

APB VISIONING

Report to the APB

2nd March 2011

In establishing the Area Partnership Boards (APB) the Local Strategic Partnership defined a set of core terms of reference for the APB,

Key Purpose:

To provide differential services to meet differing needs across Cheshire West and Chester in order to improve outcomes for local communities.

Key Roles:

- develop local priorities through the analysis of research and intelligence, performance management, and local community engagement;
- develop Area Action Plans to meet local priorities and underpin the Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement;
- develop and deliver specific localised projects and initiatives, identified either through the Area Partnership Board, thematic partnerships or Local Strategic Partnership, to respond to local priorities and improve outcomes for local communities;
- commission services to meet local priorities through aligned budgets, discrete Area Partnership Board resources and external funding;
- develop local services through consultation with the Local Strategic Partnership and Thematic Boards;
- respond to the needs of local communities and support community engagement through the Community Forums;
- performance manage the priority Local Area Agreements and related National Indicators identified for each Area; and
- monitor and, where necessary, challenge strategic policies or resource allocations made by any partner agency which may have a detrimental effect on the local area.

At the last APB meeting it was agreed that there be a smaller APB membership and a change in structure and process to set up four sub-groups which has been warmly welcomed by all partners. In addition it was also agreed;

“The APB should create a vision for itself and N&RN, including aspirations, and effectively take an over-seeing role for the whole APB area”.

Although the APB has key roles listed above the APB has not created an overall vision for itself and the area and it is recommended that the APB members attend a development day.

The aims and objectives of the development day would be to;

- help the members of the APB agree their vision for the APB
- set key objectives
- agree a vision for the Northwich and Rural North area
- look at its role in terms of leadership
- give members an opportunity to get to know each other better.

At the end of the day APB members should be able to share;

- How to describe where they are headed in terms of what the place is like physically across Northwich and Rural North; how communities thrive; and how people enjoy a quality of life on a range of measures.
- That they have a clear view of the value that is added by the APB.
- That they appreciate the importance of, and the skills involved in, providing leadership that inspires others in Northwich and Rural North to rally behind their vision.

The budget sub-group decided to fund this development day but wanted to gain support from the remaining Board members.

The Area Manager has approached three companies all of whom came by recommendation to obtain their approach to running the development day. The companies are;

- Affirm4 based in Chester
- Tim Morton Engage Associates based in Leicester
- Universal Improvement Company based in Sheffield

All three companies are experienced and very capable of delivering the development day and achieving the outcomes. However Affirm4 also have a good knowledge of the area and the area working model in Cheshire West and Chester.

Recommendations;

1. The APB approve the development day
2. The APB allocate £1,500 to run the development day
3. The APB appoint Affirm4 to run the programme