's centres - 9 across the two boroughs.
- Improved acceptability of breastfeeding in public through the Baby Welcome Award received by 61 in Halton exceeding targets.
- Maternity support workers providing breastfeeding support in Halton up to 6 weeks.
- Training of community parents to become breastfeeding buddies in Halton with Kings Cross Parents programme.

### **Barriers to progress**

Breastfeeding performance can be affected by the capacity of services to support women through the first few days and weeks of breastfeeding.

Some resources are available for paid peer support for breastfeeding but due to recruitment issues this is unlikely to be in place for several months.

Children's Centre staff have been trained as La Leche Administrators and have traditionally supported the breastfeeding support groups and breastfeeding volunteers. Due to recent changes in role the number available to support the breastfeeding agenda has reduced. If the time of these individuals were released to help support women on a one to one basis until permanent recruitment has taken place this would help to ensure capacity and performance over the coming months. Funding to backfill their role is available in this financial year.

### **Baby Friendly Initiative**

UNICEF Baby Friendly is a whole system approach to ensure that women receive the right information and support at all stages of their journey to enable them to breastfeed. St Helens and Knowsley and Warrington & Halton hospitals are both working towards baby friendly status. The process usually takes 2-4 years.

Halton and St Helens PCT in conjunction with St Helens Children's Trust and Halton Children's have expressed an interest in being accredited as Baby Friendly boroughs. An action planning visit has recently taken place and a draft action plan developed. This plan needs to be endorsed and adopted by the Children's Trusts. Key actions that will make the most difference to the performance over the next year are:



- Ensuring capacity to support breastfeeding in the first 6 weeks through maternity support workers, peer support counselors and breastfeeding buddies working closely with midwives and health visitors.
- Action Plan agreed by all partners for co-ordination of services and programs to achieve UNICEF Baby Friendly stage 1 and to increase breastfeeding rates.
- New social marketing campaign to increase initiation and maintenance of

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breastfeeding

- Developing team level performance feedback mechanisms for midwifery and health visiting teams to enable them to manage their performance and including service performance measures within contracts.
- Strengthening breastfeeding links with children's centres and releasing trained staff to support the breastfeeding agenda.

### NI 120 | All-age all cause mortality

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
Male - 906	780	<b>803.8</b>		755	
Fem - 673	590	<b>597.3</b>		574	

#### Data Commentary

Quarters 1 to 3 have been refreshed. Quarter 4 is the position as of February 2010 - March 2010 data will not available until May 2010 from ONS.

#### General Performance Commentary

Mortality rates in Halton are fluctuating for men and gradually decreasing for women. The key causes of mortality in Halton are heart and circulatory disease, cancer, smoking and obesity.

2009 data for Halton indicates deaths from CVD had reduced by 42% and it is projected Halton will achieve the 2010 spearhead target of a 57% reduction even though it is not expected to meet the LAA target.

Death rates from cancer under age 75 have fallen steadily from 171 per 100,000 people in the year 1993, to 131 in 2007. There was a rise in 2008 to 140 deaths per 100,000. We expect to see improvement in the 2009 results when available. Recent data results indicate survival from lung cancer in Halton and St Helens is 30% after one year: one of the eight best rates in the North West. Survival from bowel cancer at one year is excellent at 71%. Survival from breast cancer at one year is high at 96%.

Halton has improved its smoking quit rate year on year for the past 5 years. Halton and St Helens now has the 4<sup>th</sup> highest quit rate in the North west at 1104.74 per 100,000. Halton and St Helens has stretched their smoking target for next year and will have the second highest target in the North West.

Obesity rates in Halton are increasing. Halton Borough Council and Halton

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and St Helens PCT recognise obesity as an urgent priority. To address high obesity rates the PCT and borough council have followed Department of Health recommendations on tackling deep seated areas of health inequalities and are increasing financial resources to £2.9m in March 2010, scaling up current services, procuring services to address gaps and being more systematic.

### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

- The *Get Checked* for cancer campaign is based on successful messages in local communities that highlight any changes for normal experience or symptoms.
- Under the targeted Get Checked campaign more cancers were diagnosed (up by 68% for bowel cancer, 13% for breast cancer and 10% for lung cancer)
- Under the Get Checked campaign more GPs referred cases early for diagnosis under the “two week” rule (up by 82%, 19% and 16%)
- Under the Get Checked campaign there was less spread of the cancer at the time of diagnosis.
- The campaign is extending across all practices from 2010.
- The 2 week wait rapid access referral for cancer symptoms has been very successful across Halton and St Helens: GPs in Halton and St Helens now refer 191 patients per 10,000 population using the 2 week rule.
- Half of people in their sixties in Halton and St Helens now take up a simple home screening test for bowel cancer, leading to much earlier diagnosis. This screening was introduced just two years ago.
- Widnes GPs are running a programme to encourage women who have not attended before, to go for cancer screening.
  - GP registers for patients at high risk of CVD are in place to address the problem of under diagnosis of CVD patients. Out of patients assessed for risk of CVD Halton GPs are finding more, earlier 4,309 patients found needing treatment in 08/09 compared to 1,533 in 06/07. These figures are expected to have increased for 2009/10.
  - Health Checks PLUS Scheme established in 2009 was developed to build upon the work of the GP high risk registers and respond to NST Health Inequalities recommendations to launch an additional ‘case-find’ scheme that included a broader scope. 20% of the adult population of Halton is invited for a Health Checks PLUS assessment on an annual basis.
  - Out of 24 patients assessed through Health Checks PLUS In Beechwood Medical Centre in Halton between October 2009 and January 2010 16 were found to be at risk of CVD.
  - Management of blood pressure is important to address CVD the PCT has incentivised GPs to deliver on this. Blood pressure management has improved for patients treated from 12,517 patients in 2004/5 to 13,617 patients in 2008/9. These figures are expected to have increased for 2009/10.

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- Management of cholesterol is important to address CVD the PCT has incentivised GPs to deliver on this. Cholesterol management has improved for patients treated from 9931 patients in 2004/5 to 11420 patients in 2008/9. These figures are expected to have increased for 2009/10.
- A Cardiac Rehabilitation Programme for Halton residents set up in May 2009 by January 2010 60 Halton residents had completed the full Cardiac Rehabilitation programme.
- A Street Doctor style bus has been commissioned by Halton GPs to go out and case find hard to reach people with CVD.
- Stop smoking advisors now work in hospitals, pharmacies and 13 GP Practices in Halton.
- Pharmacists are incentivised to deliver stop smoking advice and have quitters.
- The stop smoking rate for pregnant women has improved this year with 22.5% staying quit at time of delivery in the first 2 quarters of 2009/10 compared to 25.5% in 2008/9.
- Advice and support on smoke free homes is given to pregnant women and significant others in the lives of pregnant smokers.
- Midwives have baby clear monitors and routinely test all babies in the womb for raised carbon monoxide levels due to a smoky atmosphere and then offer advice on smokefree homes.
- There is a 100% compliance with smoke free public places enforcement.
- Substantial investment is now in place to address obesity.
- A new brief intervention service has been commissioned to train up staff and patients in how to tackle overweight or obesity.
- The services for overweight and obese patients are being expanded.
- A weight awareness social marketing campaign called *The Moment of Truth* has been developed.
- Exercise on referral is being expanded.
- A number of health check programmes have been initiated that will invite 20% of the Halton population for examination. These include Health Checks Plus, QOF Plus, and WorkWell health checks.

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### NI 123 | 16+ stopping smoking

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
914 (per 100,000 population)	1082	<b>888</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1128	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

#### Data Commentary

Figures for Q1,2 and 3 have been refreshed. Q4 figures are a snapshot as of April 7<sup>th</sup> and full outturn figures are not yet available.

#### General Performance Commentary

Smoking cessation services continue to be successful in meeting projected targets. Smoking cessation is seasonal with most smokers quitting in the last quarter of January to March. Figures for this period have not yet been collated but when they are we expect to have exceeded the set target. Halton has one of the highest quit rates in the northwest.

#### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

The business plan to support extra investment in tobacco control has been agreed. Job descriptions and service specifications are currently being drawn up and additional staff should be in place by July 2010. A new pathway for pregnant smokers is now in place and there is currently a 3% improvement on the number of pregnant quitters compared to 2009/10. The majority of smokers quitting in Halton are within the DH key target groups of workless or routine and manual labour people. Tobacco control has been cited as an area of good practice for World Class Commissioning.

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<b>NI 139</b>	<b>People over 65 who say that they receive the information, assistance and support needed to exercise choice and control to live independently</b>
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Baseline (2008 survey)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
30.4%	N/A	N/A	N/A	32.8%	?

### Data Commentary

This is collected through the Place Survey carried out every 2 years. The next planned Place Survey is during the Autumn of 2010.

### General Performance Commentary

Not applicable

### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

Plans are being developed to carry out a brief survey of older people using existing networks to assess direction of travel. This survey will be carried out initially through Halton Older People's Empowerment Network (OPEN) and the five local participation groups. The next stage will be to get the question incorporated into existing service feedback forms. The first phase of this will be through Halton Borough Council's existing Lifeline service.

<b>NI 142</b>	<b>Number of vulnerable people supported to maintain independent living</b>
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Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
98.17%	98.69%	98.95%	✓	99.04%	✓

### Data Commentary

This report covers the period 6 April 2009 to 4 April 2010. All performance indicator workbooks have been received from SP support providers.

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### General Performance Commentary

Services have exceeded the overall cumulative target set for 2009/10.



The overall target set of 98.69% has been exceeded for 2009/10. Four client groups have individual performance targets set. Services for older people with support needs, frail elderly and generic services have all exceeded their targets. The service for teenage parents has failed to meet it's overall target of 92.59% and performance has fell again in quarter 4.

### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

The teenage parent service is being closely monitored to improve performance with a joint approach between Supporting People and Children's Services. By using this approach it is expected appropriate referrals will be made, service users will also be accessing other services so will engage with the support provider and that positive outcomes will be achieved. An action plan has been agreed and good progress is being made with receiving appropriate referrals into the service. However there is still an issue with service users who stop engaging with the service. A further monitoring meeting is being arranged with the support provider & childrens services representative to discuss this issue and overall progress, and measures will be put into place to address this matter and improve performance in 2010/11.

All services continue to be monitored on a quarterly basis and any issues identified will be addressed by the Quality Assurance team.

### NI 150      Adults in contact with secondary mental health services in employment

Baseline (Jan 2010)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
11.1%	11.1%	11.1%		12.1%	

### Data Commentary

In January 2010 there were 640 people in Halton receiving secondary mental health services, 71 of these were recorded as in employment and this was used to agree the baseline. The baseline agreed as part of LAA review in March 2010.

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### General Performance Commentary

It has been agreed that a further 1% of this group of 640 will be in employment by March 2011. The 71 already in employment will be seen as the baseline even if for example, they retire during the next 12 months. The list of people newly into employment will be available (assuming success) by March 2011.



### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

A strategy has been developed and actions have been identified to achieve the target for next year.

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*Non Local Area Agreement Measures contained within Halton's Sustainable Community Strategy (2006 – 2011)*

### NI 121    Mortality rate from all circulatory diseases at ages under 75

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
64.3	83.21	88.8		78.3	

#### *Data Commentary*

Quarters 1 to 3 have been refreshed. Quarter 4 is the position as of February 2010 - March 2010 data will not available until May 2010 from ONS.

#### *General Performance Commentary*

2008/9 data for Halton indicates deaths from circulatory disease had reduced by 42% and although it is unlikely we will achieve the LAA target it is projected Halton will achieve the 2010 spearhead target of a 57% reduction. Circulatory disease is impacted on via treatment for existing disease and a reduction in smoking and obesity levels.

#### *Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year*

- GP registers for patients at high risk of CVD are in place to address the problem of under diagnosis of CVD patients. Out of patients assessed for risk of CVD Halton GPs are finding more, earlier 4,309 patients found needing treatment in 08/09 compared to 1,533 in 06/07.
- Health Checks PLUS Scheme established in 2009 was developed to build upon the work of the GP high risk registers and respond to NST Health Inequalities recommendations to launch an additional 'case-find' scheme that included a broader scope. 20% of the adult population of Halton is invited for a Health Checks PLUS assessment on an annual basis.
- Out of 24 patients assessed through Health Checks PLUS In Beechwood Medical Centre in Halton between October 2009 and January 2010 16 were found to be at risk of CVD.
- Management of blood pressure is important to address CVD the PCT has incentivised GPs to deliver on this. Blood pressure management has improved for patients treated from 12,517 patients in 2004/5 to 13,617 patients in 2008/9. These figures are expected to have increased in 2009/10.
- Management of cholesterol is important to address CVD the PCT has incentivised GPs to deliver on this. Cholesterol management has improved for patients treated from 9931 patients in 2004/5 to 11420

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patients in 2008/9. These figures are expected to have increased in 2009/10.

- A Cardiac Rehabilitation Programme for Halton residents set up in May 2009 by January 2010 60 Halton residents had completed the full Cardiac Rehabilitation programme.
- A Street Doctor style bus has been commissioned by Halton GPs to go out and case find hard to reach people with CVD.
- Halton has improved its smoking quit rate year on year for the past 5 years. Halton and St Helens now has the 4<sup>th</sup> highest quit rate in the North west at 1104.74 per 100,000. Halton and St Helens has stretched their smoking target for next year and will have the second highest target in the North West.
- Stop smoking advisors now work in hospitals, pharmacies and 13 GP Practices in Halton.
- Pharmacists are incentivised to deliver stop smoking advice and have quitters.
- The stop smoking rate for pregnant women has improved this year with 22.5% staying quit at time of delivery in the first 2 quarters of 2009/10 compared to 25.5% in 2008/9.
- There is a 100% compliance with smoke free public places enforcement.
- Substantial investment is now in place to address obesity.
- A new brief intervention service has been commissioned to train up staff and patients in how to tackle overweight or obesity.
- The services for overweight and obese patients are being expanded.
- A weight awareness social marketing campaign titled *The Moment of Truth* has been developed.
- Exercise on referral is being expanded.
- A number of health check programmes have been initiated that will invite 20% of the Halton population for examination. These include Health Checks Plus, QOF Plus, and WorkWell health checks.

### NI 122    Mortality from all cancers at ages under 75

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
161.7	128.9	166.8	x	126.4	?

#### Data Commentary

Quarters 1 to 3 have been refreshed. Quarter 4 is the position as of February 2010 - March 2010 data will not available until May 2010 from ONS.

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### *General Performance Commentary*

Death rates from cancer under age 75 have fallen steadily from 171 per 100,000 people in the year 1993, to 131 in 2007. There was a rise in 2008 to 140 deaths per 100,000. We expect to see improvement in the 2009 results when available. Recent data results indicate survival from lung cancer in Halton and St Helens is 30% after one year: one of the eight best rates in the North West. Survival from bowel cancer at one year is excellent at 71%. Survival from breast cancer at one year is high at 96%. Cancer rates are mostly impacted on via early diagnosis, and reduction in smoking and obesity levels.

### *Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year*

- The *Get Checked* for cancer campaign is based on successful messages in local communities that highlight any changes for normal experience or symptoms..
- Under the targeted *Get Checked* campaign more cancers were diagnosed (up by 68% for bowel cancer, 13% for breast cancer and 10% for lung cancer)
- Under the *Get Checked* campaign more GPs referred cases early for diagnosis under the “two week” rule (up by 82%, 19% and 16%)
- Under the *Get Checked* campaign there was less spread of the cancer at the time of diagnosis.
- The campaign is extending across all practices from 2010.
- The 2 week wait rapid access referral for cancer symptoms has been very successful across Halton and St Helens: GPs in Halton and St Helens now refer 191 patients per 10,000 population using the 2 week rule.
- Half of people in their sixties in Halton and St Helens now take up a simple home screening test for bowel cancer, leading to much earlier diagnosis. This screening was introduced just two years ago.
- Widnes GPs are running a programme to encourage women who have not attended before, to go for cancer screening.
- Stop smoking advisors now work in hospitals, pharmacies and 13 GP Practices in Halton.
- Pharmacists are incentivised to deliver stop smoking advice and have quitters.
- The stop smoking rate for pregnant women has improved this year with 22.5% staying quit at time of delivery in the first 2 quarters of 2009/10 compared to 25.5% in 2008/9.
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- Exercise on referral is being expanded.
- A number of health check programmes have been initiated that will invite 20% of the Halton population for examination. These include Health Checks Plus, QOF Plus, and WorkWell health checks.

### NI 124     Increase the number of people with a long term condition supported to be independent and in control of their condition

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
43%	N/A	Refer comments below		49%	N/A

#### Data Commentary

We are working on putting together a robust system to properly measure patient experience (NI124) instead of using the proxy measurement of emergency bed days.

Due to changes of staff within the partnership a meeting has been arranged for mid May to explore in more detail an appropriate method of data acquisition.

#### General Performance Commentary

Refer comments above



#### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

Information not currently available

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### Early Years Foundation Stage Attainment

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
43.9%	48%	<b>46.7%</b> (July 2009)		52%	

#### Data Commentary

Actual figure relates to 2008/09 academic year performance across all LA maintained Primary Schools within Halton. Pupil level data is submitted to the LA by each school in the borough; this data is cleaned and validated by LA before being sent to DCSF. This is the final version of this data release.

#### General Performance Commentary

2009 saw a rise in the % of children at the end of the reception year attaining a score of 6+ across both Personal Social and Emotional Development and Communication, Language and Literacy. This represents a 1.6% increase on 2008 outcomes but was 1.1% below the target set. Key to this increase, specifically around CLL has been the increased focus and range of intervention targeted at the development of language skills through a range of programmes including CLLD (phonic development) and I Can. There have been some improvements over the last 3 years in CLL for children in the 30% SOAs.

#### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

The Communication Language and Literacy Development (CLDD) project has been implemented to improve standards of literacy at Foundation Stage. Of the schools participating 91% children were working at phase 2 in EYFS at the end of 2009 compared to 89% nationally. This data is collected by the LA and shared with National Strategies on a termly basis.

To date 86 participants have attended the I Can 'supporting' course and 60 have attended 'enhance up' course. 7 settings have gained accreditation. A further 10 settings are currently going through the accreditation process resulting in a total of 17 settings across private and voluntary and maintained sectors, and rising!

It is expected that the rollout of the SEAD (Social and Emotional Development) programme will impact upon PSED outcomes from Spring 2010. Pilot schools have been identified where historically PSED scores are particularly low.

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The Early Years Outcome Duty (EYOD) Steering group is now an established team who have collaborated on a comprehensive action plan to support the achievement of Halton's statutory Early Years Outcomes Duty targets. There is shared accountability for quality assurance across all EYFS settings and the group continues to meet to review impact on a termly basis. Criteria for success to be reviewed and refined in the next action plan.

The LA has identified a range of strategies to further raise attainment including more effective tracking of children's progress across EYFS settings, intake of e-profile data on a termly basis and further analysis of CLLD data from the targeted schools. The intelligence gained from these sources will be used to focus interventions and to inform challenge and support in the EYFS.

The LA has begun to prepare early for its entry into the funded ECAT (every Child a Talker) programme working in partnership with the PCT speech and language expertise to focus on this area. This more joined up approach will hopefully be a contributory factor in the improvements in LCT, and all CLL scales.

### NI 73      Proportion achieving L4+ at KS2 in both English and Maths

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
71.7%	77%	<b>74%</b> (July 2009)	✘	79%	?

#### Data Commentary

Actual figure relates to 2008/09 academic year performance across all LA maintained Primary Schools within Halton. Pupil level data is submitted to the Department for Children, Schools & Families (DCSF) by each school in the borough. This figure is the final data release from DCSF and represents the data version that appears on the DCSF performance tables website.

#### General Performance Commentary

The percentage of pupils attaining L4+ combined English and mathematics declined by 1.2% compared to the significant gains made in the previous year, however Halton's performance remains above national. English L4+ declined by 4% following national trends, but remains in line with national. Mathematics L4+ remained static.

Whilst standards at key stage 2 in Halton remain in line with national, this masks the difference between individual schools.

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Although the LA did not achieve the target set in combined English and mathematics at L4+ (4% below) the provisional result was in line with FFTD (i.e. in line with the top 25% of schools nationally based upon contextual factors). Performance will have to rise by 5% to meet the 2010 target of 77% (significantly above FFTD) as a result of setting ambitious targets.

### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

The primary team continue to provide a range of projects for schools, targeted where required. This includes Assessment for Learning (AfL) and Assessing Pupil Progress (APP); Improving Schools Programme (ISP); 1 to 1 tuition; Every Child a Reader (ECAR) and the LA's Leading Teacher programme.

The LA holds termly meetings to monitor schools' progress and adjust support where required. The APP programme was introduced last year and the AFL programme is beginning to impact on teacher assessment, being delivered on a phased basis across the borough. Leading Teachers are allocated to specific clusters of schools and being paired with schools identified as requiring support.

The ECAR programme commenced in September 2009, later than originally planned, involving four schools initially. The current emphasis focuses on embedding key principles and practices in the identified schools.

The LA implemented the One to One tuition programme in Easter 2009 involving four schools, Pupils selected were those identified as not being on track to attain level 4 in KS2 assessment. 97 pupils were involved; including Children in Care and analysis shows the programme had a positive impact in increasing the number of borderline students who gained either L4+ English or Mathematics in this year's assessments. The programme will be expanded this year to include all primary schools with a particular focus on Children in Care.

The LA provided an effective SIP CPD programme, with evidence of impact including:



- improvements in the quality of challenge and support
- ambitious target setting in most schools
- sharper, more rapid brokerage of appropriate support and interventions

Areas of focus for the coming year include:

1. Maintaining progression across KS1 and KS2
2. In building on KS1 progress this year, develop strategies to raise performance in English at KS2.
3. Continue to develop "narrowing the gap" strategies with a particular focus on higher level achievement at KS1 and KS2.

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### NI 75      Proportion achieving 5 A\*-C GCSE including English and Maths

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
41.1%	49%	<b>44.4%</b> (Summer 2009)		52.3%	

#### Data Commentary

Actual figure relates to 2008/09 academic year performance across all LA maintained Secondary Schools within Halton. Exam data is sent directly from the awarding bodies to RM Solutions, data is made available for each LA through EPAS online analysis system.

#### General Performance Commentary

During the last two years there has been 16% improvement in Halton's performance at 5 A\*-C including English and maths and as a result we have continued to set aspirational and challenging targets with our schools. Unfortunately, the results dipped this year, mainly due to a large proportion of students not attaining a grade C in English. An in depth analysis of the results is being undertaken.

#### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

Key Activities include the following:

- A full review of results has been undertaken by the Local Authority and schools
- Schools have considered whether the exam board that is being used is appropriate for all students
- Exam boards have been invited into schools to provide feedback and professional opportunities for teachers to improve the readiness for students for the exams
- Analysis has considered the performance of sub groups of students by ability, gender, Free School Meals, Children in Care, etc to examine if there are particular issues that the schools needs to respond to
- Consultants have been aligned with schools most at need and are undertaking a number of activities to support schools in raising there performance
- Schools are actively looking to share good practice more and a Teaching and Learning and Management hubs have been created

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- Additional funding continues to be available for our National Challenge schools to continue to make progress. Both showed slight improvements from the previous year's results
- School Improvement Partners will continue to challenge and support schools in achieving the aspirational target for this academic year

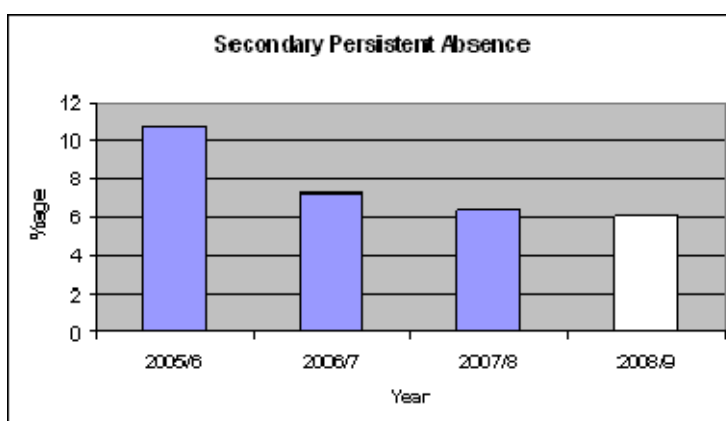
**NI 87 Secondary School persistent absence rate**

Baseline (2006/07)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
7.2%	6.5%	<b>6.1%</b> (2008/09)	✓	5.5% (2009/10)	✓

**Data Commentary**

As data is published in arrears by DCSF the figure of 6.1% represents actual performance for the 2008 – 09 academic year..

**General Performance Commentary**



2005 to 2008 Halton Secondary Persistent Absence reduced by 43%. All targets were met or exceeded. There is no reason to believe that the 5.5% target for next year will not be achieved.

**Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year**

Every Halton school has a named Education Welfare Officer to support the effective management of school attendance. The Education Welfare service works with schools and a range of other services to promote regular school attendance and address persistent absence.

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Each pupil identified as a persistent absentee has a individual plan in place which is reviewed regularly to address any issue that are identified as preventing regular school attendance. The Education Welfare service works alongside colleagues in health to ensure that support is available to enable pupils with both physical and emotional health needs to engage as fully as possible with education and to identify any unmet health needs and seek the appropriate support. A Pupil Support Group has recently been established to support the reintegration of vulnerable pupils back into mainstream education. Attendance leaders from each of High Schools meet half termly together with officers of the local authority to discuss effective interventions to reduced absence and improve school attendance. The Education Welfare service continues to use the full range of legal measures, where it is appropriate to do so to ensure the regular attendance of pupils in Halton.

### NI 92 Achievement Gap at Early Years Foundation Stage

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
33.8% (LA gap between median & bottom 20%)	30.65%	<b>31.4%</b> (July 2009)	<span style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 2px;">x</span>	27.66%	<span style="background-color: yellow; padding: 2px;">?</span>

#### Data Commentary

Actual figure relates to 2008/09 academic year performance across all LA maintained Primary Schools within Halton. Pupil level data is submitted to the LA by each school in the borough; this data is cleaned and validated by LA before being sent to DCSF. This is the final version of this data release.

#### General Performance Commentary

Whilst there has been some success in narrowing the gap from the 2007 / 08 baseline, the gap did not narrow between 2008 and 2009 and as a result the target was not met (-0.75). The gap, between the performance of the lowest achieving 20% of children and the median, widened by 1%.

In 2009, the gap between the mean of the lowest performing 20% of children and the median of all children was widened to 31.4%. The three year period from 2006 to 2009 shows an annual average reduction in the gap of less than one percentage point.

The changes in performance between children in the 30% SOAs and those in the Non 30% SOAs reflect an uneven pattern over a three year period, indicating that the focus on the lowest performing 20% of children is not yet consistent.

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### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year



A range of activities have developed through the work of the Early Years Outcomes Duty steering group, the detail of which can be found in Halton's EYOD action plan.

Key activities for the coming year include:

- Tighter alignment of all funding streams and resources that can be used for supporting children in EYFS, particularly those children at risk of performing least well.
- Increase use of the CLLD progress data to track children's progress in EYFS in targeted schools and settings.
- Enhance training for School Improvement Partners to ensure that clear messages are conveyed.
- Introduction of the ECAT (Every Child a Thinker) programme

A policy for support and intervention for EYFS settings is currently in draft and outlines the quality assurance criteria to support the 'categorisation' of settings. The LA will be using National Strategy resources - Early Years Quality Improvement Support Programme (EYQISP) and also ECERs (Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale) to establish criteria. A steering group has reworked the first draft. This information will be used to inform the deployment of support and intervention across private, voluntary and maintained settings.

### NI 93      Proportion progressing by two levels at KS2 in English

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
63.1%	89%	<b>83%</b> (July 2009)		89%	

#### Data Commentary

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### General Performance Commentary

Although the target was not met, there was a 1% increase in the percentage of pupils who made 2 or more levels of progress in English compared to 2008. As a result Halton's attainment was 4% above national average. From baseline, Halton has made 20% gains. This demonstrates significant improvement in relation to accelerating rates of progress.

Schools and the LA continue to set highly ambitious targets.

### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

The primary team continue to provide a range of projects for schools, targeted where required. This includes Assessment for Learning (AfL) and Assessing Pupil Progress (APP); Improving Schools Programme (ISP); 1 to 1 tuition; Every Child a Reader (ECAR) and the LA's Leading Teacher programme.

The LA holds termly meetings to monitor schools' progress and adjust support where required. The APP programme was introduced last year and the AFL programme is beginning to impact on teacher assessment, being delivered on a phased basis across the borough. Leading Teachers are allocated to specific clusters of schools and being paired with schools identified as requiring support.

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The LA implemented the One to One tuition programme in Easter 2009 involving four schools, Pupils selected were those identified as not being on track to attain level 4 in KS2 assessment. 97 pupils were involved; including Children in Care and analysis shows the programme had a positive impact in increasing the number of borderline students who gained either L4+ English or Mathematics in this year's assessments. The programme will be expanded this year to include all primary schools with a particular focus on Children in Care.

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Areas of focus for the coming year include:

1. Maintaining progression across KS1 and KS2
2. In building on KS1 progress this year, develop strategies to raise performance in English at KS2.
3. Continue to develop “narrowing the gap” strategies with a particular focus on higher level achievement at KS1 and KS2.

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### Proportion progressing by two levels at KS2 in Maths

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
61.4%	87%	<b>82%</b> (July 2009)	  Adrift of target, in line with national	87%	

#### Data Commentary

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#### General Performance Commentary

In 2009 the percentage of pupils attaining 2 or more levels of progress in maths declined by 1%, was adrift of target and as a result was 1% below national average. However, following the rapid increase in attainment in 2008, over 3 years this represents gains of 20% against the baseline figure and national standards have been maintained.

Schools and the LA continue to set highly ambitious targets.

#### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

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### NI 99 Proportion of CiC achieving Level 4 at KS2 in English

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
100% (6 out of 6)	33.3%	50%		55%	

#### Data Commentary

The data provided for 2009-10 is actual attainment performance of the OC2 cohort of children in care in July 09, covering the academic year 2008-09.

For 2011 the target is based on estimated performance of the projected OC2 cohort in July 2010, covering the academic year 2009-10.

#### General Performance Commentary

##### For 2009-10 data:

The cohort consisted of 6 children who have been in care for at least 12 months. The group was comprised of 4 boys and 2 girls, of whom 5 were on the SEN Code of Practice (1 School Action, 2 School Action Plus and 2 with Statements of SEN). The actual performance of 50% was achieved by 2 boys and 1 girl gaining at least Level 4 in English, with 1 child being at School Action Plus on the Code of Practice. Of these 3 children only 1 had care placements moves (2 within the academic year – but all within Halton so that school provision remained consistent). All 3 had attendance above 95% for the academic year and 2 accessed direct education support from the Local Authority.

Of the total cohort only 1 boy had attendance below 90% the remainder all achieved at least 95%. 5 out of 6 children achieved at least 2 level progression from their KS1 results. 4 out of 6 accessed direct education support from the Local Authority.

##### For 2011 target:

The cohort as it stands is 12 children who will have been in care for at least 12 months; the gender split is even. There is currently a total of 9 children on the Code of Practice (3 School Action, 3 School Action Plus, 3 with Statements of SEN). Indications at present are that this is a stretch target for the current cohort.

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### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year



Half termly attainment tracking.

Daily attendance tracking.

Appropriate allocation of 1:1 tuition through both Making Good Progress and the use of the Personal Education Allowance.

Personal Education Plans completed within statutory time scales.

### NI 100 Proportion of CiC achieving Level 4 at KS2 in Maths

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
83% (5 out of 6)	33.3%	50%		55%	

#### Data Commentary

The data provided for 2009-10 is actual attainment performance of the OC2 cohort of children in care in July 09, covering the academic year 2008-09.

For 2011 the target is based on estimated performance of the projected OC2 cohort in July 2010, covering the academic year 2009-10.

#### General Performance Commentary

For 2009-10 data:

The cohort consisted of 6 children who have been in care for at least 12 months. The group was comprised of 4 boys and 2 girls, of whom 5 were on the SEN Code of Practice (1 School Action, 2 School Action Plus and 2 with Statements of SEN). The actual performance of 50% was achieved by 3 boys gaining at least Level 4 in Maths, with 1 child being at School Action on the Code of Practice. All 3 had attendance above 95% for the academic year, none had changes in care placement or education provision and 2 accessed direct education support from the Local Authority.

Of the total cohort only 1 boy had attendance below 90% the remainder all achieved at least 95%. 5 out of 6 children achieved at least 2 level progression from their KS1 results. 4 out of 6 accessed direct education support from the Local Authority.

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### For 2011 target:

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### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year



Half termly attainment tracking.

Daily attendance tracking.

Appropriate allocation of 1:1 tuition through both Making Good Progress and the use of the Personal Education Allowance.

Personal Education Plans completed within statutory time scales.

### NI 101 Proportion of CiC achieving 5 A\*-C GCSE including English and Maths

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
12.5% (1 out of 8)	21.4% (inc. English & Maths)	7.7%		23.8%	

### Data Commentary

The data provided for 2009-10 is actual attainment performance of the OC2 cohort of children in care in July 09, covering the academic year 2008-09.

For 2011 the target is based on estimated performance of the projected OC2 cohort in July 2010, covering the academic year 2009-10.

### General Performance Commentary

#### For 2009-10 data:

The cohort consisted of 13 young people who have been in care for at least 12 months. The group was comprised of 7 boys and 6 girls, of whom 10 were on the SEN Code of Practice (1 School Action and 9 with Statements of SEN).

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The actual performance of 7.7% was achieved by 1 girl gaining at least 5 A\* - C GCSEs including English and Maths, she was not placed on the Code of Practice. Her attendance was above 95% for the academic year, and she had no changes in care placement or education provision.

Of the total cohort only 8 young people had attendance above 95%. Of the remainder, 4 young people missed more than 25 days schooling. 3 young people had at least 1 change of care placement in the academic year these changes resulted in an interruption of education provision for 2 young people. Of the 3 young people affected by change 1 young person received a custodial sentence.

Out of the overall cohort 6 young people were entered for GCSEs, with 4 young people achieving results in line with FFT predictions based on KS2 performance. 5 young people accessed direct education support from the Local Authority.

### For 2011 target:

The cohort as it stands is 20 young people who will have been in care for at least 12 months; there are 12 boys and 8 girls. There is currently a total of 17 young people on the Code of Practice (5 School Action, 6 School Action Plus, 6 with Statements of SEN). Indications at present are that this is an extremely stretched target for the current cohort. There is one young person in secure accommodation and a further young person has recently ceased a mental health section. The indications are that only 11 young people will be entered for GCSEs. Of this group only 3 are predicted to achieve grade C in both English and Maths, using FFT (D) data.

### **Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year**

Half termly attainment tracking.



Daily attendance tracking.

Appropriate allocation of 1:1 tuition through both Making Good Progress and the use of the Personal Education Allowance.

Personal Education Plans completed within statutory time scales.

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### NI 56 Obesity among primary school age children in Year 6

Baseline (2008)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
22.4%	21.3%	<b>22.4%</b>		21.3%	

#### Data Commentary

Children's heights and weights are collected annually by the PCT. PCT data is submitted to a national database which then produces verified results for the PCT only. Borough percentages are calculated locally. Provisional data for 2008/09 indicates a 1% increase in the prevalence of obesity amongst Year 6 age children. Figures currently stand at 22.4% compared to 21.4% in 2007/08.

#### General Performance Commentary

National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) results for 2008/09 indicate an increase in obesity for Year 6 children. The resultant figures are an increase from 21.4% in 2007/08 to 22.4% in 2008/09. This figure indicates that an increasing number of children in the overweight category have now moved into the obese category. It is particularly important that commissioned services are implemented to meet this need. Fifteen new posts for obesity are now being advertised and teenage weight management services have been procured.



#### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

Procured teenage weight management services to be implemented. School weight management action plans to be implemented. Re-configured children's community food workers service to be implemented. Extended schools programme to be expanded. MEND (Mind Exercise Nutrition Do It) programme for overweight children to be expanded, programmes with the Widnes Vikings to be implemented, Healthy Schools enhanced criteria re: obesity to be implemented in schools with high obesity rates.

Specialist weight management services for morbidly obese children to be expanded.

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### NI 63      Stability of placements of looked after children

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
69%	77%	<b>70.2%</b>		81.5%	

#### Data Commentary

Progress towards the stretch target is being maintained although at this stage meeting the target is unlikely.

#### General Performance Commentary

This year end performance is a significant improvement on last years out turn of 65.2%. Performance will continue to improve as the placement strategy increases the range of placements. In addition placement stability is the focus of much work within the child care and placement provider teams. It is also the focus of work with schools that can be key to helping a child remain in placement. Both the current year and 2011 targets are stretch targets and will be challenging to achieve.

Halton's performance is higher than the latest available 2008/09 National (67%), statistical neighbour (67%) and regional (66%) averages.

Higher levels of adoption of Children in Care has also impacted on performance this year with 4 children adopted who were part of the NI63 cohort to the benefit of the children, but to the detriment of the indicator.



#### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

The recruitment, assessment and matching process for foster carers have been significantly enhanced to try to ensure that children are matched to carers who can meet their needs. A similar process takes place within Halton's residential homes where an assessment is completed on any young person referred for a placement to determine the ability of the home to meet their needs and to assess the impact of the young person on an existing cohort. Where placements need to be purchased outside of Halton, information on the qualities of that placement and the ability to meet a particular child's needs is collated and subject to a risk assessment process before the placement is used. Where placements experience some difficulty, support is identified and put into place as soon as is possible. Similarly, if a particular issue is causing some difficulty, agencies are engaged in trying to address it.

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The Intensive Support Team and Community Support Workers within the social work teams focus on improving placement stability by providing support, advice, practical help and guidance where there is a possibility that a placement may disrupt. They can intervene earlier if difficulties become apparent.

### NI 80 Achievement of a Level 3 qualification by the age of 19

Baseline (2006/07)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
33.5%	40.5%	<b>33%</b>		42.22% (PSA) 54%	

#### Data Commentary

Actual figure relates to 2008/09 academic year performance from analyses made available from the Learning & Skills Council matched dataset – no further revisions to this data are expected.

#### General Performance Commentary

This is an annual measure, next will be taken for the 09/10 results.



#### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

An improvement next year is expected due to

- Improved Information Advice and Guidance to ensure learners are entered on the most appropriate provision.
- Improved Retention strategies implemented by FE providers.
- Improved performance at 5 A\* to C GCSE including English and Maths.

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### NI 111 First time entrants to the Youth Justice System aged 10-17

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
1960 (rate per 100,000) <b>(249)</b>	1859 (rate per 100,000) <b>(237)</b>	Rate figure not yet available <b>(149)</b>		1836 (rate per 100,000) (234)	

#### Data Commentary

This is reported by Cheshire Constabulary and validated by PNC data which is available in November. Some caution should be exercised in relation to the accuracy of the data for this measure due to previous anomalies in reported figures. However it is considered that any variance that may occur would be minimal and have no affect upon the direction of travel remaining positive.

#### General Performance Commentary

The YOT is performing well in terms of reducing the number of first time entrants to the Youth Justice System. This has been influenced by partners from the Police as well as the introduction of the Divert Project.

#### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year



The YOT through funding via YCAP and the Department of Health has initiated a Diversion scheme for young people. The aim of the scheme is to divert young people, especially those with mental health and learning disabilities away from the Criminal Justice System.

Additional YCAP projects such as Operation Stay Safe and the Friday night reparation project also contribute to the reduction in first time entrants.

The main activity though is the adoption of restorative justice outcomes by Cheshire Constabulary when dealing with young people for the first time or for relatively minor offences.

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### NI 112      Under 18 conception rate

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
3.6% (2006 baseline, change from 1998)	-41% (change from 1998)	<b>+12%</b> (52.6) (estimated full rate for 2008) Rate in 1998 38.9		-55% (change from 1998)	

#### Data Commentary

This data is estimated figure for the full year 2008. This is the latest data we have. Data sources: Termination data from Public Health Intelligence Team; Live Birth data from midwifery discharge database (only one extra conception in comparison to Public Health Intelligence Team data).

#### General Performance Commentary

The latest and national figures (ONS) show a significant reduction in the number of teenage pregnancies in Halton of 25.9%.

#### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

The under 18-conception rate nationally is now 13.3% lower than in 1998. While behind the target to halve the teenage pregnancy rate by 2010, conceptions and births are at their lowest level for over 20 years. During the life of the strategy, information, advice and support for children and young people, to help them stay safe and healthy and understand the importance of relationships, has improved significantly. Young people also have better access to contraception, when they reach the point at which they begin to have sex. The international evidence-base for the Strategy shows that the two measures for which there is the strongest evidence of impact on teenage pregnancy rates are comprehensive information advice and support-from parents, schools and other professionals-combined with accessible, young people-friendly sexual and reproductive health (SRE).

Sex and Relationship Education (SRE) in schools and post- 16 learning remains patchy. In addition the wider children's workforce is not routinely equipped to talk to young people about their relationships and their sexual health. The aims continue to be to place understanding of sex firmly in the context of loving relationships and to stay healthy when they become sexually active.

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Over the past 12 months we have:

- Made local sexual health service information available through a range of locations including doctors, pharmacies, workplaces, nightclubs and other community settings
- Raised awareness of the negative effects alcohol and drugs have on positive sexual health
- Encouraged parents and carers to talk with their children about relationships, sex and sexuality
- Offered sexual health awareness training to workers in the community and health and social care settings
- Increased the number of sexual health clinics and made them young people focussed
- Used the VRMZ outreach bus in hotspot areas on Friday and Saturday nights and during the school holidays, to provide young people with information and advice on positive sexual health
- Further developed teen drop-ins in some schools to include information and advice on relationships and contraception.

Work planned includes:

- Embed and implement young peoples services in the community and increase the number of teen drop-ins in schools
- Fully utilise MyPlace for integrated services developments
- Continue to ensure the VRMZ outreach bus provision is accessible to young people across Halton providing universal and targeted interventions
- Further develop holistic college and work based sexual health services for young people that are more responsive and flexible and take into account the differing needs of young people.

### NI 115 Substance misuse by young people

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
12.6%	N/A	12.3%	<span style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 2px;">x</span>	9.8%	<span style="background-color: yellow; padding: 2px;">?</span>

#### Data Commentary

Data for the TellUs4 Survey was weighted differently than previous surveys. The DCSF have reweighted the results from the TellUs3 in line with new methodology. Targets set against previous weightings will require reviewing in light of the new data.

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### General Performance Commentary

The results indicate that more young people answered that they are misusing substances than previous surveys, and Halton's performance is higher than the national and regional averages.

### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

Halton has submitted its Treatment Plan for 2010/11 and received the following feedback: The NTA North West strongly feel your plan is truly fit for purpose to guide the specialist substance misuse treatment system, within the wider approach of the Children and Young Peoples arrangements, for the year ahead, with Halton remaining one of our regional best examples of a successful and inclusive system.

Under 18s substance misuse services are now dominated by alcohol, cannabis, cocaine and ecstasy (ACCERs) in most of the UK. The 2008 Drug Strategy encouraged a more recovery focused treatment systems, aimed at getting drug and alcohol users back into education, employment and training. The profile of drug and alcohol users in Halton is consistent with the rest of the UK, with alcohol and cannabis being the drugs used most by young people. The Tell us survey 2009 told us percentage of young people reporting drug use in Halton is 1% higher then our statistical neighbours. Further work is required focussed through the Children and Young People's Plan to reduce the number of Halton's Young People involved in substance misuse.

### NI 116 Proportion of children in poverty

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Mid-year Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
5.6 %	N/A	4.8 %	N/A	4.6 %	?

### Data Commentary

The above data on the total number of children in families in receipt of out of work benefits by the local authority was made available on the DWP website. This presents the data in a different format to the data previously released and used to calculate the baselines. Following the earlier loss of child benefit data records by HMRC in 2007 restrictions have been in place on both the provision and use of child benefit data. DWP have agreement to publish the numbers released yesterday but not to use the Child Benefit data to calculate the existing proxy targets.

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Early investigation of the population estimates suggests that for some Local Authorities it may lead to a slightly different proportion of children in families in receipt of out of work benefits. However the trends in the data will be robust and consistent and will allow us to track progress effectively. Therefore the change should not adversely impact the targets themselves.

The target for this measure, following discussion with Government Office North West is to narrow the gap between Halton and the North West average from a baseline of 5.6% in 2007/08 to 4.6% by April 2011.

### General Performance Commentary

Performance provided in relation to this indicator indicates that there was a 5.1% decrease in the percentage of families in receipt of out of work benefits over the 5 years of the data collection. Halton is on target to meet the new target agreed with GONW as latest performance indicates a gap of 4.8%.



### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

As an area of focus for the Children and Young People's Plan a sub-group has been established to focus on some tasks to tackle child poverty, whilst recognising this is an issue for all of the LSP due to the magnitude of the issue.

The Local Authority Child Poverty meeting has taken place with a view to producing the Child Poverty Strategy for March 2011.

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### NI 117 16-18 year old not in education, training or employment

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
11.5%	8.8%	<b>10.3%</b>		7.7%	

#### Data Commentary

The national NEET performance target is the average percentage NEET in November, December and January each year. This figure there for represents the latest actual data i.e. for November 2009 – Dec 2010

#### General Performance Commentary

The data shows a large reduction in NEET for those months in 2009/10 compared with 2008/9 however there is still some way to go to reach the target. In real terms this represents a reduction in NEET from 534 in 2008/9 to 393 in 2009/10.

The year-on-year reduction in numbers of NEET is 21%, in comparison with the England average reduction of 7.5%. The percentage of 16.18 year olds NEET has reduced to 10.3% in 2009/10 from 13.2%.

#### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

Action is taking place in accordance with the NEET Strategy and Action plan. Actions include the implementation of the Working Neighbourhood Fund apprenticeships programme. This has been in operation from April 2009 and has been further extended for 2010/11. The working neighbourhood apprenticeship programme was implemented in April 2009 and is being managed by Halton People into jobs. All 100 places have been obtained and further funding to expand the programme through 2010/11 is being sought.

An 'at risk' matrix for early identification of young people at risk of becoming NEET is being developed to allow for targeted intervention.

Access to provision is more flexible particularly at Riverside College who have extended their main enrolment to the end of October and introduced January and March enrolments also.



A September Guarantee group meets frequently to carry out forensic monitoring of the NEET cohort to ensure that new joiners are picked up promptly and targeted support is taking place with longer term NEET

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The KS4 Gateway is working with learners who are pre sixteen and have been identified as being at risk of becoming NEET to engage them on an appropriate pathway. Gateway plus is providing a service around young people who have not or who have dropped out of traditional learning pathway.

### *Non Local Area Agreement Measures contained within Halton's Sustainable Community Strategy (2006 – 2011)*

**NI 48**      **Reduce the number of children killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents by 26.9% from the 2008 figure (29.5%) by 2011**

Baseline (2008)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
29.5%	7.1%	0		-26.9%	

#### *Data Commentary*

The above figures are based on data supplied by Cheshire Police on a calendar year basis. The figure '0' indicates that the latest 2009 3-year rolling average figure is the same as the previous 3-year rolling average.

#### *General Performance Commentary*

Excellent progress has been made in reducing child deaths/serious casualties (CKSI) on Halton's roads. From a 1994-1998 average figure of 33 per annum, the 2007-2009 three year average is 9 (approx figures).

The progress that has been made in Halton exceeds that made nationally in terms of CKSI, but the average rate of child death/serious injury for those under 16 years old remains higher than the current national norm, even though there has been a large effort in this area locally since the 1990's. There is evidence that the trend for the average annual CKSI total is tending to 'flatline' despite a range of targeted initiatives, and consistently reducing the numbers appreciably in the future looks to be a stiff challenge. With no one 'big fix' on the horizon, established methods for reducing child casualties will have to be refined and efforts redoubled.

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### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

The large reductions in casualty and accident numbers in Halton have been achieved through the rigorous application of conventional traffic engineering methods backed by the latest available national guidance and supported by road safety education, training and publicity initiatives (RSETP).

The role the Council's road safety unit plays in educating and training children and adults and publicising road safety is invaluable and makes a significant contribution towards the prevention of accidents to children within the Borough, both while travelling to school and at other times. Whilst RSETP can be specifically targeted towards children's needs, the lack of any correlation between deprivation and casualties requires that local safety schemes will continue to be implemented on the basis of casualty concentrations and the viability of schemes to address specific issues.

The national Road Safety Strategy "Tomorrow's Roads – Safer for Everyone" set out a framework for delivering road safety to help achieve its established long-term casualty reduction targets, which are to be reached by 2010. Halton Borough Council's RSETP programme has continued to develop in line with the strategy and has contributed to the overall downward trend in casualties alongside engineering and enforcement strategies. The working relationship the Unit has with schools is excellent and the partnership will continue and develop its role in educating children in matters of road safety. Road safety initiatives provide opportunities to raise the general awareness of safety issues and to deliver advice and training to a wide audience. The influencing of behaviour and attitudes of all highway users is now seen as being central to gaining further lasting reductions in road casualties in Halton.

### NI 199      Increase the children and young people's satisfaction with parks and play areas

Baseline (2008)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Mid-year Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
42.4%	N/A	<b>52.1%</b>		42%	

#### *Data Commentary*

Data for the TellUs4 Survey was weighted differently than previous surveys. The DCSF have reweighted the results from the TellUs3 in line with new methodology. Targets set against previous weightings will require reviewing in light of the new data.

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### General Performance Commentary

There has been a 9.7% increase in children and young people satisfaction with parks and play areas on 2008/09 TellUs Survey. Halton's performance is above the regional average, but below the national average.



### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

Halton now has another two playgrounds which were completed in the Easter holidays with a total investment of over £400,000. Spike Island playground in Widnes is an all-new facility built near the approach to Catalyst science and discovery centre which, as well as providing adventurous play, significantly improves this part of the park. Facilities include a range of equipment suitable for everyone from toddlers to teenagers, all of which has been designed with the theme of the chemical industry to emphasise the link with the Catalyst centre.

Meanwhile in Runcorn the community play area at Wellington Street has had a major boost following public consultation. This much-loved space has now had a makeover to include many new features that are accessible to all. These latest play area improvements are further examples of the Council's commitment to improve facilities for young people.

The play areas were designed by Halton Borough Council's Open Space Services Division, in close consultation with local residents. They were funded by the Council, the Local Area Forum, the Government's Playbuilder initiative, Play England and Big Lottery Fund.

**CYP 1 Reduce the 13% gap in attainment of 5 A\*-C GCSEs (including English and Maths) by 25% between those living in the worst 10% LSOA nationally and the Halton average in the three years to 2011**

Baseline (2008)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Mid-year Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
13% gap	N/A	13.6		9.75% gap	

### Data Commentary

Actual figure relates to 2008/09 academic year performance across all LA maintained secondary schools within Halton. Exam data is sent directly from awarding bodies to RM Solutions, data is made available for each LA from EPAS online analysis system.

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This figure is from the first data release from RM Solutions and represents the data version that Schools are currently checking as part of the AAT checking exercise.

### *General Performance Commentary*

Performance for the baseline was 49% for all Halton and 26% for those in 10% most deprived LSOA. Performance at 2009/10 was 44.4% for all Halton and 30.8% in the 10% most deprived LSOA. Therefore the gap has increased.

### **Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year**

Key Activities include the following:

- A full review of results has been undertaken by the Local Authority and schools
- Schools have considered whether the exam board that is being used is appropriate for all students
- Exam boards have been invited into schools to provide feedback and professional opportunities for teachers to improve the readiness for students for the exams
- Analysis has considered the performance of sub groups of students by ability, gender, Free School Meals, Children in Care, etc to examine if there are particular issues that the schools needs to respond to
- Consultants have been aligned with schools most at need and are undertaking a number of activities to support schools in raising there performance
- Schools are actively looking to share good practice more and a Teaching and Learning and Management hubs have been created
- Additional funding continues to be available for our National Challenge schools to continue to make progress. Both showed slight improvements from the previous year's results
- School Improvement Partners will continue to challenge and support schools in achieving the aspirational target for this academic year

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### NI 5      Increase residents overall satisfaction with the area

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
70.4%	N/A			73.4%	?

#### Data Commentary

The baseline position for this indicator is the perception data that was captured as part of the 2008 National Place Survey.

The next Place survey is expected to be completed in 2010, although the results will probably not be available until Quarter 1 2011/12.

#### General Performance Commentary

As no survey has been undertaken during the year no comparison is possible to the baseline level.

#### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

Generally people are satisfied with Halton as a place to live including: people (neighbours, family and friends), parks, schools, shopping, health and transport, NMAs (local housing and shopping facilities) and have an affinity for the local area with a sense of community and a high proportion of longstanding residents.

As 2009 is the 'gap' year between the national Place surveys the Halton Strategic Partnership commissioned research from IPSOS-MORI to follow-up the key findings of the Place Survey in more detail through a series of resident workshops.

As a result of the findings of this further research an action plan has been developed, including a significant focus upon the better communication of achievements, to improve the levels of perception.

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### NI 7 Increase voluntary and community sector satisfaction by creating a strong environment in which it can thrive

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
22.2%	N/A			29.7%	?

#### Data Commentary

A measurable improvement, calculated in accordance with published OTS guidance. Based on the results of the 2008 national survey of third sector organisations, it is estimated that the required improvement in Halton will be around 7.5 percentage points. This remains an estimate. The final target will be confirmed once the 2010 national survey of third sector organisations has reported.

#### Performance Commentary

The earliest comparable update against the 2008 baseline is likely to be available is not be until a further national survey in 2010.

Therefore, although data in relation to this measure is only collected on a biennial basis, a range of proxy indicators are being developed.

Examples include;

- Number of voluntary and community groups registered with HVA and HBC's Community Development Service.
- Number of community group's accessing grant funding.
- % occupancy at community centres.
- % of residents living in the three NMAs (3% most deprived LSOAs in 2004 IMD) participating in local activities.

#### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year



Over 50 grants were made to a wide range local community and voluntary organisations working in the three most disadvantaged neighbourhoods during 2009/10 by the Halton Neighbourhood Management Partnership.

The neighbourhood management partnership facilitated the delivery by Neighbourhoods North West of its Level 2 'Working In Communities' accredited qualification for local people active in their neighbourhoods. 16 people successfully completed the course, and feedback was extremely positive.

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In February 2010 the neighbourhood management partnership hosted its final annual Celebration and Awards event at the Stobart Halton Stadium. Over 120 people attended the very successful event to show their appreciation of the individuals, organisations and projects working to 'make a difference' in their local neighbourhood

### NI 16 Serious Acquisitive Crime

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
1968	1870	<b>1727</b>		1820	

#### Data Commentary

The data is complete and covers the full reporting period of Quarter 4 09/10 as well as the full financial year, 2009/2010.

#### General Performance Commentary

Serious acquisitive crime has decreased by 19% (93 crimes) from Q3 to Q4. There is also a reduction of 4.6% (19 crimes) on the same quarter last year (Q4 08/09).

The 2009/2010 year end total recorded crime is 1727 which is 7.6% below the target and 23% down on the total serious acquisitive crime recorded during 2008/09.

Most areas of serious acquisitive crime have seen excellent reductions when we compare **Q4 08/09 with Q4 09/10**:

Domestic Burglary is up 20% (28 more crimes)  
 Theft of Motor Vehicle is down 34% (29 less crimes)  
 Theft from Motor Vehicle is down 10% (17 less crimes)  
 Robbery (personal and business) is down 6% (2 less crimes)

Most areas of serious acquisitive crime have seen excellent reductions when we compare **year on year (08/09 – 09/10)** recorded crimes:

Domestic Burglary is down 17% (121 less crimes)  
 Theft of Motor Vehicle is down 24% (102 less crimes)  
 Theft from Motor Vehicle is down 27% (263 less crimes)  
 Robbery (personal and business) is down 18% (23 less crimes)

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### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

#### **Design In Security – Urban Renewal**

The Community Safety Team have been working with architects, the RSL's and developers for the Widnes shopping park project, Building Schools for Future project and the Castlefields local centre (PCT, Pharmacy, McCols, Bookmakers etc) so that design, technology (CCTV) and security staffing levels are designed and built into the schemes. Both projects have applied for the Police "Secured By Design" standards and the British Parking Association Safer Parking Award.

#### **Business Robbery**

On behalf of the CAG, the police Crime Reduction Advisor and council Environmental Health Officer have raised awareness to all police personnel and bookmakers with the lead up to the Cheltenham Festival and The Liverpool Grand National week commencing the Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>. April 2010 and concludes with Grand National day on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April. Police activity will also be enhanced on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> (Grand National) to monitor and protect staff carrying out cash-in-transit (vehicle to premises) drop-offs and collections.

All licensed bookmakers have also received the Cheshire Constabulary "Counter Action – Reducing robbery in retail premises" publication.

#### **Vehicle Crime Initiatives** (Theft of and theft from vehicles)

The British parking Association has awarded the below 7 car parks with the Safer Parking Award. They are:-

- 4 car parks in Halton Lea
- The Trident Centre (Halton Lea)
- Evenwood Farm PH
- Runcorn Railway Station

**"Spreading the Safer Message"** in Halton, was the only successful bid across Cheshire, Halton and Warrington (Cheshire Policing Area) to achieve funding from the Home Office Safer Homes Funding scheme. Over 400 homes in Halton area have since benefited from the project, the project included:-

- Home Office training (CRB checks) to 22 volunteers
- Professional home security training and surveys to 430 homes
- Smartwater registered and installed in all 430 homes.
- Referrals to other agencies e.g Age Concern, RSL to fit home security equipment as necessary.
- Producing and distributing Home Office Safer Homes publications and messages.

Halton Voluntary Action and Safer Halton Partnership recruited 11 groups via voluntary sector meetings and capacity building events. By the end of the project each group earned £500 (for attending the training) plus £30.00 for

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each survey, releasing a potential earning of £1700.00 per voluntary group. This is unrestricted funding for the benefit of the group and its activity.

**12 month evaluation of “Burglary Days of Action”** in the 6 communities of Ditton, Hough Green, Kingsway, Castlefields, West bank and Halton Brook show:-

1. Over 3300 homes were visited and educational awareness leaflets were provided.
2. 6 burglary Smartwater communities/zones were created (Street signage on all roads)
3. 1024 Smartwater property marking solutions registered.
4. 169 (28.6%) of the 590 residents surveyed before the project said that that felt "very safe". After our burglary advice and distribution of the Smartwater product 343 (58.1%) of the 590 residents felt "very safe".
5. 169 smoke alarms were fitted.
6. Over 18 different organisations worked together to deliver improved joint outcomes.
7. 6 month evaluation pre and post project shows a **68% reduction in burglary's** in those communities.
8. The above evaluation will benefit from £2,000 towards a communication strategy to promote the positive results and raise public confidence.

### NI 17 Reduce the perceptions of ASB

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
24.3%	N/A			21.2%	?

#### Data Commentary

The baseline position for this indicator is the perception data that was captured as part of the 2008 National Place Survey.


The next Place survey is expected to be completed in 2010, although the results will probably not be available until Quarter 1 2011/12.

#### Performance Commentary

The above data is received from the New Place Survey 2008 and so it not current, an update for this should be available early 2011.

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A proxy measure that could be used as an indication of current performance may be actual anti social behaviour numbers reported to Cheshire Police:

Halton	09/10 Target	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Progress
<b>ASB incidents</b>	10293	3072	2790	2211	1910	

There have been a total of 9983 incidents of ASB reported to the Police in 2009/10, which is a 3% reduction on the 08/09 total (10292).

This is not an accepted proxy measure but one that could be used as a guide line for the general trend in the public's perception of ASB. Lower recorded ASB incidents may lead to lower levels of perceived ASB but there are many other factors to take into account.

### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

For 2009 / 10 the COMPASS steering group projects and ASB project performance has therefore been briefly summarised below:

Overall number of ASB incidents reported to Cheshire Constabulary have reduced by 29% when compared to the same period last year resulting in 331 less victims.

The projects currently in place in relation to this area include:



- Operation Stay Safe
- Reparation Project
- Diversion Project
- After School Patrols
- Street Based Teams
- Crime Prevention Family Intervention Project
- ASB Family Intervention Project
- Respect Parenting and PEIP
- Youth Inclusion Support Panel
- Victim and Witness Support Coordinator

Performance of the projects collectively are having a positive impact across many business areas, Antisocial behaviour numbers, Police calls for service, Health, admissions to A&E and general awareness of drugs, alcohol and teenage pregnancy, Education and reductions in first time entrants into the youth justice process.

Cost benefit guidance has now been provided by the youth task force and will be used and reported upon during quarter 1 of 2010/11, this will demonstrate the true cost benefit of each of the projects alongside the national indicator performance results.

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### NI 20 Assault with Less Serious Injury

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Mid-year Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
1269	1105	<b>1060</b>		1062	

#### Data Commentary

This report covers the period 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2010 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010. The data is complete and comprises the actual number of crimes recorded during the period.

#### General Performance Commentary

The number of recorded assault with less serious injury in Q4 is the lowest it's been all year, a reduction of 3 crimes from the previous quarter. At the end of the year there were 1060 crimes recorded in Halton, putting us 4% (45 crimes) under the target of 1105.

#### Year on year

08/09 – 1172 recorded crimes

09/10 – 1060 recorded crimes

Assault with less serious injury was 9.6% lower in 09/10 compared to the previous year.

#### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

The Alcohol Enforcement Task group which forms part of Community Safety has an impact on this national indicator. They address the issues faced by the Night Time Economy in the town centres and the other licensed premises in Halton. They aim to reduce the number of assaults and other types of disorder in and around pubs, bars and clubs by working closely with the Council licensing Enforcement Officer and their equivalent in Cheshire Police.



During quarter 4 they have conducted dedicated test purchase operations targeting proxy/underage sales at off/on licences resulting in the detection of 8 underage sales.

The licensing team carried out 212 premises visits with the Police making 184 alcohol related arrests and issuing 56 Section 27 direction to leave notices. There were three premises taken to review during the period with two given closure orders.

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The Halton Licensing team in conjunction with the community safety partnership have worked with licensed venues to improve the quality and usability of the CCTV in an effort to prevent incidents of violence and help to identify offenders.

### NI 30 Re-offending rate of prolific and priority offenders

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
82 offences	19% reduction	20 offences (end Q. 2)		19% reduction	

#### Data Commentary

The data shows the official NI 30 stats produced by the Home Office for each CSP. They cover Q1 and Q2 of 2009/10. Data is not yet available for Q3 and Q4.

#### Performance Commentary

Although this report covers January to March 2010, GONW stats are produced 3mths in arrears to allow for charges to be brought before the court and convictions finalised. Q3 2009/2010 figures are expected imminently due to a delay at source, after 6 months we are currently looking at a total of 20 offences, if performance continues like this then we are likely to meet the year end target. Target for end of year proven offences is 69, thereby showing us on line to meet the target end figure.

Locally produced figures give an indication of how NI30 figures will look. Baseline offences for 2008/2009 are 144 – at the end of Q4 2009/2010 the final offence figure stands at 63 showing a 56.3% reduction against the baseline. Calculations show that a further 20 offences may be added to the end total making the year end reduction percentage 42.4%.

#### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

Throughout the last quarter the PPO team have attended twice monthly meetings with the Intelligence Unit, Source Handling Unit and pro-active police to identify and target resources where necessary focussing on C&C PPOs and local target offenders.

As a result of this focussed approach, two C&C PPOs are now on remand pending charges of rape and burglary. Two other PPOs were swiftly arrested and dealt with for drugs and vehicle crime.

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During this quarter we have had one offender undergo a period of counselling for gambling addiction with CIC an organisation commissioned by the team to provide bespoke packages for PPO offenders. The offender responded positively to the counselling and is complying with the conditions of his Licence, something he has failed to do previously. There is no intelligence to suggest that he is re-offending.

Joint Agency Group (JAG) continues to assess those offenders for nomination, denomination and progress of the current offender cohort on a monthly basis.

The team continue to refer offenders to the Halton Drug Intervention Programme and work closely with other organisations within Ashley House, particularly the Community Drugs Team.



The Problem Solving Court (PSC) commenced on 1 April in Halton. The Court targets those offenders who are medium to high risk of re-offending and have at least two crime-related needs such as substance misuse and accommodation. Various agencies in the Borough have signed up to engage with the Probation Service to address these needs, including mental health, Housing Solutions and drug and alcohol agencies. The cases will be reviewed regularly and a designated Probation Officer will provide assessments to the Court and produce reports. Whilst PPO offenders will be excluded from the PSC it is likely that some will be former PPOs whose rate and type of offending no longer fits the PPO cohort. Therefore, it is likely that the PPO team will be providing some input into the process.

One offender during the quarter was been placed on 'Catch and Convict' and has since been apprehended and is due before the Court later this month.

The team continues to undertake presentations to local criminal justice partners and community groups to raise the profile of the Halton PPO Scheme. For example during the last quarter PPO Police Officers completed a presentation to Probation staff reiterating the referral process and criteria for offenders to be considered for the Scheme. It is also planned that they will undertake a presentation to a Magistrates' Training day in the coming months.

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### NI 32 Repeat incidents of domestic violence

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
N/A	28%	<b>22%</b>		27%	

#### Data Commentary

This data covers the full financial year 09/10. It is the final actual data for this period and represents an accurate up date and review of all previous data submitted in this period for NI 32.

There is no baseline data for 07/08 as the NI criteria was not implemented until April 2009. Therefore, 2009/10 will represent a more accurate baseline ongoing.

#### General Performance Commentary

Previously a higher percentage level has been reported against this NI due to inaccurate data recording. This data error has now been corrected indicating that the Halton MARAC is performing within the set targets generally around 26%. Performance appears to have been stable over the year in relation to NI32 with the only exception occurring at Quarter 4 where a significant decrease is seen. This change in performance relates to an increase in the level of cases referred to MARAC which moved from an average of 15 to 23. This increase relates to the implementation of a new Risk Indicator Checklist in January 2010. It is expected that as practice becomes embedded in relation to the new tool that referral levels will stabilise. Therefore, it is expected as we move through 2010 our performance level will move closer to the 26% level seen for the rest of this year.

Our level of repeat cases attending the MARAC appears to be relatively stable, sitting on average at around 4 per month. Within these cases there does appear to be several cases that are returning more frequently and consistently to the MARAC. This raises some concerns as it suggests that the MARAC process may not be as effective with these cases and they have a significant impact on the performance levels.

#### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

A research project is planned to commence shortly in relation to the 'problem' cohort within the MARAC repeat cases who are seen to return 3 or more times to this venue. This research plans to review interventions to date and compare needs with a control group to identify any patterns visible that differentiate this group from the main body of referrals.



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The aim is to identify the reasons for the MARAC's apparent lack of success to highlight potential alternative approaches to be taken with this group.

With the implementation of a new Risk Indicator Checklist there are some area training needs. To date one session has been delivered to practitioners and it is planned that two further events will be held to offer basic training and guidance. Alongside this DASH resource packs will be produced to support practitioners to utilise this new tool.

A new Software system has been purchased for the IDVA service, MODUS, which will be implemented in the next quarter. It is envisaged that this will help to streamline data collection from the Halton Domestic Abuse service and forms part of a pan-Cheshire approach to aid unification of systems within the area. This will give greater ability to track perpetrators and ensure victims moving within Cheshire have full case histories transferred into their new area. This will address some of the information sharing issues that have been highlighted by research to be instrumental in domestic homicide incidents.

### NI 33 Deliberate Fires (Total)

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
1277	937	<b>700</b>		855	

#### Data Commentary

Data presented above has been collated from the Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service Incident Recording System (IRS).

It relates to actual recorded incident volumes and represents the complete data set for each period.

As IRS was introduced on 1 April 2009, baseline data and subsequent targets set were calculated using the previous data capture method.

IRS data is subject to further scrutiny and validation, thus figures recorded may alter following further scrutiny.

#### General Performance Commentary

It is NI33ii, deliberate secondary fires that are most commonly associated with anti social behaviour and as such, see fluctuations in line with school holidays and weather patterns.

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When comparing April data from 2008/09 with that of 2009/10, there was a 45% increase of incidents of this type, which is thought to be as a direct result of the school Easter holidays falling solely in April in 2009 (they were in March of 2008).

This period also saw a spell of warm weather. Conversely, the cold weather seen during quarter 4 of the year saw a decrease in incident volumes when compared to the preceding three quarters.

The following shows a summary of comparative performance over the past two years:

	2008/09	2009/10	% reduction
NI33i	184	115	<b>-37.5%</b>
NI33ii	722	585	<b>-19.0%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>906</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>-22.7%</b>

### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year



2009/10 action plans identify several areas of high activity with regards NI33, categorised by priority with regards the need for arson initiatives. An arson report is completed monthly by each station within Halton (Runcorn and Widnes) to identify specific trends, variations and highlight any anomalies.

By producing analysis at station level, fire fighters have an increased awareness and understanding of the issues surrounding deliberate fires and anti social behaviour and are therefore better equipped to deliver targeted initiatives.

Quarter four saw significant spells of cold, bad weather that influenced the number of related incidents significantly. We also had a final graduation of the Halton Princes Trust Team and the graduation of the Halton 'Respect' Team. This joined up partnership approach encourages interaction with young people, with increased engagement leading to a reduction in the occurrence of bonfires and small deliberate fires.

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### NI 39 Alcohol harm related admission rates

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
2180	2323	<b>2548.6</b>		2309	

#### Data Commentary

The Q4 data is not yet available and therefore an estimate has been used for Q4 based on actual figures for Jan and Feb and an 11 month average for March.

#### General Performance Commentary

If the year end estimated cumulative total of 2548.6 alcohol related harm admissions is accurate then we are above target (2323) by 8.9%.

#### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

Completed a 'mini'-competitive tender process for the Tier 2 Alcohol Service in Halton. The successful bidder, Arch Initiatives', has now been informed and the service commenced on Monday 22nd March 2010, 27 working days after having received formal approval at board. The evaluation panel consisted of both PCT and LA Senior Manager Representation and a Carer Representative from Halton.

Arch Initiatives are a third sector provider and work is underway to ensure that the service is successfully implemented. This includes proactive engagement with Halton GPs. Clinics will be offered to patients in community based settings and extended opening hours (i.e. evening and weekend appointments) will be available.

Conditional Cautioning Scheme for criminal justice clients established in Halton

A health needs assessment has been undertaken and is currently being aligned to the Community Safety Needs Assessment. An alcohol harm reduction programme will be produced based on the needs assessment.

From a CSP perspective, three priority areas have been agreed with the Alcohol Executive Lead:

1. Establishing the Tier 2 service - Halton
2. Commencing a review of the Tier 3 alcohol service across the borough – this involves a review of three separate services.

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3. Exploring the role and maximising the potential of alcohol workers in an acute settings.

Priority will be given in this order, as well as progressing the other project work streams.

Consultation will be continued in relation to a model for a redesigned, integrated alcohol harm treatment system. The model will incorporate a single point of access and will be tendered for start up date of April 2011. A full business case will be presented to MET in September 2010. To assist in the development of the model, all existing Tiers are subject to a review (as stated above) and 'lean' pathways are being developed in conjunction with providers via a 'Care Pathways Group' (membership predominantly current providers). The aim of the group is to uncover waste and bottlenecks in the current system and assist in making the journey seamless for patients. This work will enable us to quickly make a difference for patients whilst contributing to our knowledge base and the design of the future model.

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### NI 40      Number of drug users in effective treatment

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
513	528	<b>461</b> (April – Dec)		544	

#### Data Commentary

The latest published data for this measure relates to the period April to December 2010 as NI 40 is reported in arrears to allow for full counting of numbers of people in treatment for more than 12 weeks.

#### General Performance Commentary

The way in which this measure is calculated was subject to some amendment which resulted in lower levels being recorded. This has resulted in having to now achieve a significant stretch target much higher than the nationally set 1% year on year increase.

The Home Office has a prevalence figure of Problematic Drug Users (**PDU's**) for each Drug Action Team area. The number of PDU's who are either currently in treatment or have been in treatment is equivalent to 85% of the Home Office prevalence estimate. Regionally and nationally this is a high penetration rate.

Therefore theoretically there are few PDU's left to bring into treatment. The low numbers of referrals through the criminal justice system, the low levels of acquisitive crime, our high performance in reducing Class A drug related offending, exceptionally low numbers of drug related deaths and a virtually non-existent waiting list is further evidence that most PDU's in Halton are either in treatment or have been in treatment.

Performance at this stage of the year shows an improvement over that in 2008 – 09.

#### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

There has been a strong focus on improving the quality of service on offer. This can be evidenced by the significant improvement in planned discharges. In March 2010 planned discharges for PDU's in Halton were 38% and for all drugs aged 18+ 50%. This is compared to national figures of 29% and 38% respectively.



In relation to those in treatment for longer than 12 weeks Halton is amongst the best performers nationally.

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A performance improvement plan has been in place and service providers have responded well as evidenced by the significant improvement in retention rates and planned discharges. This will be refreshed for the coming financial year and the DAT will continue to meet providers on a bi-monthly basis in order to maintain a positive direction of travel.

### *Non Local Area Agreement Measures contained within Halton's Sustainable Community Strategy (2006 – 2011)*

#### NI 47      Reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents

Baseline (2006)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
10.7%	10.5%	<b>5.9%</b>		7.2%	

#### *Data Commentary*

The figure provided above includes complete causality numbers up to Q3, while the figure provided for Q4 only incorporates January and February 2010 as the numbers for April are still un validated. Actual causality numbers are given here, quarterly, as the official NI 47 figure is only produced at year end comparing the previous 3 year rolling average (shown below).

#### *General Performance Commentary*

NI 47 measures the annual change in the 3 year rolling average of people killed or seriously injured in RTC's. Good performance is indicated by a positive % change suggesting a reduction in the number of KSI casualties.

KSI 3 year rolling average figures:

2007/08 = 14.9%

2008/09 = 10.5%

2009/10 = 5.9%

At the end of 2009/10 Halton recorded a positive 5.9% change in the 3 year rolling average, suggesting a reduction in the number of people killed or seriously injured in RTC's.

#### *Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year*

Through a mixture of engineering works and road safety education, casualty figures continue to be driven down in Halton. 2009 was the most successful year for decades, and using a mixture of funding sources, further projects will be undertaken to further reduce our casualty rate

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Existing funding for safety work continues to be made available through both the Cheshire Safer Roads Partnership and Local Transport Plan sources and this will continue to be utilised to further reduce casualty totals.

In relation to the Cheshire Safer Roads Partnership, the organisation's funding has supported a range of targeted schemes and programmes that have been introduced to address issues within certain sections of the public, which included:

### **Focus on Young Road Users**

**IMPACT** - This aims to ensure that those services who work with young people are aware of the risks to young people of using the roads and assists them in getting help and support. However, the initiative is primarily focused on providing assistance to young people not fully engaged in traditional education;

**R8URM8** - Rate Your Mate, a campaign where young drivers are encouraged to rate their friend's driving, with prizes for good drivers;

**Pimp My Panda** – This initiative involves teams of students competing to modify a Police van, in safe and legal ways. The prize for the winning team is to see its design implemented; and

**Creamfields** – This summer campaign was aimed at reminding young road users across, Cheshire, Lancashire and Greater Manchester of the consequences of drink or drug driving. Young people were offered advice and the opportunity to win tickets to Creamfields

### **Focus on Drink and Drug Driving**

**Other Media Campaigns:** -The Partnership also undertook other high profile media campaigns aimed at those issues that continue to present casualty problems

### **Raising Awareness:**

**Speeding? STOP** – This was a publicity campaign, based on billboards, radio adverts and show visits; all aimed at young male drivers:

**DfT Seatbelt Launch** – The Partnership supported the DfT's countrywide publicity campaign:

**Dark Nights** – This alerted people, in the autumn, to the fact the nights are drawing in and of the need to take more care when driving, walking and cycling:

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**Regional Working** – This initiative was able to exploit economies of scale by working with colleagues in Cumbria, Lancashire, Greater Manchester, Merseyside and Cheshire to promote a consistent road safety message across the North West. The first joint initiative comprised a radio campaign to raise awareness of parents to the dangers faced by young drivers: and

**Rev and Trip** – This initiative targeted young drivers of small motorbikes and scooters and offered them the chance to better understand the associated risks and refine their riding skills

### **Working With Communities:**



**Heelz on Wheelz** – The main purpose of this initiative was to give young women drivers a better understanding of their vehicles, but also to raise awareness of road and personal safety issues:

**Access to Pass Plus** - Cash subsidies were provided by the Partnership to encourage young people to participate in the Pass Plus scheme for newly qualified drivers:

**Petrol Hedz** – This event was targeted at young ‘at risk’ road users to encourage them to seek further training:

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### SH 1 Reduce the number of incidents of ASB in the worst 5 Lower Super Output Areas compared with the rest of the borough

Baseline (2007/8)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
24.5% (difference)	14.5% (difference)	<b>41.2%</b> (difference)		9.5% (difference)	

#### *Data Commentary*

Baselines were set during 2007/08, using the Neighbourhood Management (NMA) areas: Castlefields, Windmill Hill, Halton Lea, Appleton, Kingsway. Data numbers have been taken from Police ward data covering the entire ward areas. It should be noted that these numbers will include a small element of non NMA data. Analysis to street level is not possible at this moment. By measuring complete wards the numbers should be used as an indicator only.

#### *Performance Commentary*

Targets were devised using 2007/08 figures as a baseline. This baseline was set following on from three years continued reduction in numbers, from 11214 in 2005/06, 10440 in 2006/07 to 9641 in 2007/08. Not just sustaining these reductions but also aiming to improve upon them was seen to be extremely challenging, particularly whilst also aiming to encourage more people to report incidents with confidence. The target chosen was therefore to ensure that the number of incidents recorded in each of the NMA's noted above were consistent with the rest of the borough and not to look for reductions in numbers as initially it was anticipated that numbers would rise in line with improved satisfaction (i.e. residents wanting to report more as seen as dealing more effectively).

While numbers during 2008/09 and the beginning of 2009/10 have risen, the gap has reduced by 4.4%. The targets set have not been achieved to date, however performance is progressing in the right direction.

This quarter has also seen significant reductions in numbers too, reporting the lowest number in a quarter since 2007/08 and a reduction of 9% when compared to the same period 08/09.

Numbers relating to **youth ASB** have also seen significant reductions this quarter and at quarter two where 21% reductions were recorded.

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### *Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year*

During quarter three of the COMPASS Steering group meeting an executive summary of the outputs and outcomes was requested. 2009 / 10 the COMPASS steering group projects and ASB project performance has therefore been briefly summarised below:

Overall number of ASB incidents reported to Cheshire Constabulary have reduced by 29% when compared to the same period the year before resulting in 331 less victims.



The projects currently in place in relation to this area include:

- Operation Stay Safe
- Reparation Project
- Diversion Project
- After School Patrols
- Street Based Teams
- Crime Prevention Family Intervention Project
- ASB Family Intervention Project
- Respect Parenting and PEIP
- Youth Inclusion Support Panel
- Victim and Witness Support Coordinator

Performance of the projects collectively are having a positive impact across many business areas, Antisocial behaviour numbers, Police calls for service, Health, admissions to A&E and general awareness of drugs, alcohol and teenage pregnancy, Education and reductions in first time entrants into the youth justice process. Cost benefit guidance has now been provided by the youth task force and will be used and reported upon during quarter 1 of 2010/11, this will demonstrate the true cost benefit of each of the projects alongside the national indicator performance results.

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### NI 153 Working age people claiming out of work benefits in the worst performing neighbourhoods

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
31.5%	29.5%	<b>33.5%</b>		Maintain the 0.4pp gap below NW average	

#### Data Commentary

The data supplied is for quarter 3 2009, which is the latest data available. The source is the Work and Pensions longitudinal study.

The data reflected a worsening of the Job Seekers allowance figures during the last quarter of 2009. Unemployment had risen each month from October 2009 ahead of national and regional averages. There were a number of reasons for this.

Given the nature of industry in Halton e.g. distribution, logistics, manufacturing the figures would be influenced by seasonal work and a higher proportion of agency workers. Linked to this given low skills and low qualifications' levels in the borough, often residents are employed in the lower paid jobs, which are particularly vulnerable in the current climate.

Private sector partners advise that given Halton's geographical position many Halton residents commute outside the borough and there are redundancies outside the borough that have affected Halton residents.

Although there have not been 'large scale redundancies' announced in the borough there was a steady flow of smaller redundancies, all of which have a bearing on the overall NI 153 figure i.e.

October 09 – DHL 85 jobs;  
 November 09 – Dept Children Families and Schools 80 jobs;  
 December 09 - Avery Denison 17 jobs;  
 December 09 – Thermaphos 69 jobs

#### General Performance Commentary

As part of the LAA refresh process the Government Office acknowledged that the target would need to be revised and Government agreed that the Halton target would equate to a 0.4 percentage point gap below the North West average

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A range of events and door knocking exercises have been delivered to engage with residents of Hallwood Park, Palacefields, Castlefields & Windmill Hill, linking in with partners such as NMT, Connexions, Telematics Centre, Schools and Job Centre Plus.

A new NEEO for Central Widnes will be recruited and will undertake a mapping exercise of Central Widnes to identify potential groups which could best benefit from this

The Future Jobs Fund Initiative was launched. As part of the programme Halton People into Jobs have been working with partners to discuss employer requirements prior to the advertisement of vacancies.



In February, the 3MG Recruitment Project, managed by the Halton Employment Partnership (HEP), commenced. Following an initial launch of the recruitment project, the HEP took nearly 5000 enquiries from individuals wishing to gain employment on the 3MG site. The majority of these were from Halton residents. In addition, nearly 2000 individuals requested some pre employment training (e.g. interview techniques). The HEP team followed these requests up and allocated pre employment training to those who still required it. The training was delivered by partner organisations within the HEP including HBC and Riverside College and continues to be delivered.

Application packs have been sent out with an expectation that a large proportion of jobs will be obtained by Halton residents.

Interviews will commence (have commenced) in April and HEP colleagues will support Tesco with the whole recruitment process, from scoring application forms to organising the pre employment checks during interview. Tesco will provide daily updates on successful candidates. The interviews will last for a number of weeks.

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### NI 163 Working age population qualified to at least Level 2 or higher

Baseline (2006)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
60.1%	65.7%	<b>61.6%</b> (2008)		67.5%	

#### Data Commentary

The figure relates to the period January 2008 to December 2008. The source of the data is derived by DIUS from the ONS Annual Population Survey (LFS/IHS) The number of people of working age with level 2 or above qualifications during this period was 43,800 or 57.9%.

#### General Performance Commentary

Whilst this is still above the North West average (64.2%) in relation to the baseline, this figure is improving, not least, because of the range of actions taking place and partnerships responses now being felt.

#### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

Although this covers the period January – December 2008, below are a couple of activities currently being undertaken (quarter 4 2009/10) to generally support the increase in qualifications of our residents and ensure that these qualifications and skills are linked to employer needs.

##### Skills for Life (Q4 figures)

Between January and March 2010, 384 Skills for Life Assessments were carried out by the Skills for Life Project Officers. Most referrals came from general adult learning enquiries, with a good number of referrals coming from HPIJ, HEP and JCP.

55% of those assessed then progressed onto a learning programme. A total of 79 City & Guilds qualifications were achieved during January and March 2010, which included:

- 19 learners achieving Level 1 Literacy
- 25 learners achieving Level 2 Literacy
- 12 learners achieving Level 1 Numeracy; and
- 23 learners achieving Level 2 Numeracy.

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### Skills Development



The 2009/10 Business Perceptions Survey was presented during March 2010.

- 'Being close to customers' was the most frequently given reason for businesses being in their current location
- The majority of the businesses taking part (86%) had no more than ten employees
- In the previous twelve months there had been a slight overall decline in staffing levels and this was more likely in medium and large companies. However, there are companies doing well and showing signs of growth who have been able to increase staffing levels
- The three most important skills to business as a whole are: communication, numeracy and literacy
- Currently, 12% perceive a gap between the skills they need and those present amongst their workforce. Looking ahead, 10% expect to have skills gaps in 2 years time
- Skilled trades are those where gaps are most severe, followed by the professions and senior management. The most likely remedial action was to provide training for existing staff
- Most businesses (84%) felt that local people did have the necessary skills, qualifications and experience to fill any vacancies they may have. This represents a significant change from the previous survey when more than 60% felt there was a mismatch between the skills of the local workforce and the skills that were needed.
- Some 8% of businesses currently have Apprentices and they are clearly seen as a way to provide training for existing employees
- Only 7% of businesses currently have vacancies and these are mainly at the higher levels of employment. Word of mouth is the most likely way to recruit, even for the larger companies.
- At least one in four companies expect to be recruiting in the next year
- A very high proportion (more than 80%) are happy to employ people from both areas of Halton; a very few have concerns about potential travel difficulties.
- Three out of four businesses see it as important for training to take place but some are quick to add that funding it is difficult.
- Two out of three have a formal business plan but only 35% an available training budget.
- Acknowledged training needs are currently limited.
- Training initiatives and services with the highest levels of awareness tend to be the national ones such as Job Centre Plus, Business Link, Apprenticeships and Train to Gain. But there are good levels of awareness for 'Halton People into Jobs' (57%) and Halton Employment Partnership' (40%).

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- One in four businesses have employees currently undergoing some form of training and just over half of them were funding this or contributing to the cost. Most of the training was job specific.
- The level of satisfaction with all aspects of training provision in Halton – availability, quality, range, delivery, affordability, innovation and accessibility – was around 70%.
- Barriers to training are mainly funding and employees being able to spare the time. The same was broadly true in the previous survey but now far fewer employers perceive a reluctance amongst employees to undertake training which will be beneficial to the objective of up-skilling the workforce.

### NI 171    VAT registration rate

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
42.3%	42.3%	<b>44.5%</b> <b>(2008)</b>		42.8%	

#### Data Commentary

This data is from the Business Demography 2008 dataset provided by Office for National Statistics - <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/StatBase/Product.asp?vlnk=15186>

This replaces the previously used VAT registrations dataset from BERR.

NI 171 is the number of new businesses (births) per 10,000 adult population (16+). The baseline 42.3% is an average from 2005-2007. The 2008 figure is 44.5% (NW 49.6%) which is above our 2010 target but below the North West rate.

#### General Performance Commentary

Historically, Halton has had low levels of new registrations, but equally has low levels of de-registrations, which means that stock levels have been increasing year on year and business survival rates are good.

In 2007/8 the programme helped 68 new businesses start-up (of which 5 were VAT-registered).

In 2008/9 this increased to 78 (of which 8 were VAT-registered).

In 2009/10 the Enterprising Halton programme agreed a target of helping to create 100 new businesses, 10 of which were to be VAT-registered.

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This target was exceeded, with 154 new businesses being created, 13 of which registered for VAT. In addition to the 154 new business owner/managers at least 61 further new jobs were created.



### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

It should be noted that responsibility for business start ups is managed through the Business Link Service which is organised on a regional basis. Business Link provides a free business advice and support service to anyone wishing to consider setting up in business.

The Enterprising Halton business start-up programme was introduced in 2007, and has the aim of developing a culture of enterprise within the Borough to promote self – employment as a realistic option, and provide 1-to-1 business advice and support to potential entrepreneurs .

### *Non Local Area Agreement Measures contained within Halton's Sustainable Community Strategy (2006 – 2011)*

#### ELS 1 Reduce the proportion of adults with no qualifications

Baseline (2007)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
14,800	N/A	<b>13,800</b>		12,240	

#### *Data Commentary*

The latest figures relate to the period January 2008 – December 2008.

#### *General Performance Commentary*



The number of people with no qualifications during this period was 13,800 or 18.2% of the population. Whilst this is still above the North West average (25.6%) in relation to the baseline, this figure is improving, not least, because of the range of actions taking place and partnerships responses now being felt.

### *Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year*

Information not currently available

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### ELS 2    Increase the proportion of adults qualified to Level 3

Baseline (2007)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
12,400	N/A	<b>11,900 (2008)</b>		15,875	

#### *Data Commentary*

The information is based on official labour market statistics covering the period January 2008 – December 2008



#### *General Performance Commentary*

The number of people with level 3 qualifications and above during this period was 25,600 or 33.8% of the population. This is still above the North West average (44.2%) in relation to the baseline.

#### *Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year*

Information not currently available

### ELS 3    Increase the rate of self-employment

Baseline (2007)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
5.2%	N/A	<b>4.9% (2009)</b>		6.8%	

#### *Data Commentary*

The figures are based on the period October 2008 to September 2009. According to the ONS annual population survey, during the period there were 700 categorised in self-employment in Halton.

#### *General Performance Commentary*



In 2009/10 the Enterprising Halton programme agreed a target of helping to create 100 new businesses. This target was exceeded, with 154 new businesses being created (13 of which registered for VAT). In addition to the 154 new self-employed businesses at least 61 further new jobs were created.

## EMPLOYMENT, LEARNING AND SKILLS

### *Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year*

The Enterprising Halton business start-up programme was introduced in 2007, and has the aim of developing a culture of enterprise within the Borough to promote self – employment as a realistic option, and provide 1-to-1 business advice and support to potential entrepreneurs.

#### **ELS 4    Ensure unemployment in any Lower Super Output Area is less than 20% above the borough average**

Baseline (2007)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
	Ensure unemployment in any Lower Super Output Area is less than 20% above the borough average	29 LSOAs (out of 79) more than 20% above the borough average		Ensure unemployment in any Lower Super Output Area is less than 20% above the borough average	

### *Data Commentary*

*Source: JobSeekers Allowance claimant counts for LSOAs, ONS, Mar-09*

### *General Performance Commentary*

### *Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year*

Information not currently available

## URBAN RENEWAL

### NI 154 Net additional homes provided

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
522	159	114	<span style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 2px;">x</span>	159	<span style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 2px;">x</span>

#### Data Commentary

Report covers progress of development sites from **1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010**.

The annual total gross dwelling gain for Halton is 224 dwellings – minus demolitions equals an **Annual Net dwelling gain of 114 dwellings** slightly less than the revised target of 159 dwellings (original target for this NI was 518 dwellings to 2011)

#### General Performance Commentary

As anticipated the outturn figures for 2009/10 show the impact of the credit crunch on the house building industry in terms of lower numbers of dwelling completions and less than the revised target of 159. The net figure for the year was heavily influenced by demolitions occurring as part of the Castlefields regeneration scheme.

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108 dwelling completions are for affordable housing.

Currently 183 dwellings are under construction on 6 major sites (greater than 10 dwellings) with a total capacity of 466 dwellings. Projection for 2011/12 is that the target will not be achievable due to the continued program of demolitions on Castlefields.

There has been an overall slowdown of apartment schemes and two schemes, with a combined total of 75 dwellings, currently halted due to the economic climate.

Information gained from the quarterly telephone survey of extant planning permissions revealed that only one major site is expected to commence in Q1 of 2010. This is Keepers Walk, Castlefields.

Castlefields regeneration project has the potential to have huge impact on the net completions to 2011

## URBAN RENEWAL

### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

Halton is working together with its partners in the Mid Mersey Growth Point and have established a robust framework for the collation of housing market data, including formal engagement with key stakeholders in the Housing Market Partnership through annual SHLAA updates and quarterly monitoring of developer intentions of sites of 10 or more dwellings.

Annual planning application housing survey is currently in progress with a questionnaire to ascertain housing development progress/timescales and detailing reasons for non implementation of planning permission. This consultation period ends on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2010. This data will be collated and used to inform SHLAA and will help to forecast completions for the coming year and inform the quarterly monitoring process.

A current application is awaiting confirmation of Kick Start round 2 funding – Seddon Homes – Halton Brook Site, Runcorn. This site has been shortlisted and is going through the due diligence process.

### NI 175 Access to services and facilities by public transport walking and cycling

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
1A – 100%	100%	100%	✓	100%	✓
1B – 100%	100%	100%	✓	100%	✓
1C – 86%	82%	93%	✓	89%	✓
1D – 89%	86%	98%	✓	93%	✓

#### Data Commentary

NI 175 is reported on an annual basis and the figures identified above are actual figures for the year 09/10, this data is complete.

## URBAN RENEWAL

### General Performance Commentary

All targets for 2009/10 have been exceeded, this is particularly due to the introduction of 4 new college services operated by Halton Transport Ltd. The services are operated commercially, with a level of funding being provided by Riverside college, directly to the bus company. The services all operate one inward journey to the appropriate college (or to a linking service) and one return journey at peak time from the following main areas:


- 41 From Windmill Hill – Murdishaw – Palacefields – Beechwood
- 43 From Windmill Hill – Castlefields – Halton Lea – Grangeway
- 44 From Liverpool – Hough Green – Cronton- Kingsway
- 45 From Liverpool – Hale – Queensbury Way – Cronton - Kingsway

The above services have been secured medium-term and have therefore been registered to operate as per the above routes, it is therefore anticipated that these will continue to operate throughout 2010/11 and so there should be no reason the targets would not be achieved during the next financial year.

### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

As suggested above, major improvements have been made during the 2009/10 financial year due to the introduction of new bus services. These new services have ensured that a number of residents along key routes can more easily access transport to attend the local colleges.

### NI 186 Per capital CO2 emissions in LA area

Baseline (2005)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
9.9 tonnes per capita	7.52% (9.16 tonnes)	N/A	See comment	11.1% (8.8 tonnes)	

### Data Commentary

Data is provided by DEFRA and updated on an annual basis. Quarterly figures are unavailable.

### General Performance Commentary



Performance is improving. Data for 2005 was 9.9 tonnes per capita; for 2006 figure was 9.1 tonnes per capita; and the most recent figure is 8.9 tonnes per capita for 2007. We are therefore well placed to hit our 10/11 target.

## URBAN RENEWAL

### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

- Develop a HSPB Climate change Strategy (report to HSPB in May10)
- Initial meeting planned to look at developing business skills/capacity on renewable technology
- The council are continuing with carbon management and have recently completed a scrutiny review of energy management
- Support to Eco schools
- Green champions in council buildings

### NI 192    Household waste recycled and composted

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
25.1%	31%	29.92%*		34%	

### Data Commentary

Although this report covers the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 to 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2010, actual data is only currently available for April 2009 through to January 2010. Some of the data for March is estimated and is based upon previous years' performance for that month. A validated annual performance figure will not be available until June/July 2010.

### General Performance Commentary

It is disappointing that, despite the roll-out of planned recycling services delivery of other supporting initiatives, the end of year target is not likely to be achieved.

Even though the level of recycling materials collected in 2009/10 is forecast to have increased by over 800 tonnes and the amount of waste sent to landfill reduced by over 4,000 tonnes, the Council will fall short of the 2009/10 target.

### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

The planned extensions to the Council's kerbside recycling services are detailed below:

- In July 2009, further 16,000 properties were added to the kerbside multi-material recycling scheme, taking the total number of properties provided with blue bin recycling collections to 42,000.

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- In March 2009, a further 5,000 properties were added to the Council's garden waste collection service taking the total number of properties provided with green bins to 37,000.

Two pilot schemes introduced in October 2009 are anticipated to increase recycling levels further;

- The first was a pilot kerbside multi-material recycling collection service using recycling boxes. This service has been provided to approximately 3,800 properties that cannot have wheeled bins. This means that almost 85% of properties in Halton now have kerbside multi-material recycling collections, with all remaining households due to receive the service by the summer of 2010.
- The second was a pilot scheme that encourages increased levels of recycling by providing rewards to residents who recycle using their blue wheeled bin. The scheme was initially introduced to 10,000 households in seven areas of the borough.
- Communication and community engagement activities to increase the percentage of residents participating in the Council's recycling and composting services have continued throughout this financial year.

### ACTIVITIES TO INCREASE RECYCLING LEVELS IN 2010/11

During 2010/11, the following activities will be undertaken to increase recycling levels to meet the stretched LAA performance target of 34%.

- A further 9,000 properties will be added to the Council's multi-material recycling collection service. Approximately 5,000 residents will be provided with wheeled bins and 3,000 provided recycling boxes. The remaining properties are multi-occupancy dwellings and will be provided with communal recycling containers.
- Arrangements have been secured to increase the recycling of other elements of household waste, such as unwanted bulky items and wastes collected through the Council's Open Space Services Division.
- In 2010, a recycling rewards programme is being rolled out to all properties in Halton that are served by a wheeled bin recycling service. The programme encourages increased levels of recycling by providing rewards to residents who recycle using their blue wheeled bin. A pilot scheme was introduced to 10,000 households in seven areas of the borough in October 2009. Evidence from the pilot scheme indicates that the programme can significantly increase participation with the Council's recycling services and the amount of recyclable materials collected per household.
- Communication and resident engagement programmes will continue to be delivered to increase the percentage of residents participating in the Council's recycling and composting services.

## URBAN RENEWAL

### *Non Local Area Agreement Measures contained within Halton's Sustainable Community Strategy (2006 – 2011)*

<b>UR 1</b>	<b>Assist in maintaining the current baseline of 59,000 jobs in Halton until 2011</b>
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Baseline (2007)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
59,000 jobs	59,000 jobs	<b>No new data</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	59,000 jobs	<input style="background-color: yellow;" type="checkbox"/>

#### *Data Commentary*

Although this is the end of year data report for 2009-10, the data is only available annually two years in arrears and there is no new data available yet (data is ONS job density figures).

#### *General Performance Commentary*

The next set of data will relate to 2008 and thus will not have the full impact of the recession included, but they are expected to be down on the 2007 numbers.



#### *Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year*

A number of key programmes that are leading to job creation. These include:

- 3MG. Recruitment for Tesco now underway c600 jobs
- Widnes Waterfront: Leisure development is due to complete next year; Bayer site has been purchased and will be brought forward for job creation uses.
- Widnes Shopping Park now opened which ultimately will create 650 jobs.
- Enterprising Halton supported 154 new business start ups.

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### UR 2      To bring 10 hectares of derelict land back into beneficial use annually

Baseline	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
10 hectares p.a. over 21 year	10 hectares	Refer data commentary		10 hectares	

#### *Data Commentary*

In line with previous reporting, this is a local target indicating average progress over a number of years. However, this measure is likely to be reviewed in the next Community Strategy for Halton, as funding availability will impact on the area of land able to be reclaimed.

Significant changes resulting from the Council's organisational restructure have made the calculation of this measure difficult for 2010. however all indications are that the target has been exceeded.

#### *General Performance Commentary*

The reclamation of brownfield sites continues in Halton, especially given the borough's chemical heritage, and new sites have recently been acquired by HBC.

#### *Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year*

St. Michael's golf course is currently undergoing a second remediation phase, the new Environment Protection Act having been introduced since its first remediation exercise in the 70's and 80's.

In addition, reclamation work has taken place at 3MG, as land has been cleared for development to support the new multi-modal railfreight park and former grot-spot business premises at Eddarbridge have been cleaned up, transforming the facility. On the back of these developments, new distribution and warehousing facilities have been developed, attracting a wholesale Tesco operation to the site, bringing with it much needed jobs.

NWDA and landfill tax credits have also facilitated the remediation and development of a new local leisure facility known as Halebank Rec. This area now supports new woodland planting, a wildlife water feature, mounding work and cycle/pathways, as well as outdoor fitness facility and children's park which are now available for local community use.

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Moss Bank Linear Park has also been created from an area of dereliction on the Widnes Waterfront, transforming an area of neglected and unused railway line into a pleasant leisure amenity that links aspects of this programme of work. This development has included site clearance, excavation for paving and tree-pits at the main entrances to the park, together with a new footpath and cycleway which runs from Spike Island through to the Trans-Pennine Trail leading to Warrington. A shrub and tree planting scheme enhances the seeded grass and wildflowers which was inspired by pioneering work promoted by the Butterfly Conservation charity.

In addition, in April, 2009 Virgin Trains and Network Rail developed and opened a new multi-storey car park from derelict land at Runcorn Train Station, facilitated by HBC and providing 198 parking spaces and a new wind turbine facility at the station.

The temporary car park used as an interim measure for the station is now available to users of the adjacent playing field and this accommodates more than 100 cars, thus easing general parking in the area.

### UR 3      Facilitate the relocation of businesses affected by the construction of the Mersey Gateway Bridge (businesses identified 78)

Baseline	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
n/a	0	1	✓	77	?

#### *Data Commentary*

The data relates to the period 2009-10

Target may be revised when the General Vesting Declaration is made following confirmation of orders.

#### *General Performance Commentary*

The level of performance is line with the activities agreed with the MG Officer Project Board.

#### *Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year*

The MG Team continue to hold discussions with affected businesses in line with the Mersey Gateway Relocation Strategy ahead of the confirmation of orders.

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Once the government approve this development, other relocations of affected businesses will be implemented.