

West Cheshire's New Sustainable Community Strategy: Your Views

What is the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS)?

- The overarching plan for promoting and improving the wellbeing of an area
- A partnership plan
- It should contain:
 - a long term vision based on local needs
 - key priorities for the area
- Contributes to achievement of sustainable development

What do we mean by "sustainable"?

- The goal of sustainable development is to enable all people to satisfy their basic needs and enjoy a better quality of life without compromising the quality of life of future generations
- To be sustainable, local policies should respect these principles: -
 - living within environmental limits
 - a strong, healthy and just society
 - achieving a sustainable economy
 - promoting good governance
 - using sound science responsibly

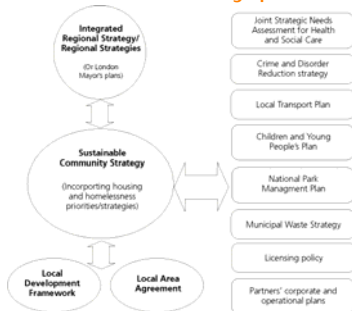


Why is the SCS important?

- Direct link to the Local Area Agreement (LAA)
 - The three year funding deal between central and local government and partners to improve services and the quality of life for local people
- Value of wide-ranging discussions about the issues/concerns/ priorities for the area – and achieving a shared vision
- Important opportunity to address difficult, cross-cutting issues such as the economic direction of the area and climate change



Links to other statutory plans





What are the big issues for you / your organisation?

- Currently working on a draft structure for the SCS based on initial consultation on "Big Issues"
- Three groups of issues: -
 - Living Well Together
 - Right Services, Right Place, Right Time
 - Rising to the Challenge
- What is missing?

THEME: LIVING WELL TOGETHER

'Promoting community spirit: communities who care for themselves and others, and who understand the importance of reducing the impact on our environmental resources'

- Issue: Understanding our diverse communities
- Issue: Understanding the role of the Third Sector
- Issue: Fear of crime and anti-social behaviour
- Issue: Altering behaviour around current and future sustainability issues
- Issue: Domestic Abuse
- Issue: Alcohol and substance misuse

THEME: RIGHT SERVICES, RIGHT PLACE, RIGHT TIME

Appreciating and responding to the many and varied needs across our communities. This builds on the principle that local access to services and activities, often provided by the third sector, is essential for thriving, involved and sustainable communities.

- Issue: Need for joined up and collaborative working
- Issue: Need for local peoples influence on decision making
- Issue: Narrowing the gap on a range of inequality issues
- Issue: Aging population demographic, delivering services to meet different needs, supporting independence
- Issue: Homes for all

THEME: RISING TO THE CHALLENGE

In planning for the future we must both respond to and prepare for existing and new challenges for West Cheshire. A partnership approach with a shared vision and resources is essential.

- Issue: Shaping the place to support sustainable living and adapt to climate change
- Issue: Resource efficiency, working within a reduced financial settlement
- Issue: Addressing the economic downturn

How can these issues best be addressed?

- Recognise the wealth of experience / expertise across the communities of West Cheshire in knowing "what works"
- Range of options for service delivery locally from across the public, private, voluntary community and faith sectors
- Needs will vary locally – we must be responsive to this

OVER TO YOU....

- The views and experiences of you / your organisation are important to us
- Please contribute by: -
 - **completing the questionnaire**
 - **coming along to one of our events***.....or just pick up the phone!!*

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