

REPORT TO: Children, Young People and Families Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 12th September 2016

REPORTING OFFICER: Operational Director, Education, Inclusion & Provision

PORTFOLIO: Children, Young People and Families

SUBJECT: Early Years Review

WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To provide a verbal presentation on the Early Years Review.

2.0 RECOMMENDED: That the Policy and Performance Board

i) The Board note the presentation and request a further report in January 2017.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Early Education (The British Association for Early Childhood Education) was commissioned to undertake a review of Early Years in Halton. Halton also participated in a review of early years provision with a focus on those likely to be disadvantaged.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 A One Halton Task Group has been established to address how improvements can be made to early years outcomes across Halton

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None identified.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Early development is important for what we achieve as adults.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 Poor outcomes impact on both the health and the achievement of children in the Borough by improving early years we can improve not just children's physical wellbeing but their socio economic outcomes in later life.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 It is essential that we improve outcomes in early years and secure the best start in early life for all pupils.

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

Document	Place of Inspection	Contact Officer
Early Education (The British Association for Early Childhood Education) – Review of Early Years Halton Borough Council – April 2016	Rutland House	Ann McIntyre
Unknown Children destined for disadvantage – OFSTED – July 2016	Rutland House	Ann McIntyre