

REPORT TO: Corporate Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 31 January 2017

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director (Community and Resources)

PORTFOLIO: Resources

SUBJECT: Business Planning 2017 – 18

WARDS: Boroughwide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To provide an opportunity for the Board to contribute to the development of the Business Plan for the 2017 – 18 financial year.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Board receive and consider the information which will be provided and add any further comment / observation that it considers relevant to plan development.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Council develops its business plan in parallel with the determination of its annual budget and the review and refresh of Corporate and Directorate Risk Registers. This process has now commenced for 2017 – 18.
- 3.2 At this stage Members are invited to consider a small number of priorities for development that they would like to see reflected in the Business Plan prior to its consideration by Executive Board.
- 3.3 Whilst providing an overall operating context the Business Plan will provide details of specific objectives and performance measures which would provide a focus for the ongoing monitoring of progress throughout the year.
- 3.4 It is important the Members have the opportunity to contribute to the process of plan development in order that their knowledge of local and organisational issues forms an integral element of plan development.
- 3.5 As Plans can only be finalised once final budget decisions have been confirmed in March 2017 annual targets can only be properly determined once this information, along with year-end outturn figures for 2016 – 17 become known.
- 3.6 To assist the Board the Strategic Director (Community and Resources) will give a short presentation on the issues and challenges for those areas that fall within the remit of this Board over the period of the next

plan. Additional information will be circulated in advance of the meeting of the Board on 31 January 2017.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Business planning forms a key element of the Council's policy framework and as such its development will take account of known and anticipated changes within the operating environment.

5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Plans will continue to form the basis upon which progress will be monitored and reported to Policy and Performance Boards throughout the course of the coming financial year. Such reports will routinely contain information concerning key developments and emerging issues as well as the delivery of predetermined actions and targets.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

The business planning process is one means by which the Council aligns its operational activity with its overall strategic aims and those priorities detailed below.

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

6.3 A Healthy Halton

6.4 A Safer Halton

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

- 7.1 The development of the Business Plan will allow the authority to both align its activities to the delivery of organisational and partnership priorities and provide information to stakeholders concerning work that is planned for 2016 – 17.

- 7.2 As the planning process aligned to the annual review and refresh of organisational and Directorate risks this ensures that these are fully considered when determining future direction and actions.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

There are no equality and diversity issues directly related to this report. However such matters will continue to be monitored and reported annually to the Board through the existing performance monitoring framework.

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

None under the meaning of the Act.