

... ONE YEAR ON ...

CITY COMMUNITY FORUM

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One Year on ...

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Snapshot of Council's Achievements for 2009/10

Children and Young People

- 3.2 million [healthy school lunches](#)
- 2,700 children taught to [swim](#)
- Excellent [education](#) for 47,944 children
- 3,093 school children trained to [cycle](#)

Jobs and Enterprise

- 7,000 people on [skills for life courses](#)

Equality and Diversity

- 113 [disabled people](#) supported in paid employment

Safer and Stronger Communities

- 7,000 people on [skills for life courses](#)
- 442 [benefits](#) cases investigated
- 929 households prevent from becoming [homeless](#)
- 307 new [affordable homes](#) created
- Providing [places to relax and play](#) - 110 playgrounds, 1,110 open spaces, 17 major country parks, 15 major urban parks & over 786 miles of rights of way

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Snapshot of Council's Achievements (cont.,)

Adult Health and Wellbeing

- [40,000 hot meals](#) to vulnerable adults
- Discounted [leisure facilities](#) to 655 people following GP referrals
- 797 people given the choice of [buying their own social care](#)
- 2,944 adults trained in [information technology](#)

Environment Sustainability

- 46% of all [household waste](#) recycled
- 5,541 areas of [potholes](#) repaired
- 235 tonnes [fly-tipping](#) waste cleared
- 3,015 [planning applications](#) processed

- Over 500,000 [waste and recycling collections](#) weekly

Resources and Transformation

- 14 [Community Forums](#) established
- 5 [Area Partnership Boards](#) established
- Savings of [over £35m](#) made
- Saved £768,000 through [contract negotiation](#) with suppliers

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Relationship with Chester Area Partnership Board

- Provides strategic context
- Chester Area Partnership Board chaired independently of the local authority
- It includes partners with a key interest or stake in the particular locality
- The APB is supported by a Cheshire West and Chester Council Director and Area Manager

INVESTING IN OUR CITY
Bringing investment and new technologies to Chester to enable sensitive & quality developments and safeguard our assets
Improving the Environment by capitalising on our natural assets, enhancing the visitor experience and the quality of the physical environment.
Developing Culture and Image.
Creating employment opportunities
Improving local skills

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History of City Community Forum

- Est. 1st April 2009
- For community (residents & organisations) to contribute to local decision making to create better services & improvements for City ward
- Supported by ward Councillors
- Administered and funded by CW&C
- Working together with public, private & VCS organisations
- Funding support through Members' budget grants
- Linked to Chester APB

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Your Forum's Highlights

- 1st Meeting held on 11th May 2009
- Chair Cllr Tom Parry appointed
- 2 "You Said, We Did" community newsletters published
- Over 50 local issues actioned
- City Community Forum Web-pages on www.westcheshiretogether.org.uk launched
- 7 Community Forum meetings held (ave.4 pa)

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Issues covered

Topics covered

- Community Safety in the City
- Chester City Cultural Masterplan
- Northgate Development
- Vision for the City – Chester Renaissance
- Re-location of Council Headquarters
- Policing in Chester
- Cathedral Quarter Improvement Works
- Public Realm Works

- Grosvenor Park Plans
- Townscape Heritage Initiative
- Operation Clean-Up

Standing Items

- Cheshire Police
- Community Safety Wardens
- Community Engagement
- Your Community Issues
- Action Notes

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Members' budget funding

- 14 projects supported
- 10 voluntary & community groups supported
- Members spend £15,000
- Match funding £56,000
- Total £71,000 additional investment to city ward

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Next 12 months...

...Eating the elephant in bite-size chunks!!



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