

Local Councillors and officers from Cheshire West and Chester Council met with local residents today at the first Community Forum in the area.

The Community Forums are designed to allow local people to have the opportunity to speak to their Councillors and the people responsible for the day to day running of the new Authority, within their own area, to raise issues that are important to them and to help guide the new Authority to find ways to improve the geographical areas it oversees.



Today's Forum was held at the Memorial Hall in Willaston, and was attended by all six Councillors representing local wards. There were also Council staff present, including representatives from Housing Management, Highways, Transport and the Local Area Partnership Board.

Members of the public were asked to jot down their ideas on two large notices - one entitled "What is working well in your area?" and

the other "What are the priorities for improving your area?" Here are a few of the ideas people added:

Working Well

- Refuse Collection and Recycling
- Street Cleaning
- Access to local Councillors
- Community Forum initiative

Priorities for Improvement

- Pavements and footpaths
- Parking - policing and behaviours
- Insufficient information available due to free papers no longer being delivered
- Cyber Centre for Willaston

The intention now is for the Councillors and officers to take away these and other points raised and come back to the next Forum with some answers.

Community Forums will take place at least four times a year in the area. Details of the next one will be announced as soon as the date and time are confirmed.



