

Halton Strategic Partnership – Neighbourhood renewal performance review 2004/05

Health

Target	Rating	Comments	Community Strategy	Floor target
Agree a formal response to the recommendations of the Health Study		Action plan in place	✓	
Narrow the gap between life expectancy at birth in Halton and the national average by 10% by 2010		Female life expectancy gap reduced by 0.2 years; male life expectancy gap reduced by 0.2 years	✓	✓
Reduce the death rate from coronary heart disease, stroke, and related diseases by 40% by 2010		Reduced by 26%	✓	✓
Reduce the death rate from cancer by 20% by 2010		Reduced by 16%	✓	✓
Reduce the years of life lost from lung cancer by 20% by 2010		Reduced by 29%	✓	
Reduce the overall death rate in Halton by 10% by 2010		Reduced by 2%	✓	
Reduce health inequalities by 10% as measured by infant mortality		Gap reduced by 50%		✓
Reducing adult smoking rates		No local information available		✓
Reduce pregnancies amongst women aged 15 – 17 by 55% by 2010		Increased by 3%	✓	✓
Provide high quality pre-admission and rehabilitation care to older people to help them live as independently as possible		All elements of Local Public Service Agreement on target	✓	
Provide children with disabilities with increased choice and access to a range of short breaks whilst providing help to carers of children with disabilities and terminally ill		All elements of Local Public Service Agreement on target	✓	

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Urban renewal

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Delivery of the Castlefields Regeneration Masterplan		Masterplan approved in 2003; delivery commenced	✓	
Develop proposals for revamping Runcorn Town Park		Draft masterplan prepared by March 2005	✓	
Start work on the Widnes Waterfront Economic Development Zone in 2004 and complete work in 2008		Masterplan approved in 2003; marketing and site investigations underway; some planning applications approved	✓	
Start the physical development and regeneration of Halton's waterfront by 2006		Development strategy produced; plans for two sites to be developed in advanced stages	✓	
Produce a Watersides Strategy and improve 10 kilometres of canal and riverside frontages		Waterside Development Strategy published; no figure available for length of frontage to be improved	✓	
Secure the necessary approvals by 2006 to allow the New Mersey Crossing project to proceed		Awarded 'Super work in progress' status in 2003; final Government decision expected after election	✓	
Regenerate the three town centres		New developments in Widnes and Runcorn town centres open in 2004; more will be completed in 2005	✓	
Increase footfall through the town centres		Footfall counters installed but not in use	✓	
Improve the vitality and viability of the town centres		Average rents increased; little change in vacancy rates; first survey of residents completed	✓	
Improve the appearance and perception of Halton by 10% by 2006		Much work done to establish needs, but no survey to measure progress in line with target	✓	

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Delivery of the Halton Biodiversity Action Plan		Steady progress made and further funding secured	✓	
Reclaim 40 hectares of derelict or contaminated land by 2006		15 hectares reclaimed in 2003; further 35 will be reclaimed by 2006 (subject to funding approval)	✓	
Meet house building targets in Halton's Unitary Development Plan		Net dwelling gain of 806 houses against target of 1,179	✓	
Ensure all social housing conforms to the Government's decency standard by 2010		Stock transfer agreed by Halton Borough Council tenants	✓	✓
Increase the proportion of vulnerable households in the private sector in decent homes		Figures based on modelled data only, but suggest Halton has already met target		✓

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Life chances and employment

Target	Rating	Comments	Community Strategy	Floor target
Improve the communication, social, and emotional development of five year olds		Local information does not match national method of assessment		✓
Provide high quality childcare places for all three and four year old children whose parents want access to them		Target achieved	✓	
Increase the percentage of pupils achieving level 4 or higher at Key Stage 2		Standards improved by more than national improvement, but targets missed		✓
Increase the percentage of pupils achieving level 5 or higher at Key Stage 3		Standards improved by more than national improvement, but targets missed		✓
Increase the percentage of pupils achieving five A* – C grade GCSEs at to 51% by 2005		16% improvement in pass rate by 2003, but target missed	✓	✓
Increase the percentage of 19 year olds with at least NVQ level 2 qualifications to 85% by 2004		No information available to assess progress	✓	
Increase participation in adult community education programmes by 3% by 2005		No figures available to update 2004 performance review information	✓	
Reduce the unemployment rate in Halton to the regional average		Gap for April to June 2004 at 0.4%; gap for February 2005 at 0.5%	✓	
Increase the employment rate		Overall picture mixed; good progress on lone parents and over 50s		✓
Reduce the number of workers with no qualification to 21.5% by 2006		Mismatch between local target and Government figures – below local target, but mixed progress	✓	
Build an enterprise society		Good recent growth in VAT registered businesses and some improvement in numbers of self-employed		✓

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Wealth and equality

Target	Rating	Comments	Community Strategy	Floor target
Improve Halton's ranking Government Index of Multiple Deprivation to 40th by 2010		Halton ranked 30th in 2004 index – better ranking at least partly due to change in methodology of index	✓	
Reduce the gap between average household income in Halton and the UK average by 3 points by 2010		Gap increased by 1 point by 2004	✓	
Reduce the percentage of children living in Income Support households to 20% by 2010		3% reduction by 2002	✓	

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Safe and attractive neighbourhoods

Target	Rating	Comments	Community Strategy	Floor target
Reduce substance misuse		Not enough information to assess progress	✓	
Increase the total numbers of people accessing treatment for drugs misuse		Forecast figures suggest target will be met	✓	
Reduce average drug treatment waiting times		Waiting times met.	✓	
Reduce the incidence of crime around the priority areas in the Community Safety Strategy by 10% by 2006 (2002-03 baseline)		Domestic burglary reduced by 17%; vehicle crime reduced by 16%; violent crime increased by 37%	✓	✓
Reduce the British Crime Survey comparator rate by 17.5% by 2008		Baseline data only available		✓
Reduce fear of crime by 5% by 2005		Annual survey shows 42% reduction between 2000 and 2003	✓	
Implement the recommendations of the Anti-social Behaviour Bill		A strategy and action plan are in place	✓	
Work in partnership to identify the scale of domestic violence and hate crime within Halton		Work underway – little information available to assess progress	✓	
Reduce the rate of re-offending of young offenders to 29.4% by 2004		Local Public Service Agreement on target	✓	
Reduce the number of youth nuisance calls to the police by 5% each year		29% increase since 2001-02	✓	
Raise the level of residents' overall satisfaction with the attractiveness of the neighbourhood/area where they live by 10% by 2006		7% increase in satisfaction with parks and open spaces since 2001; baseline data only for satisfaction with levels of waste and litter	✓	
Improve and expand neighbourhood management and warden schemes		Blue Lamp now operating across Halton	✓	

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Achievement likely



Achievement unclear



Achievement unlikely



No rating

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Complete the alleygating programme		243 alleygates installed; programme for 2005 not finalised	✓	
Provide cleaner, safer, and greener public spaces		Information not available on all indicators; what is available generally illustrates a positive picture		✓
Reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured in road crashes to 113 by 2004		Reduced to 74 in 2003; child casualties down to 17 in 2003	✓	✓
Reduce the numbers of deliberately started bin fires to 98 by 2006		Figures to date for 2003-04 show some progress made	✓	
Reduce the numbers of deliberately started car fires to 99 by 2006		Figures increased by 4% between 2003 and 2004	✓	
Ensure fire fatality rate is no more than 1.25 times the national average		No fire fatalities in 2002, 2003, and 2004		✓

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