

REPORT TO: Health & Wellbeing Board
DATE: 18th January 2023
REPORTING OFFICER: Operational Director, Economy, Enterprise & Property
PORTFOLIO: Employment, Learning & Skills, Leisure, Community & Culture
SUBJECT: Place Shaping for Healthier Communities
WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To provide an overview.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Board receive the report and presentations.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Place shaping is defined as putting an individual stamp on an area. This was borne from the Lyons enquiry (2004-07) and described local government should act as the voice of a whole community and as "an agent of place". Place shaping is fundamental to enabling vibrant communities, planning for what assets, housing and infrastructure will facilitate wellbeing, healthier communities and support communities facing inequalities.

3.2 Halton has benefitted from regeneration investment in recent years which has provided some key anchor assets. The board will receive presentations from Community Shop and Citizens Advice, both located in Halton Lea ward and serving the whole borough. The presentations will describe the assets and the impacts accessing their services has for Halton's residents.

3.3 The presentations are in tandem with those tabled to be received from Warrington & Halton Hospital regarding the outpatient clinic in Shopping City recently opened and the planned Health & Education Hub in Runcorn as part of the Town Deal programme.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None

5.0 OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children & Young People in Halton

The assets support all ages in the life course, however, there are targeted approaches for children to access free food through the Community Shop initiative.

6.2 Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton

The organisations provide extensive volunteering opportunities and skills development to improve employability.

6.3 A Healthy Halton

Community Shop provides access to low cost food and household items alongside participatory activities around growing food and ways to use food and ingredients in cooking. Citizens Advice supports residents with handling debt and income maximisation; these approaches contribute significantly to resident outcomes and experiences that directly impact on their health.

6.4 A Safer Halton

A well served community with access to services will engender a stronger sense of community.

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

Place shaping and anchor assets are pivotal to building vibrant and well served communities.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 None.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 All services are open to the whole community with targeted activities to engage and reach those facing inequalities.

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

None within the meaning of the Act.