

## HALTON STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday, 9 December 2015 at the The Halton Suite - Select Security Stadium, Widnes

### Present:

<b>Board Members:</b>	Terry Parle	Halton Sports Partnership
	Mike Fry	Voluntary Sector
	Councillor Dave Cargill	Police Authority

### Advisors to the Boards

David Parr	HBC
Shelah Semoff	HBC
Cleo Alonso	Parent and Carer
Thalia Bell	16-19 Provision
Jeremy Duff	Faith Representative
Ann McIntyre	Education, Inclusion & Provision
Eileen O'Meara	Public Health
Wesley Rourke	EEP
Sally Yeoman	Halton & St Helens VCA
Michele Bacon	Wade Deacon High School
Mike Barker	Bridgewater Trust
Mark Bushell	Cheshire Fire Service
John Gallagher	Policy & Strategy

### In Attendance::

Apologies for Absence: Polhill

### 12 Apologies

<b>In Attendance:</b>	John Gallagher	HBC
	Shelah Semoff	HBC
	Kathryn Mackenzie	HBC

Apologies for Absence: Colin Scales – Bridgewater NHS Trust, Mary Murphy - Riverside College, Phil Deegan – DWP, Alex Waller (Cheshire Fire Service), Simon Banks - Halton CCG, Nick Atkin - HHT, Mick Noone – HBC, Councillor Rob Polhill - Chairman, Paula Cain – Halton Chamber of Commerce, Luke McDonnell - Cheshire Police.

### 13 Minutes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2015, having been printed and circulated were agreed as a correct record.

In the absence of the Chairman of the Board, Councillor Rob Polhill, the Board agreed that David Parr Chair the meeting.

#### **14 Partnership Asset Management Group**

The Board considered a report that updated Members on the progress to date of the Halton Borough Partnership Asset Management Group. Members noted that a revised Terms of Reference for the Group had been agreed in January 2015. The Group also noted the membership of the group, its progress and achievements, successful projects undertaken, current projects, and future opportunities. This included links to the wider Liverpool City Region and the One Public Programme. This was a joint Local Government Association (LGA) and Government Programme to encourage better economic use of Public land and property held by Local Authorities. The estates approach was synergised within the one Halton approach, bringing wider opportunities in estate management. The Board noted that the approach would consider the business case for the multi-use of assets. The latest Comprehensive Spending Review had also encouraged local authorities and public bodies to review their assets to manage them efficiently.

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RESOLVED: That

- (1) The successes and progress to date be noted;
- (2) The principles behind the project continue to be supported, in particular the ethos of closer and more integrated working in respect of shared assets; and
- (3) That work continues to maximise the most cost effective use of public assets.

#### **15 Strategic Partnership Governance Review**

The Board considered a report that sought to review the options for future arrangements for the Halton Strategic Partnership (HSP.) Members were asked to give consideration to how partnership governance could be developed to address the current operating environment in Halton.

The HSP had been in existence since 2001. Over the years the Partnership and its governance arrangements had been reviewed and

refreshed to ensure they were fit for purpose. Since 2010 there had been several legislative and policy changes that had impacted on the HSP and how it should operate. The various acts of legislation had removed statutory responsibility to have an LSP, and for partners to agree an SCS. The impact of financial cuts and fewer resources, together with the changing environment provided an opportunity to review partnership governance, structures and membership. The report outlined a couple of options. The Board recognised that there was a crossover of themes and membership with the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) in Halton, and one suggestion was to combine the HSP and the HWB.

It was suggested that any comments regarding the options available should be passed to the HBC Partnership Officer Shelah Semoff at [shelah.semoff@halton.gov.uk](mailto:shelah.semoff@halton.gov.uk) by 14 February 2016.

Should the Board consider that this was a possible option for the future, a half day workshop would be arranged in March 2016 where a group discussion would take place to consider governance, membership, terms of reference and the wider remit of the HWB.

RESOLVED: That members of the Halton Strategic Partnership and Health and Wellbeing Board be invited to attend a combined workshop on 2 March 2016 to consider the option to incorporate both groups.

## 16 SSP Key Messages/ Issues

The key partners each gave a verbal update on their areas in respect of: the Health and Wellbeing Board; Environment, Learning and Skills; Children and Young People (Children's Trust); Environment, Regeneration and Transport; Safer Halton Partnership; the Housing Partnership and Equalities, Engagement and Community Cohesion.

In relation to the Health and Wellbeing Board, the following was reported:-

- The Board had considered a number of different issues at its last meeting, including food poverty, a "Food Active Strategy" from the Food Active organisation, and a presentation from Bridgewater on their prevention strategy, which was available electronically.

In relation to ELS, the following was reported:-

- The Board was provided with updates on economic regeneration and collaborative working with the UK Trade and Industry with regard to City Region schemes; an ESF application for the Halton Employment Partnership; and the Mersey Gateway with 45 active volunteers and a Halton Lea Visitor Centre due to open in January 2016.

In relation to Children and Young People (Children's Trust) the following was reported:-

- The Youth Offending Service for Warrington, Cheshire West and Chester, and Halton had produced their reoffending rates. Halton showed a slight increase in their figures, however they were below that of England and Wales;

The Board considered the general position of primary and secondary schools in the Borough, and noted that the percentage of good/outstanding rated schools had decreased slightly from 2014. Since the last Board meeting, Riverside College had been inspected. The Board noted that the inspection has resulted in Riverside being one of the most improved colleges in the UK. The Board asked that their congratulations be passed to Mary Murphy – Principal.

In respect of Environment, Regeneration and Transport, the following was reported:-

- The agreement of the six local authorities to support the Liverpool City Region devolution deal had supported an elected Mayor model of governance. This would result in an elected mayor who would act on behalf of the city region. An integrated transport infrastructure would be considered in details with roads, public transport and rail discussed as the movement of people increased for both business and leisure purposes;
- Skills and employment would be easier to control locally under the LCR, to meet local business need;
- Colleges would also be reviewed as part of a LCR review to ensure that they were meeting the local needs of the region;
- Health would also be considered, but was a complex area as part of the LCR was served by areas outside of the region in Cheshire.

In relation to the Safer Halton Partnership, the following was reported:-

- There had been a recent focus on legal highs, and the inhalation of canisters such as those used in catering and laughing gas. Legal highs were unsafe and were banned from all council buildings;
- The areas of child sexual exploitation, sex trafficking and slavery; terrorist attacks and radicalisation; alcohol concern and domestic violence/abuse were areas on the agenda for the partnership. In relation to alcohol concern, “Dry January” had been launched in the Borough, as well as nationally.

In relation to the Housing Partnership, the Board noted that apologies had been submitted from Nick Atkin, HHT.

In relation to Equalities, Engagement and Community Cohesion, it was reported:-

- *LGBT – Anthony Griffin meeting – Shelah – please add detail on the Chartermark application;*
- *Disabled ?? National Charity looking at access to buildings – Bright Sparks Kite Mark?*
- *Prevent training??*

RESOLVED: That the verbal update reports be noted.

As it was the last meeting of the Board prior to Christmas, David Parr wished all present a Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

The Board also noted that it was the last meeting to be attended by Reverend Jeremy Duff – Faith Representative. Jeremy was thanked for his contribution to the Board, and was wished well in his new role.

*Meeting ended at 11.20 a.m.*