

REPORT TO: Children, Young People and Families Policy & Performance Board

DATE: 22 January 2024

REPORTING OFFICER: Executive Director – Children

PORTFOLIO: Children & Young People

SUBJECT: Halton Family Hubs

WARD(S) Boroughwide

1.0 **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 To present an update of the progress of Halton Family Hubs and next steps.

2.0 **RECOMMENDATION:**

For the board to note the presentation and feedback any Questions.

3.0 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 The Government's 2019 Manifesto pledged to champion Family Hubs across England. In December 2020 the Minister for Children, Vicky Ford, outlined plans to create a National Centre of Excellence for Family Hubs, funded by the Department for Education (DfE).

The Best Start for Life Review: A Vision for the 1,001 Critical Days outlined a programme of work to ensure the best support during those crucial first 1001 days, setting babies up to maximise their potential for lifelong emotional and physical wellbeing.

The DfE and DHSC announced in April 2022 the 75 local authorities who would become pilot areas for the Family Hubs and best start in life scheme.

Halton was part of this selection and since December 22 we have been working hard to develop the family hub Model.

The presentation will give an outline of the journey so far in this development looking at the achievements and challenges of the past year.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The family hub model works alongside National Policies such as the

Children's social care data and digital strategy, Children's Social Care: Stable Homes, Built on Love, Children's Social Care Independent Review, Supporting families agenda, Reducing Parental Conflict, Best Start for Life, a vision for 1001 critical days and the Healthy Child Programme 0-19.

5.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The money is DfE allocated and is 2.4 million over a 2.5 year period.

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

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

The model will contribute and complement to all existing strategies and aims and objectives in improving outcomes for all children and young people and families in Halton.

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

None identified.

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

None identified.

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

None identified.

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

None identified.

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 None identified.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 None identified.

9.0 **CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 None identified.

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

10.1 None under the meaning of the Act.