

REPORT TO: Executive Board
DATE: 19th June 2008
REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director Health and Community
SUBJECT: Halton Housing Trust Progress Report
WARD(S): Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 In accordance with the monitoring framework agreed prior to housing stock transfer, this report provides a further update on Halton Housing Trust's progress since the last report to Board on the 19th July 2007.

2.0 RECOMMENDED – That the progress set out in the report be noted.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Nick Atkin, Chief Executive of Halton Housing Trust, will attend the meeting to present the attached report that sets out progress to date in delivering some of the key “pledges” made prior to stock transfer, and progress in meeting the Housing Corporation's regulatory framework.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no policy implications arising from this report.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

5.1 Children and Young People in Halton

None identified.

5.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

Halton Housing Trust is a major employer in the Borough and a range of employment and skills opportunities are available.

5.3 A Healthy Halton

Housing plays a key part in the health of individuals and grants to support community living are provided by the Council.

5.4 A Safer Halton

None identified.

5.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

Housing is an important contributing factor to some parts of the areas renaissance.

6.0 RISK ANALYSIS

6.1 Regular meetings between the Chief Executive of Halton Housing Trust, the Strategic Director of Health and Community and officers of Halton Borough Council take place to discuss a range of issues and to explore risks.

7.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

7.1 A range of joint partnerships are being considered, for example, joint training and work with migrants.

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

None identified.