

**REPORT TO:** Employment Learning and Skills and  
Community Policy Performance Board (PPB)

**DATE:** 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director Enterprise, Communities and  
Resources

**PORTFOLIO:** Economic Development

**SUBJECT:** Scrutiny Topics

**WARD(S)** Borough-wide

## 1.0 **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to propose potential scrutiny topic areas that Members of the Employment Learning and Skills and Community PPB might wish to consider during the Municipal Years 2016/17 and 2017/18.

## 2.0 **RECOMMENDATION: That:**

- i) Members give consideration to the scrutiny topic group titles outlined in the report.
- ii) Members confirm their preferred topic group items at the next meeting of the PPB in November

## 3.0 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 Members will be aware that the Council's Policy Performance Boards identify topic areas for scrutiny. In the past, the Employment Learning and Skills and Community PPB has undertaken a review of a wide range of topics.

3.2 Members may wish to consider future items and three suggestions have come forward:

- i) To investigate how following completion the economic benefits of the Mersey Gateway will be maximised.

It is proposed that this topic will consider the arrangements that need to be put into place to ensure that the economic benefits of the bridge will be long-lasting.

- ii) To investigate the borough's arrangements for linking 'health to wealth' in an employment, learning and skills context and whether improvements can be made to the services provided.

It is proposed that this might be a joint topic group between the

## Health and ELS&C PPBs

- iii) To investigate the arrangements for promoting the cultural offer of the Liverpool City Region.

It is proposed that this topic group would firstly, explore the emerging arrangements for coordinating the Liverpool City Region's cultural offer, and would secondly, consider how Halton can benefit from these arrangements.

### 4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There are no immediate policy implications arising from this report. However, in the past, topic group reports have been instrumental in informing and shaping future Council policies.

### 5.0 **OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 None

### 6.0 **IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

#### 6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

None

#### 6.2 **Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**

None

#### 6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

None

#### 6.4 **A Safer Halton**

None

#### 6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

None

### 7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

- 7.1 There are no risks identified in this report

### 8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

- 8.1 There are Equality and Diversity issues arising from this report.

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

9.1 There are no background papers under the meaning of the Act.