

REPORT TO: Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 18 September 2024

REPORTING OFFICER: Executive Director – Environment & Regeneration

PORTFOLIO: Environment and Urban Renewal

SUBJECT: Annual Report 2023-24

WARD(S) All

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To provide the Board with an annual summary of its work for the period 2023-24.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Annual Report contained in Appendix 1 be endorsed.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 The primary function of the Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board (EUR PPB) is to focus on the work of the Council (and its partners) in securing environmental improvements and urban regeneration.

3.2 During the 2023-24 Municipal Year, the Board met on four occasions and considered a number of reports, covering a diverse range of subjects pertinent to the Board's remit.

3.3 The PPB also received regular updates on service performance targets.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Board has reviewed and recommended a substantial amount of policy changes across a range of topics in 2023-24. These policy areas are set out in Appendix 1.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no financial implications arising from the Annual Report.

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

6.1 **Improving Health, Promoting Wellbeing and Supporting Greater Independence**

The work of the PPB contributes towards a less polluted environment and helps to create a green infrastructure.

6.2 **Building a Strong, Sustainable Local Economy**

This PPB supports the infrastructure in Halton that helps with job creation and sustainable transport links to employment.

6.3 **Supporting Children, Young People and Families**

The work of the PPB supports future generations in Halton by ensuring a clean and safe environment and a safeguarded natural environment.

6.4 **Tackling Inequality and Helping Those Who Are Most In Need**

The PPB seeks to ensure Halton is a diverse and inclusive place where all residents have access to public activities and spaces and are able to participate fully in the community. People will be more content to live and work in the Borough and have pride in Halton through a safe, inclusive, affordable, and low carbon transport network, and a good quality public realm and public spaces.

6.5 **Working Towards a Greener Future**

This PPB scrutinised the work undertaken in bringing forward regeneration projects, together with seeking to improve the natural environment.

6.6 **Valuing and Appreciating Halton and Our Community**

The PPB supports Halton's residents through policies to ensure decent and affordable homes are available, and these are surrounded by safe and thriving communities. Providing active travel routes, seeking to tackle climate change, and promoting the quality of Halton's open spaces are examples of the PPB's work.

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 None.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 None.

9.0 **CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 There are no implications for climate change arising from this report.

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

None under the meaning of the Act.