

Departmental Quarterly Monitoring Report

<u>Directorate:</u>	Environment & Economy
<u>Department:</u>	Employment, Economic Regeneration & Business Development
<u>Period:</u>	Quarter 2 - 1 st July – 30 th September 2010

1.0 Introduction

This quarterly monitoring report covers the Employment, Economic Regeneration & Business Development Department second quarter period up to 30th September 2010. It describes key developments and progress against 'key' milestones and performance indicators for the service.

The way in which the traffic lights symbols and direction of travel indicators have been used to reflect progress to date is explained within Appendix 8.

2.0 Key Developments

Enterprise & Employment

1. DWP/JCP have extended the Pathways to Work In Work Support Contract until the end of the year with the potential of a further extension until 31/3/2011.
2. Skills Funding Agency – the Response to Redundancy contract has been extended from 31/12/2010 until 31/3/2011 and an additional £28,000 has been allocated to support the upcoming redundancies at DHL, Manor Park, Runcorn.
3. Liverpool City Region Future Jobs Fund. The number of FjF jobs approved to 31/3/2011 is 243 and 121 had been filled by the end of September. In November 2010, there will be 47 repeat FjF jobs to fill and a Jobs Fair has been arranged for 21/10/10 to support the recruitment of eligible young people into those jobs.
4. NWDA Intensive Start up Service (ISUS). Following in year budget cuts, the Agency has reduced the ISUS funding in Halton by 20%, as a result the revised budget is £144,560. The savings will be achieved by the ISUS provider withdrawing support for new businesses that have been operating for 24 and 36 months. The contribution from the Council to the ISUS Programme has accordingly been reduced from £40,000 to £32,000.

Adult Learning & Skills Development:

Adult Learning

- During Q2, 927 individual learners (equating to 1098 enrolments) were on an adult learning programme. Of these, 15.5% had no previous qualifications; 26% had not done any learning for at least 2 years; 17.3% had disclosed a disability; 30.9% reported they wanted additional help with literacy, numeracy and/or ICT; 25.6% were male; 8% were BME learners; and 28.6% of all enrolments came from residents from Halton's LSOAs.
- 102 Skills for Life assessments were carried out and from these, 46% of learners enrolled onto literacy, numeracy or employability programmes.
- A total of 69 City and Guilds qualifications were achieved in Q2, which included:
 - 7 Level 1 Literacy*
 - 28 Level 2 Literacy*
 - 11 Level 1 Numeracy*
 - 28 Level 2 Numeracy*

Neighbourhood Learning in Deprived Communities Grant

10 individual community groups were awarded NLDC funding following a comprehensive selection process made up of ELS SSP representatives. Delivery will continue through until summer 2011.

Sector initiatives

- The **Halton Employment Partnership** – during Q2, Tesco provided an update on recruitment stats following the involvement of HEP in securing jobs at the new chilled distribution facility. When HEP handed the recruitment back to Tesco, Tesco continued to take on further staff from those that HEP had put forward for interview. From an original 377 jobs, the new figure of permanent staff numbers is now 450. Tesco will provide names of the new staff so that HEP can update the database.
- Skills for the **Science, Technology & Advanced Manufacturing (STAM)** Sector Steering Group – final contributions to the online STAM Routeway were made by members of the group as part of their tour of the Daresbury Laboratory facility, which took place during Q2. The Routeway will now be worked up into an interactive website. The focus for the group in Q3 will be the launch of the Routeway. The number of meetings per year will be reduced with members meeting every 2.5 months.
- **Construction Employment Integrator (CEI) Model** – during Q2 the Project Manager made contact with all relevant council departments and external agencies as necessary to determine the fit of each into the CEI model. Discussions with Wirral Council around the joint purchasing of a Skills Forecasting Tool took place with a view to involving additional local authorities within the Liverpool City Region. Much of Q2 was used to explore similar activity across the country and the Project Manager used this time to visit existing projects and speak with relevant support agencies, for example the Sector Skills Council 'Construction Skills'. This was then brought together through a 'Construction Halton' Workshop. Construction Halton is focused on influencing the council's procurement and planning policies to secure employment and

business related community benefits, by embedding obligations into public sector contracts and securing planning agreements, to ensure contractors and developers address targeted employment and training issues, as well as assisting the growth of local SMEs, through supply chain linkages, when contracts are awarded and planning applications are approved. The Workshop was very well attended and included the Executive Board Member for Economic Development, council officers, the Construction Halton project manager, representatives from local businesses, Riverside College, the Skills Funding Agency, Halton Housing Trust and Construction Skills

- **Business Perceptions Survey 2009/10** – during Q2, two individual companies benefited from training as a result of the outcomes from the survey. However, it is expected that most of those businesses that requested follow up visits will be supported in quarters 3 and 4.

Divisional issues

The review of the divisional structure took place in Q1, with new contracts coming into play in Q2. The review resulted in 4 adult learning tutors being made redundant and a number of other tutors having their contracted hours reduced. In addition, an increase in learner fees and a review of fee remission categories has had an impact on enrolments.

External Funding

- The team has helped secure funding to the value of £272,731 made up of 13 grants. Examples include £67,000 from Esmee Fairbairn for Halton Carers Centre; £24,000 from Lloyds TSB Foundation for Halton Community Transport; £50,089 from BIFFA for Hale Youth Centre.
- This quarter has been one of the highest for new Funding Enquiries with 54. The majority have come from the voluntary/community sector 25 with HBC requests totalling 14.

Inward Investment and Business Support

- The overall level of inward investment enquiries remains depressed in comparison with previous years. In the current reporting period a number of major redundancies have been announced in the Borough, for example at DHL in Runcorn.

Working in partnership with Liverpool Vision, Halton Chamber of Commerce and Enterprise and the Halton Enterprise Board, businesses in the borough were approached to see how many would be interested in attending the Shanghai World Expo 2010. Five local companies were identified who expressed an interest and three elected to join a UKTI mission to Shanghai and Chengdu and began to work closely with UKTI/CBBC to ascertain their individual needs and to develop a comprehensive market intelligence and research brief to ensure that they maximised the benefits from their visit to China. Two companies subsequently dropped out of the trade mission citing difficult trading conditions in the UK market. However, Transact Engineering Ltd is part of the UKTI mission to Shanghai and Chengdu while a further Halton company, Regionplus Ltd, will attend the World Expo in Shanghai.

3.0 Emerging Issues

Enterprise & Employment

The Department of Work & Pensions - Work Programme

1. The *Work Programme* is intended to provide a comprehensive integrated employment programme that will better prepare unemployed people for work by developing their employability and equipping them with the skills required by employers. The *Work Programme* has been described as a 'black box' approach to employability, which means that a service specification or contract delivery payment schedule will not be prescribed by DWP, instead it will be the responsibility of the potential prime contractor to offer an attractive and innovative proposition to get people off benefit and into sustainable employment. It is proposed that a job outcome fee will be the only form of payment made to the successful contractor, which will be based on the benefit savings accrued by DWP over a period spanning 1 to 3 years. It is anticipated that DWP will offer a premium payment for the longer term unemployed who remain in their new job for a period of 3 years. DWP will not offer up front payments to contractors who will be expected to invest their own funds to establish the infrastructure to support the unemployed back into sustainable work.

2. In the North West, 48 organisations have expressed an interest in bidding for the framework and DWP expect to invite between 3 and 8 organisations to bid for the NW framework, although the geography has not yet been confirmed. It is expected that the successful investor will be in place in April 2011 and that the Work Programme will commence delivery in June or July 2011

3. The Liverpool City Region Employment & Skills Board has arranged a network meeting on 1/10/10 to bring together Work Programme bidders and potential sub contractors to discuss opportunities for joint working. Several of the bidders have already approached HPIJ to open up discussions about joint working.

- As WNF begins to run out, the future of WNF funded projects needs to be considered; in particular, the Halton Employment Partnership, Skills for Life Assessment Service and the qualifications offered in literacy, numeracy and Childcare & Education are all funded through this route.
- The STAM Routeway will be launched through a range of networks e.g 14-19 Strategic Partnership, Secondary Heads Group, etc. In addition, it will be piloted by school children during Q3
- Construction Halton – close liaison with planning and legal departments, particularly around links with Section 106 are key to driving Construction Halton forward. The buy in from the council's Legal and Procurement Departments will be pivotal in making the project a reality. The purchasing of a Skills Forecasting Tool will be central to the work of the project and it is hoped this will be purchased in Q3.

External Funding

The team is increasingly being asked by colleagues throughout the Council to help find funding for schemes and groups where funding is being cut. Three examples of this include 8 play schemes across the Borough (replacing Playbuilder), funding for carers groups throughout the Borough when the Carers Grant ends in March 2011 and the School Travel Co-ordinator.

The Big Lottery Fund, which is the main National Lottery funding body, is moving towards allocating 100% of its funding to the voluntary/community sector. It has recently launched its Youth in Focus programme which is for grants of £750,000 to £1 million and is targeted at specific groups of young people, e.g. young offenders. This must be voluntary sector led, but with strong input from the LA. North West Development Agency.

The announcement of the abolition of the NWDA by the coalition government will have a profound impact upon the delivery of economic regeneration across the region. A number of programmes funded by the NWDA which are accessed by Halton companies have already been suspended, for example the High Growth Programme and the Innovation Vouchers scheme, and will cease unless alternative funding is found.

More directly The Mersey Partnership (TMP) has announced that, as a consequence of reduced funding from the NWDA, both the Investment and Tourism Team will be curtailed resulting in a number of redundancies. Key individuals with whom the council work on a regular basis with respect to individual inward investment projects are scheduled to leave. Similarly, the Liverpool City Region Investor Development Programme which is funded by the NWDA and delivered by TMP, while funded until 2012, will see a considerable budget reduction which will impact upon the delivery of the programme in Halton and may see the loss of a TMP secondee based at the Municipal Building with the council Business Development Team. This post is particularly important in that it has responsibility for the Borough's portfolio of large and foreign owned companies.

4.0 Service Objectives / milestones

4.1 Progress against 'key' objectives / milestones

Total	10		10		0		0
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For further details please refer to Appendix 1.

4.2 Progress against 'other' objectives / milestones

Total	0		0		0		0
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There are presently no objectives/ milestones of this type identified for this service.

5.0 Performance indicators

5.1 Progress Against 'key' performance indicators




Total	7		5		0		1
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For further details please refer to Appendix 3.

The economic recession has had a detrimental impact on the number of disabled people moving into work 6 individuals with a disability/health condition supported into jobs and 4 disabled people into paid permitted opportunities during Q2.

Please note that the total also includes 1 indicator for which information is currently unavailable.

5.2 Progress Against 'other' performance indicators

Total	19		4		2		0
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For further details please refer to Appendix 4. Please note that the total also includes 13 indicators for which information is currently unavailable.

Uncertainties arose due to the economic recession having a detrimental impact on the numbers of people moving into work during Q2. The number of investment enquiries increased in the first five months of 2010/11 compared to the same period in 2009\10 but experienced in a dip in the sixth month.

6.0 Risk Control Measures

Please see Appendix 5.

7.0 Progress against high priority equality actions

There are no High Priority Equality Actions for this area.

8.0 Data quality statement




The author provides assurance that the information contained within this report is accurate and valid and that every effort has been made to avoid the omission of data. Where data has been estimated, has been sourced directly from partner or other agencies, or where there are any concerns regarding the limitations of its use this has been clearly annotated.

9.0 Appendices



- Appendix 1 Progress Against 'key' objectives / milestones
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Appendix 1: Progress Against 'key' objectives / milestones



Ref	Objective
EEB 2	Foster enterprise and entrepreneurship in order to grow an enterprise culture in Halton.

Milestones	Progress Q 2	Supporting Commentary
Launch expanded Enterprise Academy by Sep 2010		Halton Chamber of Commerce & Enterprise are delivering the expanded Enterprise Academy & Aftercare Programme. Halton Education Business Partnership and Young Enterprise have jointly appointed a Schools Enterprise Officer who is leading the Next Generation Entrepreneurs schools programme.
Deliver Enterprise Week programme by Nov 2010		Enterprising Halton & Halton Education Business Partnership Events will be delivered during Enterprise Week i.e. 15-19 November 2010.
Deliver expanded start up programme by Mar 2011		The expanded start-up programme is progressing well with 132 new enquiries July–September 2010 and 35 new start-ups during the period.



Ref	Objective
EEB 3	Reduce unemployment/worklessness by assisting people to secure employment.

Milestones	Progress Q 2	Supporting Commentary
Deliver permitted work placements in council department by Oct 2010		There were 19 disabled people in permitted work placements in Council Departments during July – September 2010.
Development of Employment Action Plans for each NM area by Jan 2011		All Neighbourhood Action Plans have been developed and actions are being reviewed and updated on an ongoing basis


Appendix 1: Progress Against 'key' objectives / milestones

Double the number of council apprenticeships (against 09/10 out turn) by Jan 2011		The Division has supported the recruitment of 12 Graduate Interns during the period With support from the National Apprentice Service the Division will be arranging a managers seminar to promote apprenticeships in the Council including the conversion of existing Council employee aged 16-24 years who qualify for apprentice support and the recruitment of new apprentices..
Finalise the Disabled and Carers Employment Strategy by Sep 2010		The Disability Employment Network last met in September and has finalised the strategy.

Ref	Objective
EEB 4	Raise workforce skill levels by reviewing and addressing the skills deficit in Halton.

Milestones	Progress Q 2	Supporting Commentary
Develop Construction Investors' handbook by Dec 2010		The Construction Employment Integrator project has now been renamed 'Construction Halton'. A Construction Halton workshop took place in Q2 and included representatives from HBC, Halton Chamber of Commerce, Construction Skills, Halton Housing Trust and Riverside College. Feedback from representatives will be used to move the project along. Whilst a Construction Investors' Handbook is still an action for the project, the format of it may be different to that of the Logistics Investors' Handbook to take account of similar publications produced by other local authority construction projects.
Complete the Business Perceptions survey by Mar 2011		The latest Business Perceptions Survey was completed in March 2010. During Quarter 2 individual businesses who requested follow up support/training were contacted and this process will continue until

Appendix 1: Progress Against 'key' objectives / milestones

		Q4. A training subsidy of £1000 is available to those businesses looking for support.
Secure future of Halton Employment Partnership by Mar 2011		The Tesco skills and recruitment project was evaluated and a report shared with relevant agencies during Q2. The evaluation reveals the success of the Halton Employment Partnership in securing employment for local unemployed people. As a result of this success story, other potential 'customers' on the 3MG site are interested to hear what HEP can do for them, should they wish to move onto the site. Parallel to such discussions are WNF/SSP discussions about how to continue to fund the most valuable elements of the HEP so that the support we are offering to potential businesses can be realised.

Appendix 2: Progress Against 'other' objectives / milestones

Ref	Objective
There are presently no objectives / milestones of this type identified for the service.	

Appendix 3: Progress Against 'key' performance indicators

Ref	Description	Actual 2009/10	Target 2010/11	Quarter 2	Current Progress	Direction of Travel	Supporting Commentary
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
Corporate Health

There are presently no indicators of this type identified for the service









Cost & Efficiency

<u>EEB L18</u>	Cost per job created and/or safeguarded to which the authority's inward investment promotional activity has made a significant contribution. (Audit Commission ECR18d)	£82.27	£142.00	Refer to comment	N/A	N/A	Reported annually at the year end
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
Service Delivery

<u>EEB L11</u> Previously ER PI 01	Number of local people into jobs	374	300 (WNF ends 31/03/2011)	372			126 people were supported into sustainable employment during Q2 with a total of 372 since April 2010.
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Appendix 3: Progress Against 'key' performance indicators

Ref	Description	Actual 2009/10	Target 2010/11	Quarter 2	Current Progress	Direction of Travel	Supporting Commentary
EEB LI2 Previously ER PI 02	Number of local people with disabilities into permitted/paid work	38	75 (WNF ends 31/03/2011)	10			The economic recession has had a detrimental impact on the number of disabled people moving into work 6 individuals with a disability/health condition supported into jobs and 4 disabled people into paid permitted opportunities during Q2. Recommend that the target be revised down to 30 disabled people into work.
EEB LI4 Previously ER PI 04	Number of learner enrolments	3331	3450	5346			For the Adult Learning & Skills Development Division, Q2 covers the month of July. Compared to the same period last year, the direction of travel for the number of enrolments onto courses is green (30% increase).
EEB LI7 Previously ER PI 07	Contribution to the number of jobs created, as a direct result of the service/s being provided	235 Dec 09	200	110			The Future Jobs Fund initiative has created 67 new jobs during Q2 in addition to 37 in Q1 i.e. a total of 104.
EEB LI9 Previously ER PI 09	New business start-ups and self -employment starts	154	110	35			There have been 35 new start ups in Q2, a total of 77 since April 2010.









Appendix 3: Progress Against 'key' performance indicators

Ref	Description	Actual 2009/10	Target 2010/11	Quarter 2	Current Progress	Direction of Travel	Supporting Commentary
EEB L116 Previously MP L113	Urban Renewal: Outputs as set out in Succession Urban Renewal Strategy and Action Plan (% achieved)	100	100	50%			Relates to schemes funded through Working Neighbourhood Fund.

Appendix 4: Progress Against 'other' performance indicators

Ref	Description	Actual 2009/10	Target 2010/11	Quarter 2	Current Progress	Direction of Travel	Supporting Commentary
Fair Access							
NI 153	Worklessness within the 25 most deprived LSOAs	29.6%	33.5%	32.8%	?	↑	The data is 6 months in arrears and relates to the position at 28/2/2010. The worklessness rate in the worst performing neighbourhoods is 32.8% compared to 20% for the rest of the borough. There has been a slight increase in the worklessness rate compared to the previous 3 months rate which was 32.6%.
NI 146	Adults with Learning Disabilities in Employment	N/A	28	27	?	↑	The economic recession has had a detrimental impact on the number of disabled people moving into work. 27 people with learning disability remain in permitted work placements, one service user has left employment due to continued ill health.
NI 150	Adults in contact with secondary mental health services in employment	N/A	7	13	✓	N/A	This NI is the responsibility of the NHS 5 Boroughs Partnership provide the required information. The progress achieved in Q2 was 13 people with complex mental health issues moving into work. The target has now been met.

Appendix 4: Progress Against 'other' performance indicators

Ref	Description	Actual 2009/10	Target 2010/11	Quarter 2	Current Progress	Direction of Travel	Supporting Commentary
Service Delivery							
EEB LI3 Previously ER PI 03	Number of learners accessing adult learning provision	1952	2041	2952			For the Adult Learning & Skills Development Division, Q2 covers the month of July. Compared to the same period last year, the direction of travel for numbers of individuals accessing the service is green (20% increase).
EEB LI5 Previously ER PI 05	Number of inward investment enquiries per annum	119 Dec 09	200	82			Investment enquiries increased in the first five months of 2011\10 compared to the same period in 2009\10 but experienced in a dip in the sixth month. The number of investment enquiries overall, however, remain on target for the year end.
EEB LI6 Previously ER PI 06	Inward investment enquiry conversion rate	13.4% Dec 09	11%	12.2%			The inward investment conversion rate remains strong locally despite continuing global economic uncertainty
EEB LI8 Previously ER PI 08	Contribution to the number of jobs safeguarded, as a direct result of the service/s being provided	145 Dec 09	150	150			This indicator is usually compiled by Business Development Team. HPIJ contribution to this LI was that 13 workers under threat of redundancy were supported into alternate work during Q2.
NI 163	Working age population qualified to at least Level 2 or higher	65.7%	61.6%	Refer to comment	N/A	N/A	Annual Figure data not available on quarterly basis

Appendix 4: Progress Against 'other' performance indicators

Ref	Description	Actual 2009/10	Target 2010/11	Quarter 2	Current Progress	Direction of Travel	Supporting Commentary
NI 171	Business growth rate (rate per 10,000 population aged 16+)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No change since last quarter, reported 2 years in arrears.



The indicators below form part of the new National Indicator Set introduced on 1st April 2008. Responsibility for setting the target, and reporting performance data, will sit with one or more local partners. As data sharing protocols are developed, baseline information and targets will be added to this section.

Area Partner National Indicators							
NI 151	Overall employment rate	67.5% (Oct 08 – Sep 09)		66.3%	N/A	N/A	latest available as at August 2010
NI 152	Working age people on out of work benefits	20.5% (Nov 09)		21.1%	N/A	N/A	latest available as at August 2010
NI 161	Learners achieving a Level 1 qualification in literacy	630 (2008/09)			N/A	N/A	(latest available as at 4 th Aug). 2008/09 due May 2011.
NI 162	Learners achieving an Entry Level 3 qualification in numeracy	143 (2008/09)			N/A	N/A	(latest available as at 4 th Aug). 2008/09 due May 2011.
NI 164	Working age population qualified to at least Level 3 or higher	36.4% (Jan 08 – Dec 08)		38.4%	N/A	N/A	latest available as at August 2010
NI 165	Working age population qualified to at least Level 4 or higher	19.4% (Jan 08 – Dec 08)		19.7%	N/A	N/A	latest available as at August 2010
NI 166	Average earnings of employees in the area	£481.6 (2009)		£481.6	N/A	N/A	latest available as at August 2010
NI 172	VAT registered businesses in the area showing growth	16.8% (2008)		16.8%	N/A	N/A	latest available as at August 2010

Appendix 4: Progress Against 'other' performance indicators

Ref	Description	Actual 2009/10	Target 2010/11	Quarter 2	Current Progress	Direction of Travel	Supporting Commentary
NI 173	People falling out of work and on to incapacity benefits	0.9% (Q3 2007/08)		0.9%	N/A	N/A	latest available as at August 2010
NI 174	Skills gaps in the current workforce reported by employers	17% (2009)		17%	N/A	N/A	latest available as at August 2010

Appendix 5: Risk Control Measures

Ref	Risk Identified	Treatment Measure	Progress	Supporting Commentary
ER 1	Impact of the global recession on local business	Increased emphasis on business aftercare and the dissemination of inform to the business community		Changes to business support programmes still yet to be made clear by government. When it is clear we can explain to businesses what is available in the future.
ER 2	Impact upon service provision of anticipated reduction in core funding	Review and evaluation of non-essential service delivery		The government has recently announced a couple of proposed changes to the legislation which will have an impact on the service delivered by the department.

Appendix 6: High Priority Equality Actions

Ref	Service Area	High Priority Action	Progress	Supporting Commentary
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There are no High Priority Equality Actions for this area.

Appendix 7 Financial Statement

EMPLOYMENT, ECONOMIC REGENERATION & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT **Revenue Budget as at 30th September 2010**

	Annual Budget	Budget To Date	Actual To Date	Variance To Date (Overspend)	Actual Including Committed Items
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure					
Employees	4,868	2,522	2,370	152	2,379
Repairs & Maintenance	2,676	1,600	1,545	55	2,475
Energy & Water Costs	830	678	612	66	817
NNDR	836	836	923	(87)	923
Rents	1,054	263	263	0	263
Marketing Programme	44	22	12	10	13
Promotions	19	3	3	0	5
Development Projects	49	19	19	0	37
Supplies & Services	1,194	435	427	8	858
Agency	196	19	23	(4)	58
Capital Financing	-240	0	0	0	0
Asset Charges	1,657	0	0	0	14
Total Expenditure	13,183	6,397	6,197	200	7,842
Income					
Rent – Markets	-867	-433	-445	12	-445
Rent – Industrial Estates	-979	-489	-465	(24)	-465
Rent – Commercial	-519	-260	-236	(24)	-236
Sales	-3	-1	-5	4	-5
Fees & Charges	-332	-159	-175	16	-175
Reimbursements	-437	-95	-90	(5)	-90
Government grants	-822	-719	-729	10	-729
Recharges to Capital	-700	-113	-75	(38)	-75
Total Income	-4,659	-2,269	-2,220	(49)	-2,555
Net Controllable Expenditure	8,524	4,128	3,977	151	5,287
Recharges					
Premises Support	7	0	0	0	0
Office Accommodation	36	0	0	0	0
Property Recharges	568	0	0	0	0
Transport	68	34	27	7	27
Central Support Services	0	0	0	0	0
Departmental Support Services	0	0	0	0	0
Accommodation Recharge	-752	0	0	0	0
Support Service Recharge	-1,232	-335	-335	0	-335
Repair & Maintenance Recharges	-39	0	0	0	0
School's SLA Income	-676	-676	-755	79	-755
Internal Fees (Schools)	-76	-19	-19	0	-19
Net Total Recharges	-2,096	-996	-1,082	86	-1,082
Net Departmental Total	6,428	3,132	2,895	237	4,540

Appendix 7 Financial Statement

Comments on the above figures:

In overall terms revenue spending to the end of quarter 2 is under budget.

Regarding expenditure, employee costs are under budget for the period, which is mainly due to vacancies that exist within the Enterprise & Employment Team. Also, external funding is being used to fund some posts.

Energy and Water costs are falling due to the negotiation of new contracts and potentially there may be a saving on this account.

NNDR expenditure is over budget for the period which is due to the Council incurring charges for a number of recently purchased vacant industrial units. Runcorn Town Hall, Rutland House and Grosvenor House have also recently had rates reviews which have resulted in NNDR charges increasing on these buildings.

Regarding income, rent from Industrial Units is below budget for the period which again is due to a significant number of vacant units. This will be monitored closely however it is anticipated at this stage that there will be a shortfall in income on this account.

At this stage, it is anticipated that overall revenue spending will be within departmental budget by year-end.

Appendix 7 Financial Statement

EMPLOYMENT, ECONOMIC REGENERATION & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Local Strategic Partnership Schemes as at 30th September 2010

	Annual Budget	Budget To Date	Actual To Date	Variance To Date (Overspend)	Actual Including Committed Items
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Employment Outreach	60	30	35	(5)	35
Prescription for Advice	40	20	0	20	0
Halton ILM/Stepping Stones	160	80	35	45	35
Enterprise Development	386	193	115	78	115
Enhanced Debt Advice	40	20	0	20	0
Supported Employment	106	53	60	(7)	60
Nbr'hood Employment Officers	252	126	66	60	66
Links 2 Work	25	12	14	(2)	14
YMCA Skills for Life	30	15	8	7	8
Inspiring Women	13	6	5	1	5
Graduate Work Experience	49	24	1	23	1
NEET Employers	36	18	-17	35	0
Foundation Employment	28	14	0	14	0
Pre-level 2 Provision	288	144	43	101	43
Halton Employment Partnership	899	449	382	67	382
Apprenticeship Support	258	129	60	69	60
Business Parks Imprvmts	19	9	2	7	2
Partnership Co-ordinator	20	10	8	2	8
Total Expenditure	2,709	1,352	817	535	834

Appendix 7 Financial Statement

Comments on the above figures:

Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) funding spending to the end of quarter 2 is below budget profile.

Regular monitoring reports are sent to the LSP in respect of all LSP projects and any areas of concern are dealt with throughout the year by the LSP support team and individual project managers. Some variances against the budget are expected, as the LSP have deliberately over-programmed in order to ensure that the full allocation of Working Neighbourhood Fund grant is spent during the year.

Appendix 7 Financial Statement

EMPLOYMENT, ECONOMIC REGENERATION & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Capital Projects as at 30th September 2010

	2010-11 Capital Allocation £'000	Allocation To Date £'000	Actual Spend To Date £'000	Total Allocation Remaining £'000
<u>Multi-Funded Projects</u>				
Widnes Waterfront	1,095	221	78	1,017
Castlefields	3,138	566	566	2,572
3MG	373	135	135	238
<u>LSP (Urban Renewal) Projects</u>				
Property Purchase	147	0	0	147
Contaminated Land	95	47	17	78
<u>HBC Projects</u>				
Venture Fields	3,420	0	0	3,420
Muni Building Refurb	2,469	600	377	2,092
Runcorn TH Refurb	11	2	2	9
Council Chamber Refurb	100	0	0	100
Golf Course	2,255	852	1,144	1,111
Disabled Access	200	48	54	146
Total Capital	13,303	2,471	2,373	10,930




Appendix 7 Financial Statement

Comments on the above figures:

With regard to the three programmes detailed under the Multi Funded Projects header, there is continued change to the programmes and the costings/funding allocations are being continually updated.




Appendix 8 Explanation of Symbols

Symbols are used in the following manner:

Progress		<u>Objective</u>	<u>Performance Indicator</u>
Green		Indicates that the <u>objective is on course to be achieved</u> within the appropriate timeframe.	<i>Indicates that the annual target <u>is on course to be achieved</u>.</i>
Amber		Indicates that it is <u>uncertain or too early to say at this stage</u> , whether the milestone/objective will be achieved within the appropriate timeframe.	<i>Indicates that it is <u>uncertain or too early to say at this stage whether the annual target is on course to be achieved</u>.</i>
Red		Indicates that it is <u>highly likely or certain</u> that the objective will not be achieved within the appropriate timeframe.	<i>Indicates that the target <u>will not be achieved unless there is an intervention or remedial action taken</u>.</i>

Direction of Travel Indicator

Where possible performance measures will also identify a direction of travel using the following convention

Green		<i>Indicates that performance is better as compared to the same period last year.</i>
Amber		<i>Indicates that performance is the same as compared to the same period last year.</i>
Red		<i>Indicates that performance is worse as compared to the same period last year.</i>
N/A		<i>Indicates that the measure cannot be compared to the same period last year.</i>