

REPORT TO: Corporate Services Policy and Performance Board
DATE: 25th May 2010
REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director Resources
SUBJECT: Sustainable Community Strategy Performance Report
WARDS: Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To provide information on the progress towards meeting Halton's Sustainable Community Strategy targets at 2009 – 10 financial year-end.

2.0 RECOMMENDED THAT:

- i. the report is noted; and**
- ii. the Board considers whether it requires any further information concerning the actions being taken to achieve Halton's LAA targets.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 The revised Local Area Agreement, which comprises an element of Halton's Sustainable Community Strategy, was signed off by the Secretary of State in June 2008. The LAA contains a set of measures and targets agreed between the Council, local partner agencies (who have a duty of co-operation in achieving targets) and government. There are 32 indicators within the LAA along with statutory and education and early years targets. The current agreement covers the period April 2008 to March 2011.

3.2 The Agreement was refreshed in March 2010 following a review with Government Office North West. Any changes to performance targets that resulted from this review have been reflected within the enclosed report.

3.3 Attached as Appendix 1 is a report on progress to the 2009 – 10 year-end which includes a summary of all measures within the Sustainable Community Strategy, including those in the LAA, and additional information for those specific indicators and targets that fall within the remit of this Policy and Performance Board.

3.4 In considering this report Members should be aware that:-

- a) All of the measures within the National Indicator Set are monitored through Quarterly Departmental Service Plan Monitoring Reports. The purpose of this report is to consolidate information on all measures and targets relevant to this PPB in order to provide a clear picture of progress.

- b) In some cases outturn data cannot be made available and there are also some Place Survey based indicators for which information will not become available until 2010 i.e. the next date the survey is due to be undertaken.

4.0 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The Sustainable Community Strategy for Halton, and the Local Area Agreement contained within it, is the main mechanism through which government will performance manage local areas. It is therefore important that we monitor progress and that Members are satisfied that adequate plans are in place to ensure that the Council and its partners achieve the improvement targets that have been agreed.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Local Area Agreement acts as the delivery plan for the Sustainable Community Strategy for Halton and is therefore central to our policy framework.

6.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The achievement of Local Area Agreement targets has direct implications for the outcomes in relation to Comprehensive Area Assessment judgements.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

- 7.1 This report deals directly with the delivery of the relevant strategic priority of the Council.

8.0 RISK ANALYSIS

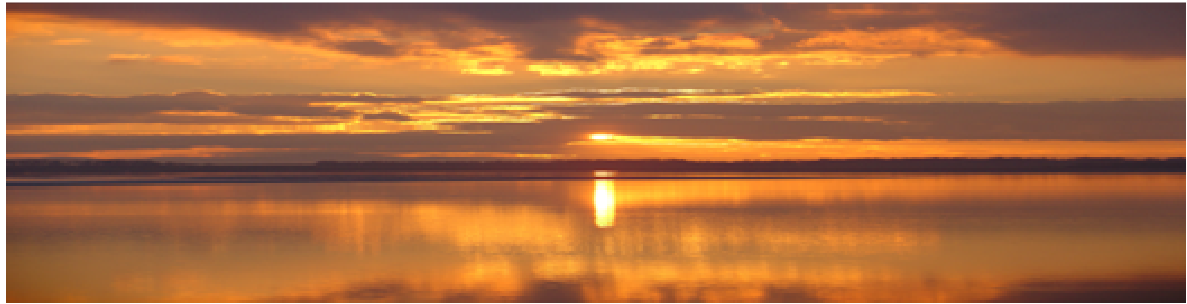
- 8.1 The key risk is a failure to improve the quality of life for Halton's residents in accordance with the objectives of the Sustainable Community Strategy. This risk can be mitigated thorough the regular reporting and review of progress and the development of appropriate actions where under-performance may occur.

9.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

- 9.1 One of the guiding principles of the Local Area Agreement is to reduce inequalities in Halton.

10.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPAERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Document Local Area Agreement 2008 – 11
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The Sustainable Community

Strategy For Halton

2006 - 2011

Year End Performance Progress

Report

01st April 2009 – 31st March 2010

Version control




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1.0		

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This report provides a summary of progress in relation to the achievement of targets within Halton’s Sustainable Community Strategy.

It provides both a snapshot of performance for the period 01st April 2009 to 31st March 2010 and a projection of expected levels of performance to the period 2011.

The following symbols have been used to illustrate current performance against 2010 and 2011 target levels.















	Target is likely to be achieved or exceeded.
	The achievement of the target is uncertain at this stage
	Target is highly unlikely to be / will not be achieved.

The following indicators are not included within this performance report:







NI	Description	Reason
74	Proportion achieving L5+ at KS3 in both English and Maths	
83	Proportion achieving L5+ at KS3 in Science	
95	Proportion progressing by two levels at KS3 in English	Following the deletion of these indicators from the National Indicator Data Set they have been removed from the Local Area Agreement for Halton from April 2009.
96	Proportion progressing by two levels at KS3 in Maths	
97	Proportion progressing by two levels between KS3 and KS4 in English	
98	Proportion progressing by two levels between KS3 and KS4 in Maths	

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















HEALTHY HALTON

Page	NI	Descriptor	09/10 Target	2011 Target
	8	Adult participation in sport		
	53	Prevalence of breastfeeding at 6 – 8 weeks from birth		
	120	All-age all-cause mortality		
	121	Mortality rate from all circulatory diseases at ages under 75 (proxy for local indicator H1)		
	122	Mortality from all cancers at ages under 75 (proxy for local indicator H2)		
	123	16+ Smoking rate prevalence		
	124	Increase the number of people with a long term condition supported to be independent and in control of their condition	N/A	N/A
	139	People > 65 who say that they receive the information, assistance and support needed to exercise choice and control to live independently	N/A	
	142	Number of vulnerable people supported to maintain independent living		
	150	Adults in contact with secondary mental health services in employment	N/A	

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

	72	Early years foundation stage attainment		
	73	Proportion achieving level 4 at KS2 in both English and Maths		
	75	Proportion achieving 5 A-C GCSE's including English and Maths		
	87	Secondary school persistence absence rate		
	92	Achievement Gap at Early Years Foundation Stage		
	93	Proportion progressing by 2 levels at KS2 in English		
	94	Proportion progressing by 2 levels at KS2 in Maths		
	99	Proportion of children in care achieving level 4 at KS2 English		
	100	Proportion of children in care achieving level 4 at KS2 Maths		

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101	Proportion of children in care achieving 5 A – C GCSE's		
56	Obesity among primary school age children in Year 6		
63	Stability of placements of looked after children		
80	Achievement of a Level 3 qualification at age 19		
111	First time entrants to Youth Justice System		
112	Under 18 conception rate		
115	Substance misuse by young people		
116	Proportion of children in poverty	N/A	
117	16 – 18 Year olds not in education, training or employment		
48	Reduce the number of children and young people killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents		
199	Increase the children and young people's satisfaction with parks and play areas		
CYP1	Reduce the 13% gap in attainment of 5 A*-C GCSEs (including English and Maths) by 25% between those living in the worst 10% LSOA nationally and the Halton average in the three years to 2011		

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Page	NI	Descriptor	09/10 Target	2011 Target
	5	Overall satisfaction with the area	N/A	
	7	Environment for a thriving third sector	N/A	
	16	Serious acquisitive crime rate		
	17	Perceptions of anti-social behaviour	N/A	
	20	Assault with injury crime rate		
	30	Re-offending rate of prolific and priority offenders		
	32	Repeat incidents of domestic violence		
	33	Arson incidents		
	39	Alcohol related hospital admission rates		
	40	Drug users in effective treatment		
	47	Reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents		
	SH1	Reduce the number of incidents of ASB in the worst 5 Lower Super Output Areas compared with the rest of the borough		





EMPLOYMENT, LEARNING AND SKILLS

Page	NI	Descriptor	09/10 Target	2011 Target
	153	Working age people claiming out of work benefits in the worst performing neighbourhoods		
	163	Working age population qualified to at least Level 2 or higher.		
	171	VAT Registration rate		








Non Local Area Agreement Measures / Targets

ELS1	Reduce the proportion of adults with no qualifications		
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ELS2	Increase the proportion of adults qualified to Level 3		
ELS3	Increase the rate of self-employment		
ELS4	Ensure unemployment in any Lower Super Output Area is less than 20% above the borough average	Not available	Not available

URBAN RENEWAL

Page	NI	Descriptor	09/10 Target	2011 Target
	154	Net additional homes provided		
	175	Access to services and facilities by public transport walking and cycling		
	186	Per Capita CO2 Emissions in LA area	N/A	
	192	Household waste collected and recycled		

Non Local Area Agreement Measures / Targets

UR1	Assist in maintaining the current baseline of 59,000 jobs in Halton		
UR2	To bring 10 hectares of derelict land back into beneficial use annually		
UR3	Facilitate the relocation of businesses affected by the construction of the Mersey Gateway Bridge (Business identified - 78)		

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NI 5 Increase residents overall satisfaction with the area

Baseline (2007/08)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
70.4%	N/A			73.4%	?

Data Commentary

The baseline position for this indicator is the perception data that was captured as part of the 2008 National Place Survey.

The next Place survey is expected to be completed in 2010, although the results will probably not be available until Quarter 1 2011/12.

General Performance Commentary

As 2009 is the 'gap' year between the national Place surveys the Halton Strategic Partnership commissioned research from IPSOS-MORI to follow-up the key findings of the Place Survey in more detail.

Generally people are satisfied with Halton as a place to live including: people (neighbours, family and friends), parks, schools, shopping, health and transport, NMAs (local housing and shopping facilities) and have an affinity for the local area with a sense of community and a high proportion of longstanding residents.

The key areas residents felt needed to be improved were: – low level crime, ASB, drugs, lack of respect, job prospects, reduce pollution, influence in decision making (NMAs), clean streets and activities for teenagers.

Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

The neighbourhood management partnership supported a wide range of activity across all three pilot neighbourhoods aimed at tackling key local issues and increasing the engagement of local residents in the work of service providers.

Examples include a continuing programme of themed 'Impact Days' in neighbourhoods that tackled a range of challenges identified by local communities and partners. Inter-generational work was a key aspect of such events.

Other activities have included a number of small and medium scale environmental improvement projects aimed at either 'designing-out' anti-

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social behaviour hotspots or enhancing the quality of the local environment. Examples include the painting of several pedestrian subways in Runcorn by local communities using 'street art' designed by young people and the upgrading of sites on the Kingsway estate in Widnes to deter illegal parking and provide a community garden. Again local residents were involved at each stage of the design and delivery process.

The neighbourhood management partnership pilot ended on the 31st March 2010, and the Borough Council is looking to develop a sustainable locality working framework across all of Halton.

URBAN RENEWAL

NI 186 Per capital CO2 emissions in LA area

Baseline (2005)	2009 - 10			2011	
	Target	Actual	Progress	Target	Projected
9.9 tonnes per capita	7.52% (9.16 tonnes)	N/A	See comment	11.1% (8.8 tonnes)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Data Commentary

Data is provided by DEFRA and updated on an annual basis. Quarterly figures are unavailable.

General Performance Commentary

Performance is improving. Data for 2005 was 9.9 tonnes per capita; for 2006 figure was 9.1 tonnes per capita; and the most recent figure is 8.9 tonnes per capita for 2007. We are therefore well placed to hit our 10/11 target.

Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

- Develop a HSPB Climate change Strategy (report to HSPB in May10)
- Initial meeting planned to look at developing business skills/capacity on renewable technology
- The council are continuing with carbon management and have recently completed a scrutiny review of energy management
- Support to Eco schools
- Green champions in council buildings