

**REPORT TO:** Employment, Learning and Skills, and  
Community Policy and Performance Board

**DATE:** 10 February 2020

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

**PORTFOLIO:** Employment, Learning & Skills

**SUBJECT:** Family Learning Provision in Halton

**WARDS:** Borough wide

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

The Divisional Manager Employment, Learning and Skills will be in attendance at this meeting and will make a presentation to Members of the Board providing an overview of the provision of family learning within Children's Centres and Primary Schools across Halton.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That**

**1) the report be noted.**

## **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

Halton's Employment, Learning and Skills Division delivers a range of adult learning programmes within Primary Schools and Children's Centres across the borough linked to supporting the aims and objectives of the TALK Halton project and the Halton Reading Strategy.

## **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Employment, Learning & Skills is one of Halton Borough Council's key strategic priorities.
- 4.2 Formal devolution of the AEB commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2019. Use of AEB funding must demonstrate alignment with the City Region's Skills Strategy, Apprenticeship Growth Plan and Skills for Growth Action Plans.
- 4.2 A number of other key policies are embedded in the work of the Division including supporting people on Universal Credit to gain employment, ensuring adults achieve level 2 qualifications and that employability provision meets the needs of employers.

## **5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications contained in this report. The activities undertaken have been delivered using external funding. The funding for Children's Centre provision will end in July 2020 and allocations of AEB funds for the next academic year are not yet known at this stage.

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

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

Family Learning and Children's Centre provision supports parents in developing skills, which in turn, will enable them to support their children's learning.

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

The project supported employment, learning and skills priorities through the provision of gaining recognised qualifications that can lead to employment within the education sector.

### **6.3 A Healthy Halton**

The psychological benefits of community learning can help improve the participants' mental health and wellbeing. Adult Learning Service enrolments show that over the last 3 academic years nearly half of learners declare a disability and/or learning difficulty. Helping individuals to overcome health conditions and work towards more positive outcomes is integral to the work of the Division.

### **6.4 A Safer Halton**

None.

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

None.

## **7.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

None at present.

## **8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

The service is open and accessible to all Halton residents

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

None under the meaning of the Act.