



Chester

Area Partnership Board

**Chester Area Partnership Board
29th September, 2011
Chester & District Housing Trust's Offices
Northgate St
Chester**

Minutes:

Chair: John Denny

Present:

Board Members

Community & Voluntary Sector:

Third Sector Assembly	Carol Berry (Interim representative)
Chester Inter-Faith Group	Keith Rycroft
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	Cllr Jill Houlbrook, Community Forum representative for Upton, Hoole & Newtown
Cheshire Police	Insp Ian Thorp
Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service	Simon Gibbins
Chester Renaissance	Rita Waters
NHS Western Cheshire	Lydia Orford (deputising for Pat Johnson)
University of Chester	Kay Kent (deputising for Paul Kirkbright)
West Cheshire College	Sara Mogel

Advisors

Cheshire West and Chester Council	Michelle Talgam, Chester Area Manager Denise Hitchin, Partnerships Support Officer Jan Walters, Chester Community Engagement Officer
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Observers

CDHT / Blacon Asset Management Company (BAMCo)	Martin Carey
Blacon Community Trust	Clare Babbs, Interim Chair
NHS Western Cheshire	David Parry Laura Marsh

Item 2: Apologies

Cheshire West and Chester Council	Charlie Seward, Director of Regeneration & Culture
	Alison Armstrong, LSP Director
	Cllr Adrian Walmsley
	Cllr Reggie Jones
	Cllr Tom Parry
	Janet Gittins, Blacon Neighbourhood Manager
	Clare Latham, Adult Learning
Job Centre Plus	Debbie Washington
Cheshire Police	Detective Inspector Steve Beddows, NPU Outer
Connexions	Karen Cove
Chester University	Paul Kirkbright
NHS Western Cheshire	Pat Johnson

Item 3 : Minutes and Matters Arising

Summary of discussion

N/a

Action Points:

Item 2: Teenage Pregnancy Strategy – it was reported that as a result of restructuring in Children’s Services Neil Massingham was leaving the Council shortly. His role was not being continued but Paula Ross has been named as an interim contact. Michelle to follow up the issue about how the TP Strategy will be delivered in the Chester area with Paula with a view to an item for January meeting

NB. Paula to advise Michelle of how TP will be managed and delivered once review work completed end of Nov / early Dec

Item 3: One City Plan: Rather than holding the proposed special meeting to discuss People and Communities theme of the One City Plan, individual Board members will be able to have one-2-one meetings with Chester Renaissance to enable them to input to this section

Completion Date:

End of October

End of October

By:

Michelle Talgam/ Paula Ross

All via Gemma Easter, Chester Renaissance

<p><i>which is of particular relevance to the work of the Board.</i></p> <p><i>Item 8: Chester the Giant City – the Board was advised that despite several officers attempting to set up the agreed working group meeting with Chester Giants it had not been possible to set this up. It was therefore agreed no further action should be taken on this item but the Board's disappointment was noted</i></p>	<p>N/a</p>	<p>N/a</p>
<p>Decision:</p>	<p><i>i) Minutes of meeting on 14th July 2011 were approved as a correct and true record</i></p> <p><i>ii) In addition it was noted that the approved DPPO is coterminous with the APB Boundary</i></p>	

<p>Item 4: Developing and Delivering the Chester Area Action Plan, 2011 -13</p>		
<p>Summary of discussion</p> <p>In relation to Member involvement in the development and delivery of the Area Action Plan Cllr Houlbrook suggested that the links with members budgets could be explored and that she would be willing to work on this item. Michelle advised she had started some further work on this. Likewise Lydia expressed an interested to support this work.</p> <p>The Board considered the paper on Area Action Plan and identified concerns about need to ensure added value and additionality. One way of ensuring improved outcomes to be considered is through a creative procurement process.</p> <p>The networking that the APB affords to partners and the spin off benefits from this were highlighted and consideration is to be given to holding regular networking events as part of further discussion on the Action Plan</p> <p>It was suggest that a sub-group meeting should be held to discuss and decide upon the key area priorities and the most appropriate way forward for partners to develop and deliver the Chester Area Action Plan.</p>		
<p>Action Points:</p> <p><i>Meeting to look at ways of ensuring member involvement in the Chester Area Action Plan to be held</i></p> <p><i>Sub-group meeting to discuss development of the Chester Area Action Plan to be held</i></p>	<p>Completion Date:</p> <p><i>End of October</i></p> <p><i>End of October</i></p>	<p>By:</p> <p><i>Cllr Houlbrook, Lydia Orford, Michelle Talgam</i></p> <p><i>John Denny, Pat Johnson, Rita Waters, Robin Norrie, Sara Mogel, Michelle Talgam</i></p>

Decision:	<p>i) <i>The Board approved the Community Engagement Action Plan for the next 6 months</i></p> <p>ii) <i>The Board Chair agreed to set up a meeting to discuss and decide upon the key area priorities and the most appropriate way forward for partners to develop and deliver the Chester Area Action Plan</i></p> <p>iii) <i>Any outstanding issues requiring a decision after this stage to be delegated to the Chair</i></p>
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Housing & Environmental Sustainability

Item 5: CWAC / CDHT Joint Working Initiatives and Housing Update		
John Denny, Chief Executive, CDHT		
Summary of discussion		
John informed the Board about the merger between CDHT and Cosmopolitan Housing Association and his new role as Group Chief Executive.		
He outlined the success of the consortium approach to securing £20m investment from Homes and Communities Agency's Affordable Rent Programme. This will see the establishment of the Cheshire Housing Consortium which will be spending £125.5 million on building 1,058 affordable homes across Merseyside, Cheshire and Warrington by March 2015. He highlighted that this represents a significant allocation of the grant pot from HCA. The consortium is made up of Cosmopolitan Housing Association, Chester & District Housing Trust and Wulvern Housing and the programme is being supported by partners, including Cheshire West & Chester Council, Cheshire East Council and Warrington Borough Council.		
Action Points:	Completion Date:	By:
N/a		
Decision:	<i>The report and successes were noted and welcomed by the Board</i>	

Item 6 : Blacon Community Trust : Update		
Clare Babbs, Interim Chair, BCT		
Summary of discussion		
Clare highlighted the steps that the charity have undertaken in financial management and governance and acknowledged the support and assistance given by CWAC to help ensure the charity with this. In order to achieve this, some very tough decisions have been taken and as a result there has been a need to make redundancies to secure the future operation of the charity.		
Action Points:	Completion Date:	By:
N/a		
Decision:	<i>The Board thanked Clare for providing this update</i>	

Item 7 : Blacon Asset Management Company : Progress Report

Martin Carey, CDHT

Summary of discussion

Martin reported that much progress has been made and a service audit and draft business plan has been produced. The legal structure of the company has been drawn up and steps have been taken to ensure that the proposal will be compliant with procurement regulations. In November a report will be going to CWAC's Executive for a decision – this will link to a report to the Executive on the Blacon Parade redevelopment which will recommend activating this project.

Action Points:

N/a

Completion Date:**By:****Decision:**

Further progress reports to be brought back to the Board in due course

Item 8 : Proposed Countess of Chester Country Park Update

Michelle Talgam, Chester Area Manager, CWAC

Summary of discussion

The positive results of the extensive public and stakeholder consultation set out in the consultation report produced by Groundwork Cheshire were shared with the Board; there appears to be overwhelming support for the project:

- 531 responses received
- 96% thought the park proposals were a good idea
- 95% stated they would use the site (an increase of 36% compared with current informal usage)
- 106 people have expressed an interest in getting involved with the park

In addition positive discussions with the Homes and Communities Agency have commenced; HCA are the main landowner on the site of the proposed park. A business plan is being produced for the development and management of the park as part of a business case for support from HCA and other potential funders and project partners.

Action Points:

N/a

Completion Date:**By:****Decision:**

Progress with this on-going APB project was noted and further reports to be brought back in due course

Health and Well-Being**Item 9 : Chester Heart City Update**

Michelle Talgam, Chester Area Manager, CWAC

Summary of discussion

Michelle advised that a first meeting of the Heart City and Town Steering Group for both Chester and Ellesmere Port had been held. A 3 day Heart Health Roadshow had been held during August in the Town Hall Square, Chester and a further one is planned for the Autumn. A survey of local health needs was carried out as part of this by NHS Western Cheshire / Chester Healthy Living Centre and CWAC Area Working to support this. A balloon race to be held in 2012 in Chester to raise funds for British Heart Foundation is also being planned.

Action Points:

N/a

Completion Date:**By:****Decision:***Noted***Item 10: Development of Annual Public Health Report**

Pat Johnston, NHS Western Cheshire

Summary of discussion

Pat presented this year's Public Health Report and highlighted for the first time the report focuses on health and wellbeing across the localities, on the each five Area Partnership Board areas, and identifies the challenges that people in different areas face and the successes that have been achieved.

Link to the Public Health Report 2011

http://www.wcheshirepct.nhs.uk/default.asp?page=publications/reports/Public_Health_Report_2011.asp

Link to the Chester area sections

http://www.wcheshirepct.nhs.uk/viewer.asp?docname=../data/publications/reports/Annual_Report_2011/Annual_Report_2011_-_Part_1_-_WEBHigh_res_-_Pages_13-20.pdf

Action Points:

N/a

Completion Date:**By:****Decision:***Noted in particular the breakdown and achievements by APB area***Item 10: Northgate Development: Health Aspects and Community Engagement**

David Parry and Laura Marsh, NHS Western Cheshire

Summary of discussion

Northgate
Presentation Sept 11

The health provision aspect development proposal was outlined on the site of the former Delamere Street bus station in Chester; it was noted this was one element of the development.

The proposal is to develop a new purpose-built Integrated Care Centre by April 2013 into which 4 local practices - The Elms Medical Centre, Hoole Road Surgery, Northgate Village Surgery and Northgate Medical Centre and number of community services currently provided from St Martin's Clinic and Upton Clinic will relocate. It was noted that the GP Practices will be located in the same building but will not be combined; each will retain its own identity etc.

The Care Centre will provide physiotherapy, podiatry, and dentistry and other services currently provided in the hospital that can be more effectively provided in a community setting. There will also be diagnostic services and a modern operating facility for minor procedures. Other facilities planned are a pharmacy, an opticians and a cafe. The building will be able to accommodate other frontline health staff e.g. District Nursing, Community Matrons, social care team. Parking will be available below the healthcare centre in the multi-storey car park.

<p>Action Points:</p> <p>N/a</p>	<p>Completion Date:</p>	<p>By:</p>
<p>Decision:</p>	<p><i>Noted</i></p>	

Date of next Board Meeting:

- 12th January 2012 from 2.00 - 4.00 pm, CDHT 's Offices