

**RURAL WEST AREA PARTNERSHIP BOARD
MALPAS FIRE STATION
13 OCTOBER 2009
(9:30am – 10:50pm)**

Meeting Summary Action Points

Welcome and introductions

Present

Alison Roylance-White - Cheshire Community Action (Chair)
Alison Armstrong – LSP Director, CWaC
Rob Callow – Area Manager Rural West, CWaC
Martin Dowle - Cheshire Fire Service
Inspector Phil Hodgson - Cheshire Constabulary
Pat Johnson – Western Cheshire PCT
Steve Kent – Director of Environment, CWaC
Paul Knight - Chester & District Housing Trust
Cllr Kay Loch - CWaC
Inspector Mark McGloughlin – Cheshire Police Partnerships
Cllr Stuart Parker - CWaC
Roger Parkin – Cheshire Association of Local Councils (ChALC)
Patrick Sebastian – Area Working, CWaC

Notes from last meeting

Action points from previous meeting were agreed. Rob Callow informed that Terms of Reference had now been circulated to all APB members.

APB, LSP, Local Area Agreement Priorities and Community Forums – joining it up

Alison Armstrong provided an explanation of the 4 key elements of the Area Working Framework. Namely:

- Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) of which the APB Chair is a member.
- Thematic Groups – partnership bodies covering key areas borough wide.
- Area Partnership Board (APB) – providing a spotlight on geographic communities.
- Community Forums – established as a Local Authority led entity for engaging with communities, but also providing opportunity for engagement with partnership organisations.

Highlighted the need to work together to ensure that strong /robust connections are made. It was noted that information sharing is already well established.

Explained that Thematic Group Chair meetings take place on a monthly basis.

LAA – delivery plan in final year. Reward Grant if successful in hitting targets. Maximum £2m goes to LSP.

ACTION POINT

APB Chairs to attend Thematic Group Chair meetings.	Actioned by AA
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Revised Area Priorities and Project Proposals

Rob Callow introduced item, referral to Community Aspiration Template, the link between the ABP and LSP structure. Level of uncertainty exists in terms of the APB focus - delivery of Local Area Agreement (LAA) ?

Discussion of the initial meeting of the APB and its agreement to reflect thematic priorities, delivering locally, and providing added value. Reference to the difficulties faced in Rural West – statistically showing the area as ‘performing well’ in terms of the Place Survey.

Agreed focus on 2–3 key themes:

- Young People
- Public Transport
- Access to Services

Papers circulated providing detail of Action / Interventions (see appended document).

Need identified for improved communications between the APB and other tiers of the Area Working Framework.

ACTION POINT

Liaison with Thematic Groups. Further discussion with partner organisations to identify existing projects that meet the above priorities.	Actioned by Chair & RC
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Summary and next steps

APB Chair and Area Manager to take forward the agreed priorities: Young People, Public Transport and Access to Services.

In consultation with Thematic leads, Parish Councils, Ward Councillors further develop an action plan and agree interventions (by Dec 2009) with a view to delivery (Mar 2010).

Dates of Future Meetings

To be confirmed.