

REPORT TO: Corporate Services Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 2nd June 2009

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director – Corporate and Policy

SUBJECT: 2009/10 Work Programme

WARDS: Boroughwide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To agree a frame work for carrying out the topic work for the next Municipal Year

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Board receive a further report at its next meeting dealing with the baseline with how green Halton is at present and then use this as an overview to select areas of priority for a closer examination by Members.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Members will recall that at the last meeting, a presentation was given examining the carbon management issue, and the possibility of broadening work to include natural resources more generally. The presentation covered the CAA, questioning whether the Council was making effective use of its natural resources, and what the Audit Commission would be looking for in making its assessment of key line enquiry 3.1, and what sort of resources are included (energy, water, clean air, land and soil and materials). A case for broadening the initial carbon management topic proposal was explored to include natural resources more generally.

3.2 It is suggested that the Board receive a detailed report at its next meeting to assist it in establishing a baseline which will be used as a basis for selecting areas of priority for closer examination. It is recommended that it would be appropriate to set up smaller topic groups at that stage with lead officers to enable work to be carried out in greater detail according to the individual interests and expertise of members.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None

5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 **Children and Young People in Halton** – None

6.2 **Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton** – None

6.3 **A Healthy Halton** - The topic work envisaged will inform and equip the Council as it deals with the vital issue of use of natural resources

6.4 **A Safer Halton** – None

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal** – None

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 No key issues have been identified which require control measures

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 None

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

9.1 None under the meaning of the Act