



# Chester

## Area Partnership Board

### **Chester Area Partnership Board**

19<sup>th</sup> May 2011

CDHT, Centurion House

Chester

### **Minutes:**

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**Chair: John Denny**

#### **Present:**

#### **Board Members**

#### **Community & Voluntary Sector:**

Third Sector Assembly	Carol Berry (Interim representative)
Chester Communities Together	Avril Coady

#### **Private Sector:**

Chester & District Housing Trust	John Denny, Chair
Private Sector representative	Robin Norrie, Affirm 4

#### **Public Sector:**

Cheshire West and Chester Council	Charlie Seward
Community Forum representative	Cllr Adrian Walmsley, Cheshire West and Chester Council
Community Forum representative	Cllr Keith Board, Cheshire West and Chester Council
Chester Renaissance	Rita Waters
Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service	Simon Gibbins
NHS Western Cheshire	Pat Johnson
Cheshire Police	Insp. Ian Thorp
West Cheshire College	Sara Mogul
Job Centre Plus	Debbie Washington

**Advisors:**

Cheshire West and Chester Council	Alison Armstrong, LSP Director Michelle Talgam, Chester Area Manager Janet Walters, Community Engagement Officer Denise Hitchin, Partnerships Support Officer Hazel Job, Property Strategy and Information Jane Williamson, Property Strategy and Information Clare Latham, Adult Learning Manager
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**Observers:**

University of Chester	Laura Davies
Sustainable Blacon Ltd	Ged Edwards
Cheshire West and Chester Council	Gavin Butler Joanne Byrne Neil Massingham
Groundwork Trust Cheshire	Beth Brockett
Chester Inter-Faith Group	TK Al Jorani
Under-Graduate	David Wells
Marketing Projects CDHT	Phil Brotherhood

**Item 1: Apologies**

Community Forum representative	Cllr Reggie Jones, Cheshire West and Chester Council
University of Chester	Paul Kirkbright
Chester Inter-Faith Group	Keith Rycroft

**Item 2 : Minutes and Matters Arising**

***Summary of discussion***

Item 6: Alison Armstrong advised that the workshop in EP had been postponed until after the local government elections but was now due to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> May.

<b><i>Action Points:</i></b>	<b><i>Completion Date:</i></b>	<b><i>By:</i></b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>Ellesmere Port workshop to used to inform Chester APB's approach</i></li></ul>	<i>End of June</i>	<i>Alison Armstrong</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>Alison to bring Ellesmere Port APB LIS governance to future Chester APB meeting</i></li></ul>	<i>End of June</i>	<i>Alison Armstrong</i>

<b>Decision:</b>	<i>Minutes of meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2011 were approved as a correct and true record</i>
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**Item 3: Reshaping Partnerships**  
Michelle Talgam, CWAC

**Summary of discussion**

Michelle gave a presentation and tabled a report showing LSP changes made to date and under consideration. Please refer to the presentations slide on the website

[http://www.westcheshiretogether.org.uk/area\\_partnership\\_boards/chester\\_apb.aspx](http://www.westcheshiretogether.org.uk/area_partnership_boards/chester_apb.aspx)

She outlined a number of areas that the Board may wish to review and amend and set our work that Chester APB needs to complete in line with the other four APBs.

The Board supported the proposal to hold an away day and to look at the suggestions made in the presentation at that stage.

The consequences of public sector cuts on services in the Chester area, its communities and the work of partners was raised e.g. youth unemployment, business generation etc

IT highlighted how mental health issues prevalent in the local community were impacting on the Police at this time of cuts. PJ advised that there had been a Mental Health Local Implementation Team but this had been made up of health professionals only not organisations like Police and Fire.

SM and AA explained that LSP thematic groups - Business, Enterprise and Culture (due to creation of the Local Economic Partnership) and Environmental Sustainability had voted for their demise.

<b>Action Points:</b>	<b>Completion Date:</b>	<b>By:</b>
<i>Away Day to be arranged within 6- 8 weeks of this meeting and to have a free flowing agenda</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>Michelle</i>
<i>Information share from partners to take place before away day in 4 -6 weeks time</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>ALL</i>

<b>Decision:</b>	<i>The Board supported the proposal to hold a half day away day to look at the APB in current context of public sector reform, what its remit and priorities should be, how and who will deliver these and in what way.</i>
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<b>Item 4 : Chester Annual Community Engagement: First Draft</b> Michelle Talgam, CWAC		
<b>Summary of discussion</b>		
<i>As per paper</i>		
<b>Action Points:</b>	<b>Completion Date:</b>	<b>By:</b>
<i>Complete and return the Community Engagement &amp; Empowerment template to Chester Area Manager.</i>	<i>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2011</i>	<i>Board Members and Partner Organisations</i>
<b>Decision:</b>	<p><i>It was agreed that</i></p> <p><i>i) All board members would complete and return the attached template for the organisations they represent to the Chester Area Manager by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2011</i></p> <p><i>ii) Ask other partner organisations, delivering community engagement and empowerment services and activities in the Chester area, that they work with / support to complete and return the template as above</i></p>	

### **Housing & Environmental Sustainability**

<b>Item 5 : Proposed Countess of Chester Community Park: Consultation Stage</b> Beth Brockett, Groundwork
<b>Summary of discussion</b>
<p>Beth present the public consultation on the proposed country park</p> <p>SM suggest that the involvement of Modern Apprenticeships and the Princes Trust be considered</p> <p>TK asked if the site would impact on the proposed Blacon cemetery extension</p> <p>Please see consultation documents online</p> <p><a href="http://www.northwest.groundwork.org.uk/cheshire/news--events/news/2011/countess-public-consultation.aspx">http://www.northwest.groundwork.org.uk/cheshire/news--events/news/2011/countess-public-consultation.aspx</a></p>

<b>Action Points:</b>  <i>Online questionnaire to be emailed to all APB members so they can response on behalf of their organisations</i>	<b>Completion Date:</b>  <i>Done</i>	<b>By:</b>  <i>Michelle</i>
<b>Decision:</b>	<i>The Board noted the consultation and gave its continued support to this APB project</i>	

<b>Item 6 : CWAC / CDHT Joint Working Initiatives and Housing Update</b> John Denny, CDHT		
<b>Summary of discussion</b>		
<b>Action Points:</b>	<b>Completion Date:</b>	<b>By:</b>
<b>Decision:</b>	<i>Deferred</i>	

<b>Item 7 : Sustainable Blacon</b> Ged Edwards, Sustainable Blacon Ltd		
<b>Summary of discussion</b>  The key message is person-to-person change is the way of changing behaviours to ensure environmental responsibly by individuals  Please see the website for a copy of the presentation slides:  <a href="http://www.westcheshiretogether.org.uk/area_partnership_boards/chester_apb.aspx">http://www.westcheshiretogether.org.uk/area_partnership_boards/chester_apb.aspx</a>		
<b>Action Points:</b>  <i>A visit to demonstration houses in Blacon to be set up for Board members</i>	<b>Completion Date:</b>  <i>June / July</i>	<b>By:</b>  <i>Michelle Talgam / Ged Edwards</i>
<b>Decision:</b>	<i>Board noted the progress with this initiative and the invitation to visit the demonstration houses</i>	

## Safer and Stronger

<b>Item 8 : Changes in Policing in Chester</b> Insp Ian Thorp, Cheshire Police		
<b>Summary of discussion</b>  IT outlined the changes to the 2 Neighbourhood Policing Teams locally – Inner and Outer Chester  The Police have worked hard since the reorganisation, to supply, maintain and improve the standard of service. There have been a few changes. Some units have merged and there has been a change in the Inspectors role.  The teams are now on a shift pattern. There is one extra sergeant, whose skills are also utilised as a duty officer.  In addition there is an Operational Support Team brought from HQ, to help where needed, under the division banner.  There is a change in dealing with call handling and as a result Cheshire has now gone from worst in the country to first.		
<b>Action Points:</b>  N/a	<b>Completion Date:</b>	<b>By:</b>
<b>Decision:</b>	<i>The Board noted the changes that had taken place and the additional resources that it brings to the Chester area</i>	

<b>Item 9 : Designated Public Place Order (DPPO) Consultation - Chester</b> Joanne Byrne, Community Safety, CWAC		
<b>Summary of discussion</b>  Joanne advised that the proposals could be enforced by both the police and uniformed officers, which includes community safety wardens, but would only apply to adults who are drinking in public places and are at risk at being involved in alcohol related nuisance behaviours.		
<b>Action Points:</b>  <i>Response to be sent on behalf of the APB as set out below</i>	<b>Completion Date:</b>  <i>Done – 19<sup>th</sup> May</i>	<b>By:</b>  <i>Michelle</i>

<b>Decision:</b>	<p>The Chester Area Partnership Board supported the creation of DPPO by Cheshire West and Chester Council for all of the Chester area subject to :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ the boundary of the DPPO being be revised to take into account recent Boundary Commission changes to the ward boundary of Upton and</li> <li>▪ inclusion of the site of the proposed country park adjacent to the Countess of Chester Hospital</li> </ul>
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### Health and Well-Being

<b>Item 10 : Chester Heart City : Launch</b> Michelle Talgam, CWAC		
<b>Summary of discussion</b>  Michelle announced the launch had taken place which John Denny had attend on behalf of the board		
<b>Action Points:</b>  <i>Action plan to be brought back in due course</i>	<b>Completion Date:</b>  <b>On-going</b>	<b>By:</b>  <i>APB partners / BHF</i>
<b>Decision:</b>	<i>The Board noted the launch of this initiative and the need for future work and involvement to maximise the benefits for Chester residents</i>	

<b>Item 11 : Public Health Report</b> Pat Johnson, NHS Western Cheshire		
<b>Summary of discussion</b> Pat advised that the report was being written for this year in order to engage wider audience by including an area focus  Input is therefore needed from partners to tell the health and wellbeing stories; Michelle supporting Pat on this		
<b>Action Points:</b>  <i>Draft report to be circulated to the APB for input in due course</i>	<b>Completion Date:</b>  <i>On-going</i>	<b>By:</b>  <i>Pat / Michelle</i>

<b>Decision:</b>	<i>Noted</i>
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### Children and Young People

#### **Items 12 & 13 : Teenage Pregnancy Strategy & Child Poverty Strategy**

Neil Massingham, CWAC

##### ***Summary of discussion***

Neil set out that in the borough that 41% of live births are to teenage mums. 52% of pregnancies end in terminations

The statistics show there is higher level of teenage pregnancy in areas of deprivation, where there are low educational achievements and girls have lower self esteem and opportunities. Teenage mothers are also unlikely to be in employment or training (NEETs).

There is a need for better sex and relationship education in all schools and signposting to where young people / women can obtain support. Performance drama with Queens Park High and Blacon High Schools has been one successful way of informing and advising young people and enabling them to make life choices.

To effectively deliver SRE in schools, there needs to be engagement with young people including those in affluent areas where TP also occurs but is more likely to result in termination

Family Nurse Partnerships have been successfully developed in America and have resulted in a reduction in teenage pregnancy. As a result a Family Nurse Partnership is being developed in Ellesmere Port in partnership with NHS Western Cheshire Primary Care Trust; this will cost in the region of £300K.

It was noted that the statistics demonstrate that the most need is in Winsford; this area is covered by NHS Central and Eastern PCT

IT asked if you can predict and therefore target particular individuals who are most likely to become teenage mums? Neil advised that it is possible to identify these girls at the ages of 7-8 years due to their levels of self esteem.

It was identified that there is not a common approach to tackling TP hence the strategy has been developed; there is no longer a TP Co-ordinator post.

The question was posed as to what was being asked from the Chester APB and what could it do about this issue?

<b>Action Points:</b>  <i>N/a</i>	<b>Completion Date:</b>	<b>By:</b>
<b>Decision:</b>	<i>i) The Strategy was noted</i>  <i>ii) The Board agreed to consider the appropriateness of topics which are not locality specific at its Away Day</i>	

**Date of next Board Meetings:**

- Board meeting : 14 July 2011 from 2.00-4.00 pm, CDHT 's Offices to be combined with the Away Day
- Please see the Forward Plan for future dates