

REPORT TO: Executive Board
DATE: 14 October 2021
REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, People
PORTFOLIO: Adult Social Care Portfolio
SUBJECT: Halton Housing Annual Report
WARD(S): Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report provides an update on Halton Housing's activities since the last report to Executive Board in November 2020.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That Executive Board Members note the report.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Liz Haworth, Group Chief Executive of Halton Housing will attend the meeting to present the attached report. She will be accompanied by Neil McGrath, Deputy Group Chief Executive and Chief Financial Officer and Clive Deadman, Chair of Halton Housing.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no policy implications arising from this report.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None identified.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

None identified.

6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

Halton Housing is a major employer in the Borough, employing around 330 staff. It has recently taken on three Kickstart placements and employs 11 apprentices.

6.3 A Healthy Halton

A quality, affordable, and safe home plays a key part in the health of individuals. Halton Housing provides 49% of the social housing within the Borough. Its Chief Executive is a member of the One Halton Board. Halton Housing has supported the Council with its response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

6.4 A Safer Halton

Halton Housing has a key role to play in the management and resolution of anti-social behaviour (ASB) and works in partnership with the Council and other bodies to address issues. It has recently signed up to join the multi-agency approach to tackle serious organised crime and “county lines’ operating in Halton.

6.5 Halton’s Urban Renewal

Halton Housing is an active developer of new homes within the Borough. It is also a member of the Runcorn Town Board and is actively involved in the regeneration of Runcorn town centre.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 Regular meetings between the Chief Executive of Halton Housing and the Council’s Chief Executive take place to discuss a range of issues and to explore risks.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 Halton Housing has offered 149 properties to vulnerable customers, as direct matches to reduce homelessness.

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

9.1 None identified.