

**REPORT TO:** Employment, Learning and Skills and  
Community Policy Performance Board

**DATE:** 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director –  
Enterprise, Community and Resources

**PORTFOLIO:** Employment, Learning and Skills and  
Community

**SUBJECT:** Topic Group Items for the Municipal Year  
2021-22

**WARD(S)** Borough-wide

**1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 The purpose of the report is to set out the proposed scrutiny topic group titles for the Employment Learning and Skills and Community PPB for the Municipal Year 21/22.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That:**

- i) Members consider the scope of the topic group titles as set out in the report.

**3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 At the PPB meeting in June, Members considered a number of suggestions for this year's Scrutiny Topic Group's area of focus.

3.2 Members confirmed that they would like to progress two topics i) 'Health and Employment' and ii) 'The Provision of Business Support in the Borough'. Given resource constraints, Members agreed that the priority would be Health and Employment and Topic Item ii) would be progressed later in the Municipal Year and would also link to future study visits.

3.3 Two templates are appended to the report. They outline the purpose and objectives of each topic and set out the format for the meetings and identify possible 'expert witnesses' and areas for discussion.

3.4 Members will be invited to join one or both Topic Groups. Once membership is confirmed, dates of meetings will be scheduled, and arrangements will obviously reflect any COVID requirements.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There are no further policy implications outlined in the report.

5.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 At this stage, no financial implications have been identified

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

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

N/A

6.2 **Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**

One topic group will focus on the provision of business support in the borough. This will inform and shape the services we provide, particularly in regard to the needs of businesses when recruiting and retaining employees

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

One topic group will focus on the relationship between health and employment and will provide an overview of how the Council's services help people with mental health issues to find work, secure work and to stay in work.

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 There are no risks identified in the report.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 There are no equality and diversity issues arising from the report.

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

9.1 There are no background papers under the meaning of the Act.