

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

DATE: 29 January 2018

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, People

SUBJECT: Business Planning 2018 -19

WARDS: Boroughwide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To present the proposed priorities for the Children, Young People and Families elements of the council's single Business Plan to Members for approval.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the Board

- i. Notes the contents of the report; and**
- ii. Approves the priorities for the Children, Young People and Families elements of the council's single Business Plan.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Business Plan Development

3.1 Since 2015 a single Business Plan has been developed for the local authority as a whole. This plan has focused on the key medium term issues rather than providing extensive narrative of every area of work of the local authority.

3.2 To ensure that the Local Authority is producing a Business Plan that enables the Local Authority to meet the priorities identified within the Corporate Plan, the information from each Directorate will be set out under the Council's priority headings;

- Children & Young People
- Employment, Learning and Skills
- A Safer Halton
- A Healthy Halton
- Environment and Regeneration
- Corporate Effectiveness and Efficiency

- 3.3 Objectives and performance measures identified within the Single Business Plan will continue to form the basis of Directorate and PPB priority based quarterly monitoring reports, along with any key developments or emerging issues identified within the relevant reporting quarter.
- 3.4 Each Directorate is compiling their contribution to the council's Single Business Plan and is seeking approval for their priorities from their respective PPB. The information will then be compiled into a single Business Plan which will be presented to Executive Board in March 2018.
- 3.5 Our vision for children and young people is set out in our Children and Young People's Plan 2018- 2021:

"Halton's ambition is to build stronger, safer communities which are able to support the development and learning of children and young people so they grow up feeling safe, secure, happy and healthy, ready to be Halton's present and Halton's future."

- 3.6 To deliver our vision during the business planning process last year we identified 5 key priorities that we need to address to make progress. It is crucial we continue the work we have started on each of these priorities in 2018/2019. The proposed priorities for 2018/2019 are, therefore, as follows:
- Keeping Children and Young People safe by improving practice.
 - Improve outcomes for children and young people through effective multi-agency early intervention.
 - Improve progress and attainment across all key stages and diminish the difference between vulnerable groups and their peers.
 - Raise Achievement in Early Years.
 - Improve the offer for children and young people with SEND.
 - Improve participation and skills for young people to drive Halton's future.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Business Planning continues to form a key part of the Council's policy framework and reflects known and anticipated legislative changes and other policy developments that impact upon the work of each directorate.

5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Arrangements for the provision of Quarterly Monitoring Reports to Management Team, SLTs and Elected Members would continue and would provide demonstrable assurance that information is being used routinely to support the decision making and scrutiny functions of the Council.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCILS PRIORITIES

- 6.1 Departmental service objectives and performance measures, both local and national, are linked to the delivery of the Council's strategic priorities. By organising the Business Planning information under each of the council priority headings, it is much clearer what impact policy changes are having on the council's ability to deliver real change and the difference that directorates are able to make to those priority areas.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

- 7.1 The development of a Business Plan will allow the authority to both align its activities to the delivery of organisational and partnership priorities and to provide information to stakeholders as to the work of the Council over the coming year.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

- 8.1 Directorate Business Plans, and the determination of service objectives, are considered in the context of the Council's equality and diversity agenda.

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

There are no relevant background documents to this report.