

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

**DATE:** 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020

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

**PORTFOLIO:** Economic Development

**SUBJECT:** Scrutiny Topic Group 2019/20

**WARD(S)** Borough-wide

## 1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

At the September 2019 meeting the Board agreed that *Traded Areas in the Borough* would be the scrutiny topic for 2019/20. The objective was to see how they contribute to the Council's finances. With the changes in the operation of the Council's functions caused by Coronavirus a review of the topic group is proposed.

## 2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That

- 1) the topic group should cease further activity
- 2) there should be no topic group in 2021.
- 3) at a future meeting during 2021 the members should consider a topic for 2022.

## 3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The group met once on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Due to Coronavirus, no further meetings have taken place. The operation of the traded areas has changed significantly since the topic was selected. As they start to reopen their operations they will not resemble that previously experienced as they will be in recovery mode.

The Chair consulted with Cllr. Anthony McDermott, Chair of the Scrutiny Committee, about the topic group. He accepted the board's Chair's suggestion that there was little point in continuing with the current topic group and that 2021 be a fallow year for a topic group.

## 4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no further policy implications at this stage.

## 5.0 OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

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

**6.1 Children & Young People in Halton**

N/A

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

N/A

**6.3 A Healthy Halton**

N/A

**6.4 A Safer Halton**

N/A

**6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal**

N/A

**7.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 There are no risks identified.

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

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