

REPORT TO: Employment Learning and Skills Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 21st September 2009

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, Environment

SUBJECT: Service Plans 2010/11

WARDS: Boroughwide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 This report is the first step in the development of service plans for 2010/11 and beyond.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Employment Learning and Skills Policy and Performance Board

(1) Receives short presentations from the Operational Directors for Cultural Services and Economic Regeneration on key issues for consideration in the development of service plans 2010/11.

(2) Identifies any key areas of work that it wishes to see included in the service plans for 2010/11.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 In the process of developing service plans, the Chief Scrutiny Advisor recommends the early identification and discussion of key issues. This gives the Board plenty of time to consider what the priorities should be for the following year and can inform future discussions regarding possible topic group scrutiny working.

3.2 The Operational Directors for Cultural Services and Economic Regeneration will each deliver short presentations on what they think are the up coming key issues as a prelude to a Board discussion about future service plans.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Corporate Plan identifies clear key objectives for the regeneration of the Borough and delivery of council services. Service plans must take strategic direction from the Corporate Plan and activity of departments must contribute to the realisation of these objectives and specific targets therein.

5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None at this stage

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

None at this stage

6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

None at this stage

6.3 A Healthy Halton

None at this stage

6.4 A Safer Halton

None at this stage

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None at this stage

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 Two key elements of risk that the Board may wish to take into account are any likely policy changes that may come from government next year and an inevitable tightening of public funding.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 All service plans must include the results of equality impact assessments and the identification of explicit diversity and equality targets.

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

None