

REPORT TO: Executive Board

DATE: 16 October 2008

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, Health and Community

SUBJECT: The relationship between Healthy Halton Policy and Performance Board (HPPB) and Halton's Local Involvement Network (LINK)

WARDS: Boroughwide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Executive Board of the proposal to establish formal links between Healthy Halton Policy and Performance Board (HHPPB) and the newly established Local Involvement Network (LINK).

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That

- (1) **The Executive Board recommend to Full Council that a LINK representative (name to be confirmed once LINK formalised) be appointed as a non-voting co-optee on the Healthy Halton Policy and Performance Board for a period of one year, commencing from the date approval is given.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 A report was presented to Healthy Halton Policy and Performance Board on 16th September, 2008 attached as **Appendix A** and supported the recommendation presented to the Executive Board today.
- 3.2 The report outlines the clear expectation that there will be a formal relationship between HHPPB and LINKs as set out in Government guidance, for example HHPPB has a duty to acknowledge any referral from LINK within 20 days on areas that may warrant scrutiny. It also noted it would be beneficial for both bodies that the PPB and LINK work in parallel to avoid duplication of work streams.
- 3.4 The national guidance 'Changing for the Better' will provide a common framework for ensuring service developments are appropriately effective. HHPPB received a report on this on 16th September attached as **Appendix B**.
- 3.6 It is proposed that to ensure that Healthy Halton Policy and Performance Board can work closely with LINK that LINK representative should be appointed as a non-voting co-optee for a period of one year.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Legislation establishing LINks falls under The Local Government and Public Involvement In Health Act 2007. This Act is part of a much broader range of policy initiatives designed to devolve more power to local government and from local government to local communities. Realising this agenda will entail a significant shift towards a more robust, inclusive and comprehensive approach to public engagement as well as greater status and influence being given to scrutiny.

5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None applicable.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

Children and Young People in Halton

- 6.1 None applicable.

Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

- 6.2 None applicable.

A Healthy Halton

- 6.3 Establishing a formal relationship between LINK and Healthy Halton PPB will strengthen the Council's ability to monitor and review progress on reducing health inequalities.

A Safer Halton

- 6.4 None applicable.

Halton's Urban Renewal

- 6.5 None applicable.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

- 7.1 Failure to respond appropriately to requests for information and referrals would result in the HHPPB contravening current legislation.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

- 8.1 The procedures and processes described in this report will enable a much broader range of people to contribute and influence scrutiny and commissioning decisions.

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

Document	Place of Inspection	Contact Officer
Award of contract for the Host Body for Local Involvement Networks (LINKs) - Executive Board Report 26/06/08	Municipal Building Widnes	Dwayne Johnson Strategic Director Health & Community