

Environmental Sustainability Thematic Group Draft Notes of meeting on 18th May 2010

1: Attending:	
Groundwork, Cheshire	Jane Staley, (Chair), Executive Director
Western Cheshire NHS	Jim Hughes, Director of Strategy and Performance Improvement
Cheshire Fire & Rescue	John Salt, CW&C Unitary Manager
Environment Agency	Nicky Rushden, Inner Mersey Environment Management Team Leader
V&E Associates	Vanessa Tucker, Growing Strategy Coordinator
Cheshire West and Chester Council	Cllr. Lynn Riley, Community & Environment Portfolio Holder Steve Kent, Director of Community & Environment Alison Amesbury, Housing Strategy Andrea Mageean, Partnerships Manager Angela Davies, Performance Manager Nicola Samuels, Risk Management Jeanette Dodd, Planning and Transport Peter Bulmer, Climate Change Team Leader
Apologies:	Cllr. Neil Ritchie, Environment Portfolio Holder Helen De Lemos, Waste Strategy Manager

2: Outstanding actions (24 th March 2010)	Second Homes taxation: questions over route of funding: Action: Alison Armstrong/ PB
3: Accessibility paper	<p>Jeanette Dodd talked through the previously circulated paper (attached). The group agreed that it would receive progress reports on delivery and encourage engagement in this work.</p> <p>Discussion: Recommended link to Health & Well Being group and to Joy Gill, NHS: JH to supply contact details for JD</p> <p>Western Cheshire NHS developing Asset Management Plan and this will take on board Access issues, Community based access issues. There is a need to link to Transforming Community Services. Action JD to follow up with JH</p> <p>There is a need to consider how this work fits into the Sustainable Community Strategy and the LDF: JD to follow up</p> <p>Also links into Regeneration and Rural Housing issues and connections to Older Persons Housing Strategy: JD to follow-up with AA</p> <p>Comments about missed opportunities from review of Age Concern service delivery</p> <p>Need to share the Accession software mapping and other accessibility resources for the benefit of other organisations, especially in decision regarding physical location of services.</p> <p>Recommended follow up with APBs and Community Forums: Action JD</p>

<p>4: Sustainable Community Strategy: Next Steps: Delivery</p>	<p>SCS launched 27th May: Available via: http://www.westcheshiretogether.org.uk/PDF/SCS_2010-2026_Final.pdf Andrea and Jane led the group discussion on how to help delivery and talked through attached paper from Jane. All to consider adding to table (attached) NI Leads to update Need to build link to LTP3, APB's, Community Forum, enable groups Agreed to develop and promote a Sustainability Charter or similar, example from Vale Royal AA to work with J Salt on Commitment 10 Links to affordable water management, SK to talk through Flood & Water Management Act: Implications and Opportunities at next meeting</p>
<p>5: Growing Strategy</p>	<p>Lynn introduced this item along with Vanessa. Strategy and Action Plan (attached) captures growing interest in this area. Documents prepared and going to Members Working Group. Need to identify links to National Indicator set: Action VT. Welcome wider involvement of Partners JH agreed to pass on details of Public Health Team to make contact with VT All to read and comment upon Links to Food, National Pilot for Landbanks, Community Forum links to apply for funding JS: Links to F&RS, Justice, Alcohol etc. PB to link with Low Carbon Communities and the Cheshire & Warrington Sustainability Alliance theme year of Food and Drink (event details attached)</p>
<p>5: Risk Assessment of the ESTG</p>	<p>Nicola talked through an update version of the risk assessment table. J Salt agreed to take the lead and work with NS to develop the table further</p>
<p>6: NI delivery plans</p>	<p>Peter circulated NI 186 Update, (attached). Waste & Roads deferred Verbal update from AA: 385 New Affordable Homes in 2009/10, 250 target, issues of Funding, Property Ladder, housing Association cuts, Links with Affordable Warmth Strategy. More detailed update at next meeting: AA Angela needs all delivery plans completed and signed off by Jane and returned: Action: NI Leads</p>
<p>7: Future Meetings</p>	<p>22nd June (9.30am, Room 2.4 HQ, Chester) 27th July (am) 24th August (am) 21st September (am) 26th October (am) 23rd November (am) 14th December (am)</p>

Signed (Chair):

Date:



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