

**REPORT TO:** Health Policy and Performance Board

**DATE:** 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Director of Public Health

**SUBJECT:** Sustainable Community Strategy Progress Report  
April- September 2014

**PORTFOLIO:** Health and Wellbeing

**WARDS:** Borough wide

### **1.0 Purpose of Report**

1.1 To provide a summary of progress on the health and wellbeing priority for Halton's Sustainable Community Strategy from April- September 2014.

### **2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Board note the contents of the report**

### **3.0 Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) for Halton 2011-2026**

3.1 A key role for local authorities and their partners is to produce a Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) for their area. The strategy aims to enhance the quality of life of local communities through actions to improve the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of the area and its inhabitants.

3.2 The current SCS for Halton runs from 2011- 2026 and addresses five key priorities for the Council and its partners. These are:

- A Healthy Halton
- Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton
- A Safer Halton
- Children and Young People in Halton
- Environment and Regeneration in Halton

3.3 Progress on Sustainable Community Strategy priorities is reported on a half-yearly and annual basis. Appendix 1 sets out progress for April 2014- September 2014 for the Healthy Halton priority.

### **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The Sustainable Community Strategy for Halton is central to the Council's policy framework. It provides the primary vehicle through which the Council and its partners develop and communicate collaborative actions that will positively impact upon the communities of Halton.

### **5.0 OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no direct policy implications as a result of this report, however, the wider implementation of Sustainable Community Strategy priorities may have an impact on budgets. Implications of these will be reported where applicable.

## **6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

This report deals directly with the delivery of the Council's strategic priorities.

## **7.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 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.

## **8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 One of the guiding principles of the Sustainable Community Strategy is to reduce inequalities in Halton.

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

**Document:** Halton's Sustainable Community Strategy

**Place of Inspection:** 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Municipal Building, Widnes

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