

**REPORT TO:** Health Policy and Performance Board  
**DATE:** 9 November 2010  
**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director, Adults & Community  
**SUBJECT:** Services for deaf and deafblind (D/deaf)  
**WARD(S)** Borough-wide

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 To appraise the Health Policy and Performance Board of the decision to tender the provision of statutory assessments of need for Halton residents who are deaf, deafblind or hearing impaired.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Health Policy and Performance Board:**

i) **note the contents of the report, as agreed by Executive Board Sub Committee on 22 July 2010.**

## **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 Members of the Board will recall that they have previously received a report regarding services for deaf and deafblind services and a range of issues have been raised and this has resulted in an options paper for the Executive Sub Committee.

3.2 The attached report was presented to the Executive Board Sub Committee on 22 July 2010 and subsequently the Board approved the following recommendations:

- i) to note the contents of the report and the findings from consultation summarised in Appendices 1 and 2;
- ii) support implementation of Option 3 as detailed in 3.8.3; and
- iii) waive Standing Orders 4.1 and 4.3 in the light of the exceptional circumstances, namely that service provision needed to be maintained whilst a tendering process was undertaken, and authorise the Operational Director Planning and Commissioning, in consultation with the relevant portfolio holder, to award a contract to Deafness Support Network as detailed in 3.8.4.

## **4.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 All implications are contained in the attached report.