

REPORT TO: Corporate Services Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 8th September 2009

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, Corporate & Policy

SUBJECT: Neighbourhood Management Progress Report

WARDS: Appleton, Castlefields, Halton Lea, Kingsway, Riverside, Windmill Hill

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To report on progress on developing neighbourhood management in Halton over the past six months.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION:

2.1 That the report and presentation are noted,.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 The development of neighbourhood management arrangements has been underway in three areas of Halton for over two years now. The work is currently funded through the Area Based Grant. This Board is responsible for scrutiny of these arrangements.

3.2 We are now in the final year of financial support from central Government specifically for the development of neighbourhood management arrangements in Halton.

4.0 WORK TO DATE

4.1 Since the last six monthly progress report on 24 February 2009, a considerable amount of work has been done to evaluate the progress to date and the lessons learned. This is will be the subject of a presentation to the meeting.

4.2 To summarise;

Local partner consultation.

- Postal survey undertaken April-June 2009.
- Views of the three neighbourhood boards obtained.
- Direct approach to key strategic partners.
- Halton Neighbourhood Management Board Workshop on 14th July.

Evidence Base.

- Collation of mainstreaming examples from elsewhere.
- Local evidence of where NM has helped to 'close the gap'.
- Recording the additional funding Neighbourhood Management has 'bent-into' the Neighbourhood Management Areas, both mainstream revenue and one-off project and capital

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Neighbourhood Management is intended to help the Council and its partners to deliver the objectives in the Corporate Plan, Halton's Local Area Agreement, and our Sustainable Community Strategy, especially, with regard to empowering local communities and narrowing the gap between the quality of life for the residents living in the most disadvantaged areas of the Borough and the rest of Halton

6.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Neighbourhood Management is funded from government grant until March 2010.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

6.3 A Healthy Halton

6.4 A Safer Halton

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

Neighbourhood Management aims to support the delivery of objectives under all of the Council's key priority areas.

8.0 RISK ANALYSIS

The main risk associated is failure by the Council to deliver the desired improvements in its five priority areas, including the targets in the current Local Area Agreement ('LAA') for which it has lead responsibility, and in the Sustainable Community Strategy. This would be reflected in an adverse Comprehensive Area Assessment by the Audit Commission.

9.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

Neighbourhood Management aims to reduce geographical inequalities within the Borough.

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

Document	Place of Inspection	Contact Officer
National Strategy for Neighbourhood Renewal	Municipal Building	Rob MacKenzie
Halton LAA	Municipal Building	Rob MacKenzie
Halton Neighbourhood Management Delivery Plan 2007-2010	Neighbourhood Management Office, Runcorn Town Hall	Nick Mannion