

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

**DATE:** 11 November 2024

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Executive Director - Children's Services

**SUBJECT:** Quarterly Monitoring Report 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 .

**PORTFOLIO:** Children and Young People

**WARDS(S):** Borough Wide

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To inform members of the key performance indicators identified to measure progress against each of the priorities identified within the Children and Young People Plan.
- 1.2 To provide an update on Directorate spending and budgets as at the end of quarter 2 (30<sup>th</sup> September 2024).

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That**

- 2.1 The Quarterly Monitoring Report (QMR) is accepted as the mechanism by which Elected Members can monitor and scrutinise progress going forward.

## **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 3.1 The format of the QMR has changed from what has been reported previously in order to comply with the new Corporate reporting template.
- 3.2 The content i.e. performance measures of the QMR have also changed from what has been reported previously in order to correlate with the priorities identified in the newly launched Children and Young People Plan (September 2024).
- 3.3 Quarter 1 QMR was presented to the CYP & Families PPB in the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024, in the old format with the old measures. This report is also for Q1 but reports on the new measures. At the time of compiling this QMR, the data for Q2 was not yet available. Doing this report for Q1 is to demonstrate the format and allow for comments so that any amendments can be made in preparation for future reporting.

## **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The priorities identified within the Children and Young People Plan inform policy development within Children's Services.

## **5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Budgetary decisions over the duration of the Children and Young People Plan 2024-2027 will be informed by performance information.

## **6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL PRIORITIES**

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

The Children and Young People's Plan is informed by Halton's Corporate Plan and reflects its key priorities for a Healthy Halton for Children and Young People.

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

Keeping our children local to Halton and improving their educational outcomes will build stronger communities, create better employment opportunities that will support talent within Halton to remain in Halton.

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

The Children and Young People's Plan is informed by Halton's Corporate Plan and reflects its key priorities for all Children and Young People in Halton.

### **6.4 Tackling Inequality and Helping Those Who Are Most in Need**

The Children and Young People's Plan considers the support, services and opportunities within the borough for vulnerable children and young people and their families.

### **6.5 Working Towards a Greener Future**

Reducing travel requirements for educational placements, visits and family time will reduce our carbon footprint.

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

Investing in organisations that wish to give back to the local Halton community.

## **7.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

- 7.1 Progress against each of the priorities identified within the plan will be tracked and inform future reports to the Policy & Performance Board

## **8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

- 8.1 The Children and Young Peoples Plan considers equality and diversity issues.

## **9.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**

None identified

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

None under the meaning of the Act.