

REPORT TO: Employment Learning & Skills Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 21st September 2009

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director – Health & Community

SUBJECT: Skilled and Talented Sports

WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To introduce a presentation on how young skilled and talented sports participants are managed in Halton.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That:

- i) The Board comment on the approach to skilled and talented young sports people in Halton.**
- ii) The Board consider any areas for further work.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 In consider its work programme for 2008/09 this Board identified the treatment of talented young sports people as an area for consideration.

3.2 The areas to be considered were: -

- a) Mechanisms for talent identification.
- b) Multi-disciplinary approaches to nurturing talent.
- c) The dangers of young talent 'slipping through the net'
- d) Opportunities available to participate at a high level.
- e) Provision for development to maximise potential.

3.3 The presentation will look at these issues and outline what is currently in place to address them.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None as a consequence of the presentation.

5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The Board can consider if there are any areas it would wish to develop as part of its future work.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

The aim of the approach described in the approach is to create and increase opportunities for all young people to participate in a wide range of sports and physical activities and to raise personal achievement.

6.2 **Employment, Learning & Skills**

None at this stage.

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

Sport and physical activity is generally acknowledged to improve health and well-being, and to contribute to the preventative agenda.

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 The presentation will consider how talent can avoid being wasted.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 The approach is predicated on an access for all basis. It will also consider approaches to disability sports, and the development of opportunities in inclusive activities e.g. Kurling and bowls in mainstream settings.

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

9.1 None.