



Halton Strategic **PARTNERSHIP**

Environment and Regeneration Specialist Strategic Partnership

(E&R SSP) Meeting Minutes

7th Floor Marketing Suite, Municipal Building, Widnes

19th June 2014

Present:

Mick Noone (MN)
 Cllr Mike Fry (MF)
 Alisdair Cross (AC)
 Clare Olver (CO)
 Hayley Dooley (HD)
 Ian Boyd (IB)
 Jacqui Mutch (JM)
 Jacqui Walsh (JW)
 Shélah Semoff (SS)

Halton Borough Council (Planning and Transport) : Chair
 Halton Borough Council (Elected Member)
 Halton Borough Council (Planning Policy)
 Mersey Forest
 Job Centre Plus
 Halton Borough Council (Logistics)
 Lancashire Groundwork
 Homes and Communities Agency
 Halton Borough Council (Partnership Officer)

		<u>Action</u>
1	Apologies C Griffiths, D Lyon, G Hazlehurst, J Hughes, M Knowles, N Renison, P Mullane, R Polhill, T Gibbs, D Houghton, J Yates, T Rimmer, M Fearnhead, P Hurst, L McEvoy, W Rourke, J Walsh, S Humphreys, J Unsworth, C Berry	
2.	Minutes & Matters Arising Minutes from 25 th February 2014 agreed as a true and accurate record.	
3.	Presentation from Stobarts Group Due to unforeseen circumstances this presentation didn't take place, and with the changes with the Stobarts Group – is unlikely to do so in the future.	
4.	Presentation from Groundwork (Jacqueline Mutch – Programme Director, Merseyside and Chief Executive, Lancashire)	

	<p>Groundwork deliver on a wide range of initiatives, and the presentation highlighted these as well as explaining that different Trusts have different specialisms. Basically Groundwork use the green infrastructure for economic and social development. They work across sectors including public, private and voluntary/community , along with some interesting figures around NEETs and health and wellbeing. They have been awarded the Youth Contract Mentoring programme by DWP for young people aged 16 and 17 who are NEETs. The presentation was well received and a long and lengthy discussion followed. The myth that Groundwork “just planted trees” was well and truly busted!</p> <p>The E&R SSP suggest that the same presentation by Groundwork would be worthy of consideration by ELS SSP and the Health and Wellbeing Board colleagues.</p> <p>JM’s contact details to be sent to MN – re: electrical charging points within the Borough.</p>	<p>JM/SS</p> <p>SS</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Transport Partnership Update</p> <p>MN explained that the Transport Partnership sat under the HSP banner and discussed a range of transport related issues – not just public transport.</p> <p>He gave a quick update which included:-</p> <p>The continuing work on the Mersey Gateway and he encouraged Partners to visit their website – in particular to keep up to date with relevant road closures that would be occurring across the borough during the course of the project. This was supported with better linkages between the Mersey Gateway team and HBC’s Communication Team.</p> <p>http://www.merseygateway.co.uk/</p> <p>The new LCR Combined Authority Transport Board has met twice, and work is ongoing to ensure a joint Local Transport Plan is developed, without having to totally rewrite Halton’s. Hoping for approval in January 2015.</p> <p>Complaints had been received that the car park at Runcorn East was too small – however this was actually seen as a positive since it meant more people were using the train.</p> <p>A joint funding application was being development between BT and MerseyTravel under the Clean Vehicle Fund, around NOx abatement technologies and older vehicles operating in air quality management areas.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Housing and Employment Land Development in the year to April 2014</p> <p>AC gave an update on the above item. There are some positives with 9 out of 10 offices units at Daresbury Park being occupied and planning applications for Sandymoor having been approved. Additional funding released from the HCA had been used as match funding, and this would</p>	

	<p>be used to relieve 3 pinch points on the Daresbury Expressway. There has been a proposal put forward to the Highways Agency for a new junction on the M56 which would provide a direct link to the Mersey Gateway – expecting a decision in the Autumn Statement.</p>	
7.	<p>Feedback from HSPB meeting “Delivering Differently”</p> <p>MN gave verbal feedback on the main Partnership Board meeting earlier in the month – which included colleagues from the SSPs. The key messages from the event will be collated, agreed by the Board and then circulated to SSP members.</p> <p>Basically the session had been arranged to look at how the Partnership could continue to meet the challenge of delivering on the objectives set out under each Priority, and to encourage meaningful and productive dialogue between partners, helping them to identify further joint working and specific areas of work that might be progressed across the Partnership.</p> <p>It’s apparent that with all sectors facing financial cuts, little can be achieved without different agencies and service providers working together to come up with workable, long term answers to Halton’s challenges, and adapting services to meet the communities’ needs and aspirations.</p> <p>Time must also be taken to prepare our local communities for the future, by encouraging them to take a greater level of responsibility for their own growth and development, to be more resilient whilst at the same time building on and respecting our local environment and its heritage.</p>	SS
8.	<p>Information Sharing</p> <p>The Group asked that the date of the December meeting be changed due to a clash with the Children’s Trust.</p>	SS
9.	<p>Next Meeting & Future Diary Dates</p>	18 th September 2014 @ 14:00