



# Halton Strategic **PARTNERSHIP**

## Environment and Regeneration Specialist Strategic Partnership

### (E&R SSP) Meeting Minutes

Box 10, Select Stadium Halton, Widnes

19<sup>th</sup> May 2015

**Present:**

Wesley Rourke  
 Wendy Salisbury  
 Paul Hurst  
 Caroline Berry  
 Isobel Mason  
 Paul Mullane  
 Shélah Semoff

HBC (Economy Enterprise and Property) : Chairing  
 HBC (Environmental Protection)  
 Groundwork Cheshire, Lancashire and Merseyside  
 Environment Agency  
 HBC (Lead Environmental Officer)  
 Halton Housing Trust (Regeneration and Investment)  
 Halton Borough Council (Partnership Officer)

		<u><b>Actions</b></u>
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies</b>  M Noone, N Renison, R Polhill, J Walsh, Cllr M Fry, C Olver, C Gibbins, K Morley, J Yates, T Rimmer, H Dooley, L McEvoy, I Boyd, J Unsworth	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Minutes &amp; Matters Arising</b>  Minutes from 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2014 agreed as a true and accurate record.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Air Quality Presentation</b>  The Board received a presentation from Isobel Mason regarding the current work being undertaken to maintain and improve air quality in Halton. Highlights being the history in Halton including its first smoke control zone in 1962, the impact of poor air quality on health and the 2 Air Quality Management Areas (both in Widnes). The close working relationship with colleagues in Public Health was also highlighted.  It was felt this presentation should be shared with the Strategic Partnership Board, Housing Partnership and the Health and Wellbeing Board.	<b>IM/SS</b>

4.	<p><b>Sci-Tech Daresbury Presentation</b></p> <p>The Board received a presentation from Wesley Rourke starting with the history and background to Daresbury, the wide range of activities going on across the site and the joint venture which will help to shape the future, including the development of an Innovation Strategy to better link businesses with scientific world.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Partnership Waste and Recycling Survey</b></p> <p>Draft survey circulated at meeting. Partners asked to send comments/amendments to SS. Survey will help highlight and inform any potential for future joint working, reduce duplication, identify gaps across Partner organisations and enable sharing of best practice.</p>	ALL
6.	<p><b>Standard Update Items:</b></p> <p>Strategic Transport Board : 4 LCR level cycling/walking schemes had been approved – with 2 due to be completed this year – emphasis on “connecting people to work”; a bid has been submitted for 2 electric vans for the HBC fleet; LSTF coming to an end – this has supported a very successful 200 service which runs from Rail Stations to Town Centre and then on to the Business Parks – this will continue.</p> <p>Mersey Gateway Environmental Trust : next newsletter due at the end of May 2015; Decision due in June regarding a WREN bid.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Information Sharing</b></p> <p>Groundwork: Groundwork Lancashire West and Wigan and Groundwork Cheshire have now merged - Now called Groundwork CLM (Cheshire Lancashire and Merseyside) and cover all of that territory; PH currently working up Groundwork’s part of an international (UK, Sweden, Spain, Turkey) European Horizon 2020 bid - UK partners are UCLAN, CTech and Mersey Waste Recycling Authority - CTech are leading the UK bid and ‘Circe’ in Spain are the international bid lead -if successful it will be a Liverpool City Region delivery approach across the 6 authority areas and will look to create services which reduce waste to landfill across the food, textile, furniture, electronics industries and communities; Project UP continuing to operate from Ditton - now looking to work with adults who have learning difficulties - worked up through the college on a trial basis to see how it develops; Big Local Trust in Windmill Hill still going strong; Looking to get some traction in Halton with one of Groundwork CLM programmes called 'Green Energisers' which gives unemployed people practical training and skill development in horticulture and environmental construction - Along with the opportunity to take the all-important CSCS test, participants can brush up on their Maths, English and ICT skills - participants receive payment and a bonus for attendance.</p> <p>HHT : Recently informed that contractor appointed to build new extra care scheme at Barkla Fields has gone into administration – currently reviewing options.</p>	

	EA : Centrol Recycling Group has gone into receivership after its environmental permit was revoked in March – MP interested in outcome – buildings will eventually need to be treated.	
<b>8.</b>	<b>Next Meeting &amp; Future Diary Dates</b>	
	17 <sup>th</sup> December at 14:00, Willow Room, Municipal Buildings, Widnes	