REPORT TO:	Employment, Learning and Skills, and Community Policy and Performance Board
DATE:	18 November 2024
REPORTING OFFICER:	Executive Director Environment & Regeneration
PORTFOLIO:	Employment, Learning & Skills and Community
SUBJECT:	Proposed Topic Group item on Voluntary and Community Group Funding
WARD(S)	Borough wide

# 1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To propose a Topic Working Group for members of the Employment Learning and Skills and Community PPB.

## 2.0 **RECOMMENDATION:** That

Members determine if they would like a Scrutiny Topic Group to discuss the funding of the Voluntary and Community Sector in Halton, and to agree the membership of that group and a time and date for the meeting.

## 3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 In February 2023 Executive Board agreed to reduce the funding for voluntary and community groups.
- 3.2 In March 2024 Full Council approved the budget for 24/25 which included a reduction in funding for these groups.
- 3.3 Members are requested to advise on whether they would wish to establish a Scrutiny Topic Group to consider funding of the Voluntary and Community Sector in Halton.
- 3.4 Membership of the Topic Group is to be determined by the PPB and agreed on the night of the PPB meeting.

# 4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None identified at this stage.

# 5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None
- 6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S
- 6.1 Improving Health, Promoting Wellbeing and Supporting Greater Independence None
- 6.2 Building a Strong, Sustainable Local Economy None
- 6.3 Supporting Children, Young People and Families None
- 6.4 Tackling Inequality and Helping Those Who Are Most In Need None
- 6.5 Working Towards a Greener Future None
- 6.6 Valuing and Appreciating Halton and Our Community None
- 7.0 Risk Analysis
- 7.1 None identified.
- 8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES
- 8.1 None
- 9.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS
- 9.1 None

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

Document	Place of Inspection	Contact Officer
Transformation Programme and Budget Proposals 23/24 to 25/26.	Executive Board 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2023	Ed Dawson
Budget 2024	Full Council 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	Ed Dawson