

REPORT TO: Safer Halton Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 18th November 2008

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, Corporate and Policy

SUBJECT: Local Area Agreement and Community Strategy Progress 2007/2008

WARDS: Boroughwide

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

At the last meeting, there was a full discussion on the targets set in the Community Strategy and 2007 Local Area Agreement. As part of this debate, the Board asked for further clarification on comparing surveys from different sources conducted under different methodologies.

Richard Stevens, the Head of Research and Intelligence, will attend the November meeting to give a verbal presentation on these issues.

2. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The delivery of the Community Strategy is the central plank of our Policy Framework.

3. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Achievement of our Community Strategy targets has direct implications for our Comprehensive Area Assessment. Further consideration of any areas of under-performance may give rise to other implications for the Council.

4. IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

This report deals directly with progress on delivering one of our five priorities.

5. RISK ANALYSIS

The key risk is failure to improve the quality of life for residents in Halton in accordance with the objectives of our Community Strategy. This risk can be mitigated by regular reporting of performance and reviewing the action being taken where under-performance occurs.

6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

One of the guiding principles of the Community Strategy is to reduce inequalities in Halton.

7.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Document	Place of Inspection	Contact Officer
Community Strategy 2006 – 2011)	
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Local Area Agreement 2007) Municipal Building	0151 471 7416
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Local Area Agreement 2008)	