

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

**DATE:** 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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

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

## **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 and content of the QMR was agreed by the Children, Young People & Families Policy and Performance Board in the meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024. It was updated to correlate with the priorities identified in the newly launched Children and Young People's Partnership Plan 2024 - 2027 and to comply with the new Corporate QMR reporting template.

## **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**

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.