Item 3a:

One City Plan: Public Consultation

Additional Paper

All members of the Chester APB have received links to the One City Plan draft consultation document on Chester Renaissance's website. www.chesterrenaissance.co.uk

The main document is a 50 page brochure which sets out why the One City Plan has been prepared, its purpose, relationship with the statutory planning framework process, an analysis of the City of Now, proposed actions and recommended projects for the 15 year timeframe of the Plan under 4 key themes and initial recommendations of delivery mechanisms and structures:-

i) 'People and Communities'
ii) 'Business and Investment'
iii) 'Living City',
iv) 'Transport and Movement'

As the Board has already received a presentation on the background and context of One City Plan document at a previous meeting, at this meeting the focus will be on the People and Communities theme and will enable the Board to consider and comment on the key actions within this theme.

These are found on pages 16 and 17 of the document and are outlined below:

ACTION 1: Chester will focus on enhancing the health and well-being of residents.

ACTION 2: Residents will be encouraged to use improved and new natural, green and recreational spaces for exercise and enjoyment. (This includes Grosvenor Park, Shropshire Union Canal and River Dee corridor in particular).

ACTION 3: Effective planning for the growth in the number of older people.

ACTION 4: Greater targeting of skills, learning and social support towards neighbourhoods (enabling communities in the suburb areas to benefit from the economic potential of the city centre).

ACTION 5: Support the city's development as a low carbon economy.

ACTION 6: Genuine engagement and involvement of the city's communities and neighbourhoods.

ACTION 7: Deliver a supply of new homes to meet the needs and demands of existing and future residents and families.

ACTION 8: Attract a greater diversity of residents (to reside in the centre - includes affordable and market housing, family housing, accommodating student population within/in close proximity to the city centre).

ACTION 9: Improve resident and visitor safety and perceptions of safety at all times of day and evening.

The Board will be asked to consider the above actions and respond and discuss the following questions during the meeting:

1. Have we captured all of the challenges and issues that are key for People and Communities in Chester? If now, what's missing?

2. Do you feel the Actions are appropriate and cover what needs to be done? Are there any missing?

3. Under which actions do you feel your organisation can play a role (including a leading role)?

4. How do you see your organisation feeding into the One City Plan?