

**REPORT TO:** Corporate Services Policy and Performance Board  
**DATE:** 3 June 2008  
**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director – Corporate and Policy  
**SUBJECT:** Draft Asset Management Plan 2008  
**WARDS:** Borough-Wide

### **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To seek the Board's views on the attached Draft Asset Management Plan prior to its formal submission to the Executive Board.

**2.0 RECOMMENDED: That the Board consider the Draft Asset Management Plan and make comment, prior to its consideration by the Executive Board.**

### **3.0 BACKGROUND**

3.1 The Council is required (and needs) to have an Asset Management Plan to ensure that its asset base is suited in terms of quality, location, fitness for purpose and cost effectiveness to facilitate the achievement of the Council's corporate goals and objectives.

3.2 Attached is a Draft Revised Plan, which will require formal adoption by the Executive Board but has been brought to this Board for comment prior to the Executive Board's consideration.

3.3 The Strategy looks at the current asset base of the Council and its estimated value. That value is some £258,733,573 and therefore demonstrates that effective utilisation plays a significant role in the delivery of the Council's objectives. The Plan gives some indication as to the role the Council's assets play in delivering each of the five priorities.

3.4 The plan shows the organisational arrangements the Council has in place to deliver its Corporate property function. The process is overseen by an Asset Management Working Group, whose work programme is identified at page 29 of the plan. Recommendations arising from this programme which impact on Council policy would be brought to the Board for consideration. Indeed, the Board have undertaken, and plan to undertake,

a number of topics in and around the Property Management functions of the Council.

3.5 It is clearly important that the Council's assets are managed on a Corporate basis to ensure that the maximum benefit is derived from its utilisation.

3.6 The views of the Board are welcomed.

#### **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 An up to date and effective Asset Management Plan plays a key role in assisting the Council to achieve its overall objectives.

#### **5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None.

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

##### **6.1 Children and Young People in Halton**

None.

##### **6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton**

None.

##### **6.3 A Healthy Halton**

None.

##### **6.4 A Safer Halton**

None.

##### **6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal**

None.

#### **7.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 The risk is not having an up to date plan would mean that the Council would not be able to assess whether it was using its assets to maximum advantage.

## **8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

- 8.1 As part of its asset planning the Council needs to ensure that its buildings meet the standards required by the Disability Discrimination Act. A separate topic group is looking at this issue.