

REPORT TO: Health and Wellbeing Board

DATE: 10th July 2024

REPORTING OFFICER: Group Chief Executive, Halton Housing

PORTFOLIO: Not Applicable (external)

SUBJECT: Housing Associations and Health in Halton

WARD(S) Boroughwide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Board of the role that housing associations play across the Borough and the contribution they make towards positive health outcomes for residents of Halton.

2.0 **RECOMMENDED: That the Board note the contents of the report.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 This item will be delivered in presentation form by the Group Chief Executive of Halton Housing, who also Chairs the Halton Housing Partnership (HHP). The HHP represents all major housing associations across the Borough and is also attended by senior officers from Halton Borough Council.

3.2 The presentation aims to provide members of the Board with a greater understanding of the scale and context of social housing activity across Halton, with a particular focus on links with health outcomes for residents.

3.3 The links between the quality of housing standards and positive or negative health outcomes for residents are well documented, as are the potential costs to the NHS of poor-quality housing. This should naturally lead to the housing and health sectors collaborating to promote and deliver positive health outcomes for residents across Halton.

3.4 Work has already commenced on developing a 'Living Conditions' workstream and action plan as part of the Wider Determinants theme within the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

3.5 It is hoped that this presentation promotes the important role that housing associations play in delivering positive health outcomes across Halton and encourages more collaborative work between the housing and health sectors.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Living conditions now forms one of the workstreams within the Wider Determinants Theme in the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

5.0 **OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None identified.

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

The presentation will aim to demonstrate that housing associations have a significant role to play in supporting Halton Borough Council to deliver on the 6 priorities identified within the new Corporate Strategy 2024 – 2029.

- 1) Improving Health, Promoting Wellbeing and Supporting Greater Independence.
- 2) Building a Strong Sustainable Economy
- 3) Supporting Children, Young People and Families
- 4) Tackling Inequality and Helping Those Who Are Most in Need.
- 5) Working Towards a Greener Future
- 6) Valuing and Appreciating Halton and Our Community

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 There are no risks identified or associated with this item.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 This is in line with all equality and diversity issues in Halton.

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

None