

REPORT: Children and Young People Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 1st June 2009

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director Children and Young People Directorate

SUBJECT: Improving health outcomes for children and young people in Halton

WARDS: Boroughwide

1.0 PURPOSE AND CONTENT OF REPORT

- 1.1 The key task is for Board Members to decide on a work programme of 2 or 3 scrutiny topics to be undertaken in the next municipal year under the broad heading of 'improving health outcomes for children and young people in Halton'
- 1.2 To decide on strategies to develop, monitor, evaluate and report on scrutiny topics and other key health developments specifically for children and young people

2.0 RECOMMENDED:

That the Policy and Performance Board finalise and agree development of the topics to be included in the Board's 2009/10 work programme.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 In February 2009 the Department of health and the department of children, schools and families published "Healthy Lives, Brighter Futures: The strategy for children and young peoples health"
- 3.2 The strategy identifies parents as the key to achieving the best physical and mental health and well-being outcomes for their children. The strategy sets out the principles of the relationship between parents and services, and will establish what parents and their children can expect from their services.
- 3.3 Children and young people are healthier today than they have ever been but it is recognised that to deliver the Government's ambition of making England the best place for children to grow up by 2020, we need to support families in securing world-class health and well-being outcomes for their children. Better support

in the early years and through childhood and adolescence will lay the foundation for better health and life chances in adulthood.

- 3.4 The strategy sets out the plans for universal, targeted and specialist support across three life stages – early years and pregnancy; school-age children; and young people – as well as the additional support for children and young people in need of acute or ongoing health care. Crucially, it identifies how the range of services in contact with children and young people can work better together, and with families to achieve common aims.
- 3.5 Using information from the strategy and also bespoke information about needs of children and young people in Halton the Children and Young People PPB will decide and develop scrutiny topics based on the common themes and services linked to physical, mental and sexual health. This work will support the narrowing health inequalities.
- 3.6 The policy document to support this locally is the PCT “Ambition for Health “. This is a public health strategy document has 6 ambitions for a healthier Halton, the first 3 statements relate to children and link to the National Healthy child Strategy Document.
- 3.7 Other related documents CYPP LAA operationally support the strategy documents.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Council’s priorities are further developed through the 2009/10 scrutiny topics.

5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

None.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL’S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

Selection of scrutiny topics for 2009/10 leads to further development of the Council’s priorities.

6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

Selection of scrutiny topics for 2009/10 leads to further development of the Council’s priorities.

6.3 A Healthy Halton

Selection of scrutiny topics for 2009/10 leads to further development of the Council's priorities.

6.4 A Safer Halton

Selection of scrutiny topics for 2009/10 leads to further development of the Council's priorities.

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

Selection of scrutiny topics for 2009/10 leads to further development of the Council's priorities.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

The main risk is in terms of capacity to undertake the work. This may be managed in the eventual selection of topics to be considered.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

All topics finally selected will take into account equality and diversity implications.

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

1.0 None under the meaning of the Act