

REPORT TO: Corporate Policy & Performance Board

DATE: 7 September 2021

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community & Resources

PORTFOLIO: Resources

SUBJECT: Appeal Panel Arrangements

WARDS Borough Wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to invite Members to consider the arrangements for the operation & chairing of the Appeals Panel following the decision of the Council on 14 July 2021.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION:

- 2.1 That Members consider arrangements for the chairing and operation of the Appeals Panel, and that appropriate training is put in place for Members of this Board.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 Members will recall that the Council on 14 July 2021 looked at the make up of the Appeals Panel following a recommendation of the Audit & Governance Board on 7 July. It was agreed that 3 Members of the Council would be asked to attend each individual hearing of the Panel as before, but that they would be drawn from the membership of this Board, rather than from a pool of members as previously. At the Audit & Governance Board meeting, it was suggested that arrangements for chairing hearings should be considered by this Board. The Council did not feel that there was a need to make any changes to the terms of reference of the Appeals Panel at this stage, but that would be kept under review. Members may feel that it would be appropriate for training to be put in place for members of this Board prior to being involved in hearings.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no specific implications in respect of Council policy.

5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no specific implications.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

There are no specific implications.

6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

There are no specific implications.

6.3 A Healthy Halton

There are no specific implications.

6.4 A Safer Halton

There are no specific implications.

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

There are no specific implications.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

No risks have been identified which require control measures,

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

None.

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

No background papers have been used in the preparation of the report.