



Halton Strategic Partnership Board – 8th December 2004

Priorities process form and timetable

The proposed form and timetable for the revised priorities process was presented to the Board. The process will involve the development of a new Community Strategy for Halton and will remove the need for separate Specialist Strategic Partnership strategies. It was emphasised that all partners need to be involved throughout to ensure it is representative.

The following timetable for the priorities process was agreed:

- January 2005 - Presentation on research into developing State of the Borough report
- March 2005 – State of the Borough report agreed
- August 2005 – Baseline studies agreed
- October 2005 – Advance draft of Community Strategy
- December 2005 – Agreed final version of Community Strategy
- February 2006 – Specialist Strategic Partnership action plans agreed

Every child matters

The Board received a presentation regarding Halton's response to the Children's Act, which sets out to deliver better outcomes for children and young people. The approach being taken includes the creation of databases holding information on all children and young people, and new arrangements for key agencies to co-operate.

Town centres strategy

A workshop was held to obtain the Board's input regarding the development of new town centre strategies for Widnes and Runcorn.

The strategies were originally written in 1997 to improve the attractiveness, accessibility and amenity of the town centres in the face of increased competition from other areas.

A range of issues were raised during the session for consideration in putting the strategies together, and a final draft is expected to be prepared by June 2005.

Action: Any further comments regarding the town centre strategies to be forwarded to Gary Collins.

New Mersey Gateway

Dick Tregoe, Executive Director of Halton Borough Council, gave a presentation about the New Mersey Gateway detailing recent progress. This includes:

- Traffic impact modelling
- Economic impact assessments
- Hydrodynamic modelling
- Financial and tolling investigations

Action: Work being undertaken to secure the New Mersey Gateway to be endorsed by the Board

Halton Strategic Partnership work programme

The future work programme for the Partnership was outlined, including future meeting dates, a draft list of presentations and some potential future discussion and agenda items. Board members were also invited to propose future agenda items to be scheduled into forthcoming meetings.

Action: Future meeting dates to be noted and agenda items suggested

Action: Presentation on Local Delivery Plan for Health to February meeting

Roll forward of the Specialist Strategic Partnerships' action plans

Forward planning statements and draft 'roll-forward' actions plans were examined and noted. The Specialist Strategic Partnerships will refine these ready to be examined in more detail at the forthcoming Chairs' meeting.

Action: Plans and resource requests to be examined at Chairs' meeting on 10 January

Neighbourhood Renewal Fund report

Good progress has taken place with spend of Neighbourhood Renewal Fund, but some initiatives are failing to provide the levels of financial information necessary. The Board stressed that this information must be provided.

Date of next meeting – 9th February 2005