

Report Heading: Neighbourhood Update

Purpose of the Report:

To advise the Area Partnership Board of the progress in developing the 10 Neighbourhood Plans for Ellesmere Port, and how they will compliment the Governments ambition through the Localism Bill to make the "community voice count".

From 1st April 2011, these plans will provide direction and priorities for full delivery under the developing the Local Integrated Service model.

Recommendations:

The Area Partnership Board supports the plans and also assists in the implementation of the priorities identified by residents and partners.

Local Integrated Services

Cheshire West and Chester has been selected to be one of 9 pilots across the country to develop an integrated service model for Ellesmere Port. The proposal the authority put forward builds on the themes the Area Partnership Board has already agreed.

The approach we want to adopt is to directly make a difference by improving our offer to local residents through actively involving local residents in identifying local priorities, commissioning services and influencing service delivery in their locality.

Funding streams must be simplified and pooled within areas and directed towards early intervention programmes, where possible community-led, to deliver significant improvements in public sector outcomes.

Theme	Service Reviews:
Community Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Illegal Money Lending○ Domestic Abuse○ Anti-social Behaviour
Best Start in Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Enhanced Safeguarding Service○ Focus on 0-5 Health and Wellbeing○ Review of Children's Centres○ Integration of GP commissioning and focus

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Housing & Neighbourhoods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Improved Environmental offer o Enhancing the Housing Management Offer
Governance & Commissioning Framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Review of the current governance structures including how Community Forums and APB operate o Developing a Commissioning Framework linked to Service Reviews and identifying most appropriate delivery partners
Single Resource Plan	Identification of local authority spend in Ellesmere Port – in the longer term as service reviews are completed this will be enhance to identify the partnership contribution to the individual services being delivered
Removing the Barriers to Work	Review of Employment Services Team Implementation of the HEET approach linked to Prime Contractors delivering the work programme Enhancing the Enterprise Offer

The LIS is a phased approach and although the authority has indicated a start date of April 2011 the foundation blocks of developing an integrated offer have commenced. However the authority and its partners recognise the issues we need to address will take time and we have identified a 10-year strategy for Ellesmere Port. But each of the service reviews whilst being Cheshire West and Chester wide will initially focus resources in Ellesmere Port to make the difference this partnership wants to see.

Attached to this Report in Appendix 1 is the overall project plan for the LIS programme.

Neighbourhood Plans:

The Our Place management team have now divided Ellesmere Port into 10 definite neighbourhoods to enable a more direct, targeted delivery across the town that will hopefully eradicate duplication and the costs of delivery of projects to neighbourhoods where not required.

An example of this being a neighbourhood predominately made up of elderly residents due to house type and location does not require youth activities or teenage pregnancy advice / projects.

The 10 neighbourhoods have now been adopted by many partner agencies and other directorates within CWAC in the same manner to again allow multi agency 'plotting' of works and benchmarking of priorities.

Each plan now contains a 'pen picture' introduction of the bespoke neighbourhood, outlining what facilities and amenities each one has, what type of residential stock and also some key statistics around health inequalities, worklessness, child poverty, employment opportunities and general data relative to that particular community. They then outline what priorities are required in each neighbourhood with some correlation to current Our Place delivery and projects.

The plans have so far been through 3 distinctive stages –

Stage 1 – Data and narrative collection

Stage 2 – Officer input and amendments

Stage 3 – Resident challenge and amendment

In order to establish that the plans are indeed correct and have the priorities that communities want and aspire to, we held a 'challenge' event on February 2nd which saw over 100 local residents, of mixed age and tenure sit alongside key officers of CWAC, partner agencies and Ward Members to discuss what had already been included in the plans.

Localism Bill & Neighbourhood Plans:

The Government have introduced a Bill to Parliament on 13 December 2010 and on 17th January 2011 the House of Commons debated the main principles of the Bill.

There are many aspects to the Bill, but its key provisions that will impact on delivering the aims and ambitions of the Area Partnership Board are highlighted below. It is anticipated that the Bill will be enacted late 2011/early 2012.

- Giving residents the power to instigate local referendums on any local issue and the power to veto excessive council tax increases
- Allowing councils more discretion over business rate relief
- Providing new powers to help save local facilities and services threatened with closure, and giving voluntary and community groups the right to challenge local authorities over their services
- Give local authorities the power to limit who can apply for social housing within their areas
- Amend the Community Infrastructure Levy, which allows councils to charge developers to pay for infrastructure. Some of the revenue will be available for the local community
- Provide for neighbourhood development plans, which would be approved if they received 50% of the votes cast in a referendum. For the first time, local communities will be able to prepare their own, statutory planning framework for their areas.
- Provide for neighbourhood development orders to allow communities to approve development without requiring normal planning consent

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****Attached – Locality Work Plan**

Locality Working Action Plan

Action Ref	Action	Lead Officer	Agenda date
1	To draw up the proposed locality geography, taking into account the new ward boundaries, Town & Parish Council boundaries, current models of services design and delivery (including that of partners), asset clusters and community association; January 2011	Alison Armstrong	31/1/11
2	Produce high level locality profiles for each area (drawing on key statistics, community survey intelligence and MOSAIC data); February 2011	Bev Wilson	17/1/11
3	Each locality to produce an annual community engagement programme with local residents rationalising and enhancing the approaches and activities of all public sector partners; March 2011	Joanne Jones	14/2/11
4	As part of the above, a review of the Community Forums across the borough be undertaken in the context of emerging new approaches to community engagement and empowerment; May 2011	Alison Armstrong	17/1/11
5	Each locality to establish Residents Advisory Panels; Phase 1 is the 10 neighbourhoods in Ellesmere Port; March 2011 – David Tai; Phase 2 All identified neighbourhoods; October 2011	David Tai	28/2/11
6	Each locality to produce an annual Neighbourhood Plans agreed by the local Resident Advisory Panel; March 2011	David Tai	28/2/11
7	Establish a fully-funded Single Resource Plan for Ellesmere Port in response to the 10 Neighbourhood Plans; April 2011	Maria O'Brien/Alistair Jeffs	14/2/11
8	To establish Local Integrated Services Teams with a Single Resource Plan and budget in each Locality; April 2011	Maria O'Brien/Alistair Jeffs	14/2/11

9	Identify a Single Resource Budget for Ellesmere Port by March 2011 and for all Localities by March 2012	Charlotte Wynn	7/2/11
10	Finalise Local Integrated Service staffing structure and second staff into roles in Ellesmere Port by March 2011 and for all Localities by March 2012	Maria O'Brien/Alistair Jeffs	14/2/11
11	Identify a 'Kickstart' Neighbourhood engagement and locality working budget of approx, £150k - £250k per LIS – depending on population size by February 2011 – Charlotte Wynn	Charlotte Wynn	7/2/11
12	Implement a locally-based integrated CRM solution based upon the Social Care records (Liquid Logic) and the Council's CRM system (Lagan) to ensure a single record for individuals across the public sector services by May 2011	Dermot Lacey.	Via email
13	Service Area Review – Domestic Violence ; June 2011	Angela Davies/Rupert Adams	24/1/11
14	Service Area Review – Anti Social Behaviour; June 2011	Mel Williams	7/2/11
15	Service Area Review – Children's Locality Services & Family Intervention; October 2011	Neil Massingham	21/2/11
16	Service Area Review - Teenage Pregnancies - end date October 2011	Neil Massingham	21/2/11
17	Service Area Review – Loans, Savings & Debt Advice; June 2011	Michelle Edwards	7/2/11
18	Service Area Review – Public Realm; October 2011	Gavin Butler	21/2/11
19	Service Area Review – HHEET & Worklessness ; June 2011	Maria O'Brien	31/1/11
20	Service Area Review – Commissioning; June 2011	Carly Brown	31/1/11
21	A financial business case for the implementation of Locality Working 2011 – 2014 will be produced by March 2011	Charlotte Wynn	7/2/11
22	Develop and agree a detailed new governance model for Locality Working to reflect the different	Alison Armstrong	28/2/11

	roles, responsibilities and accountabilities of the Residents Advisory Panels, Area partnership Boards and Local Cabinets/Scrutiny Panels and clarify the relationship between these elements and other local or sub-national mechanisms (e.g. Regeneration Boards, etc) by March 2011		
23	Enhanced Community-led Services – Trinity Methodist Church	David Tai	28/2/11
24	Promote Innovation – Staff-Comments	Denise Tideswell	28/2/11
25	Enhanced Volunteering Support-Mentoring – Capacity Building	Jo Jones	14/2/11