

REPORT TO: Local Economy Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 15th September 2025

REPORTING OFFICER: Executive Director, Environment & Regeneration

PORTFOLIO: Employment, Learning, Skills and Community

SUBJECT: Presentation on Halton Business Investment & Growth Team

WARD(S) Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To provide a presentation to Members on the Business, Investment & Growth Team which will include an update on the UKSPF funded Business Support programme.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Policy and Performance Board receive and comment upon the verbal presentation.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 The Halton Business, Investment & Growth Team are currently delivering the UKSPF funded Halton Business Support Service which provides specialist support to Halton businesses. In addition the team are able to support local businesses with growth plans, property searches.

3.2 The Interim Regeneration & Business Growth Manager will provide a presentation outlining the range of current services offered to Halton businesses, progress on the delivery of the funded programmes and a view to post March-2026 when UKSPF funding comes to an end.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no policy implications associated with this report.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The programme is currently funded by UKSPF which runs to March 2026.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Improving Health, Promoting Wellbeing and Supporting Greater Independence

There are no implications associated with this report.

6.2 Building a Strong, Sustainable Local Economy

The team aims to support a range of activity designed to support companies to grow and create jobs which supports the local economy. The team also supports the councils inward investment activity, supporting development and providing growth opportunities for the economy.

6.3 Supporting Children, Young People and Families

There are no implications associated with this report.

6.4 Tackling Inequality and Helping Those Who Are Most In Need

There are no implications associated with this report.

6.5 Working Towards a Greener Future

There are no implications associated with this report.

6.6 Valuing and Appreciating Halton and Our Community

The business support service supports the local community and voluntary groups to make a difference in Halton through support to CICs and social enterprises.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 There are no risks associated with this report.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 There are no equality or diversity issues directly associated with this report.

9.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no implications associated with this report.

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

10.1 None under the meaning of the Act.