

**REPORT TO:** Urban Renewal Policy & Performance Board  
**DATE:** 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2009  
**REPORTING OFFICER:** Urban Renewal Co-ordinator  
**SUBJECT:** WNF Outturn Position & Achievements 2008/09

## **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report outlines the final financial outturn position and achievements of Urban Renewal projects receiving Working Neighbourhoods Fund (WNF) support. It also reflects a reprofiling of the 08/09 budget.

## **2 RECOMMENDATION**

That the report be noted.

## **3 BACKGROUND**

This Partnership approved the 2008/09 funding allocations for projects receiving WNF in January, 2008. This report was deferred from the 17<sup>th</sup> June 2009 UR PPB meeting, due to the high volume of business already being considered on that occasion..

## **4 UR FUNDING & ACHIEVEMENTS 08-09**

### **4.1 Funding 08/09**

Please see appendix to this Paper marked 'Agenda Item XX b)' which shows project's estimated expenditure position at the end of March, '09. This can be compared with the original allocations and the level of over/underspend, together with a notes section explaining any relevant issues.

It can be noted that, despite an overprofiling element having been added into the allocations profile (of £12,040), the total Urban Renewal project spend outturn position is almost bang on target, with a mere £132 overspend.

### **4.1 Achievements 08/09**

Please see Paper marked 'Agenda Item XX c)' which gives a textual update of progress of each of the urban renewal projects receiving funding support.

## **5 VARIATION OF 08/09 FUNDING**

In January, 2009, it was necessary to seek approval to vary the original funding allocations in light of new directives from the Audit Commission, whereby revenue expenditure could no longer be set against capital funding, even when working up capital projects.

For example, the Widnes Waterfront EDZ Programme had been allocated all capital funding for the year but had revenue elements of the programme to fund. It therefore became necessary to swap that capital funding for available WNF (which can be used for either capital or revenue) from other projects.

A revised programme of funding was subsequently developed and approval was sought from the Chief Executive Officer of Halton Borough Council, who has powers to approve such items, as delegated by the Halton Strategic Partnership Board. A table of these changes can be found at Paper marked 'Agenda Item XXd'.

It should be noted that the same total funding allocated to each project has remained the same. However, the type of funding has varied.

It should also be noted that two projects have been allowed to roll forward their Capital Priorities Funding (CPF - which is HBC Capital support), due to slippage on the programmes of work outside the control of the project managers. However, the Contaminated Land project has now lost its CPF underspend.

Capital Priorities Funding is no longer being made available to this programme of work, due to HBC budget constraints.

This information is being presented to this Partnership for information.