

## Cheshire West LSP Thematic Leads meeting.

**Date:** Monday 20th July 2009.  
**Time:** 1.45pm  
**Venue:** The Board Room, The Lifestyle Centre, The Drumber, Winsford

### Attending:

Steve Robinson (Chair)	Cheshire West and Chester Council
Helen Bellairs	NHS Western Cheshire
John Stephens	Cheshire West and Chester Council
Steve Kent	Cheshire West and Chester Council
Tim Jackson	Cheshire Constabulary
Jane Staley	Groundwork Cheshire
John Salt	Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service
Mark Wilson	Job Centre Plus
Jane Colville	Cheshire West and Chester Council
Cathy Boyd	Cheshire West and Chester Council

**Apologies:** Sarah Mogul (West Cheshire College), Ian Whitehead and Charlie Seward (Cheshire West and Chester Council)

**Visitors:** Consultant from Dr Foster Intelligence

**Support Staff:** Alistair Jeffs, Joanne Jones (Cheshire West and Chester Council)

Item No.1	<p><b>Welcome, introductions and apologies.</b></p> <p>Steve welcomed members of the group, apologies were noted.</p>
Action - Decision	None required.
Item No.2	<p><b>Minutes and matters arising from last meeting.</b></p> <p>Future Jobs fund bid - Mark Wilson provided an update on progress of the Future Job application – Mark commented on the excellent quality of the bid which has progressed through the initial sift of applications. The outcome is due to be announced on 29<sup>th</sup> July although Mark stated there may be some delay on this. Mark also stated that Job Centre Plus would commit some resource if the bid was successful in order to give a quick start to the initiative.</p>
Item No. 3	<p><b>Tackling Health Inequalities in West Cheshire</b></p> <p>Helen Bellairs provided an overview of a possible commissioned project to provide a greater more in depth understanding the</p>

	<p>health issues of CWAC population. The findings of the analysis can be used to identify trends and issues at a very local level, provide opportunities for more targeted interventions and also to provide a starting point for social marketing. It was identified that the health information can then be supplemented / overlaid by existing data from other partners / agencies which would give the partnership an in depth understanding of CWAC communities which could then allow for a more targeted response and a possible targeted pilot in Ellesmere Port.</p>
Action - Decision	<p>Partners agreed in principle to the project. Jim Hughes (lead) and Alistair Jeffs will work together to identify product specification, commissioning issues and finance requirements and then circulate a report to partners to ensure that the proposed product specification meets partner needs.</p>
Item No.4	<p><b>Development of an Alcohol Strategy for the Borough</b></p> <p>Alcohol abuse has been identified as a priority issue by JSNA, CAA and also previous partnership meetings. In order to progress responses to this it was proposed that a multi agency task and finish group be established to develop an Alcohol Strategy. Partners agreed to the proposal but stated the importance of it being managed through the Health &amp; Wellbeing sub group. Helen Bellairs recommended that Wendy Meredith should chair the multi agency group and also have responsibility for drafting the strategy. It was agreed that an early draft should be prepared by early September ( swine flu permitting)</p>
Action - Decision	<p>Helen Bellairs to speak to Wendy Meredith</p>
Item No.5	<p><b>Local Area Agreement update</b></p> <p>Alistair gave an update of the current 2008/09 position prior to LSP meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> July. Of the 34 designated targets indicator there are 13 that have not been met for a variety of reasons such as a lack of clear baseline data or time lag, poor quality delivery plans. Of the remaining 21 we have failed to meet 9 (43%) To ensure we understand why this is the case a revised Performance Management Framework will be developed. In line with the new PMF all delivery plans will be reviewed and refreshed by thematic partnerships by 17<sup>th</sup> Aug and to then be uploaded on the internet.</p> <p>Alistair proposed that any performance reward grant achieved should be held by the Partnership rather than divided between partners. The proposal was agreed by the Partnership subject to partners checking that the funds have not yet been committed.</p>
Action - decision	<p>All LAA delivery plans to be reviewed and refreshed and agreed by Thematic leads by 17<sup>th</sup> Aug 09 for inclusion on the internet.</p>

	Any performance reward grant should be held by the Partnership.
Item No.6	<p><b>Comprehensive Area Assessment</b></p> <p>Alistair provided a current update of initial feedback from Audit Commission on CAA self assessment. We have a numbers of red tags which include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responding to the current economic climate</li> <li>• Development of an Alcohol Strategy</li> <li>• Dealing with the aging population</li> <li>• Addressing Health inequalities</li> <li>• Community Engagement</li> <li>• Housing</li> </ul> <p>Partners raised issues about how Partners can feed in further supplementary information and evidence about local issues and also how they can highlight responses and work towards the red tagged issues. Following discussion it was agreed that the council would ask for the opportunity to discuss issues with the Audit Commission prior to the submission date especially around tagged issues such as Health &amp; Community Engagement. Alistair stated that additions can be made to the self assessment before the cut off date of the 25<sup>th</sup> Sept 09. The final submission will go to the LSP thematic leads meeting in Oct 09.</p>
Action - Decision	Partners to review submission document and to include further evidence especially around the flagged issues before the 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept.
Item No.7	<p><b>Thematic Partnerships update</b></p> <p>The Health and Wellbeing Group are to discuss the delivery plans at their next meeting. Currently working on all age mortality targets especially in Ellesmere Port, Smoking related target, and a Tobacco, Health &amp; Alcohol sub group has been established. Aging population &amp; Health inequalities targets are still major targets.</p> <p>The Safer &amp; Stronger communities group had met and received feedback regarding current problematic targets such as NI4 which had been flagged. The group didn't have time to review delivery plans but following discussions there are plans to implement proxy measures around NI4 and NI21. Tim Jackson raised the issue of how action plans of thematic Partnerships align with Area Partnership Board Plans. Steve Robinson suggested that the plans should be acted on by the APB. Tim to follow up with Ken Ivatt.</p> <p>The Environmental Sustainability Thematic Group had met and all delivery plans had been signed off. The group were very pleased</p>

	<p>with progress around NI186 (CO2 emissions) and an article about the achievement will be included in the Partnership Bulletin.</p> <p>The Children's and Young People group has identified teenage pregnancy as an issue and plan for John Stevens to work with Wendy Meredith on reviewing actions. The new chair of the Safeguarding has been appointed.</p> <p>The Business, Enterprise and Culture group have reviewed and signed off the delivery plans and pleased with meeting NI153 however 08 data has been used to assess this. Currently looking at holding an event locally on 1<sup>st</sup> October.</p>
Action - Decision	None.
	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>Alistair Jeffs informed the Partnership that the four LSP across the sub regional area have been successful in securing £500,000 for work with migrant communities across the region.</p> <p>Helen Bellairs informed the Partnership that the NHS were looking to hold an Economic Summit for all partners in early September to assess the impact of the current financial climate on local services.</p>

**Details of next meeting:** Monday 17th August, 1.30pm – 3pm,  
Committee Room 2B, County Hall Chester

Signed (Chair): .....

Date: .....