

Cheshire West LSP Thematic Leads meeting.
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Date: Monday 22nd June 2009.
Time: 1.30pm
Venue: West Well meeting room, County Hall, Chester.

Attending:

Steve Robinson (Chair)	Cheshire West and Chester Council
Helen Bellairs	NHS Western Cheshire
Cllr. Lynn Riley	Cheshire West and Chester Council
Sara Mogel	West Cheshire College
John Stephens	Cheshire West and Chester Council
Steve Kent	Cheshire West and Chester Council
Mike Lewis	Cheshire West and Chester Council
Tim Jackson	Cheshire Constabulary
Jane Staley	Groundwork Cheshire
John Salt	Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service
Janet O'Connor	Job Centre Plus
Charlie Seward	Cheshire West and Chester Council
Jane Colville	Cheshire West and Chester Council
Cathy Boyd	Cheshire West and Chester Council

Apologies: Mark Wilson (Job Centre Plus), Ian Whitehead and Charlie Seward (Cheshire West and Chester Council)

Visitors: David Wilson and Sarah Davies (Audit Commission) and Laurence Ainsworth (Cheshire West and Chester Council).

Support Staff: Alistair Jeffs, Alison Armstrong and Robbie Taylor (Cheshire West and Chester Council)

Item No.1	Welcome, introductions and apologies. Steve welcomed members of the group and visitors from the Audit Commission, apologies were noted.
Action - Decision	None required.
Item No.2	Minutes and matters arising from last meeting. Sara Mogel provided an update with progress on the local bid to the Future Jobs Fund programme. To date, over 150 confirmed expressions of interest had been received from partners, large numbers of those coming from the Third Sector. A project planning meeting had taken place (19 th June) to discuss how best to move forward the completion of the application form and further

	<p>discussions were occurring to finalise agreement on issues concerning the management of the programme and capacity building and full payment to Third Sector agencies. Partners were additionally looking into how the LSC 'Train to Gain' programme could support the bid locally.</p> <p>The closing date for the submission of the bid is Tuesday 30th June therefore all expressions of interest need completion by the close of play on Tuesday 23rd June. The LSP will be asked to approve the bid via an e-mail message.</p>
Action - Decision	(NHS Western Cheshire is planning to submit their expression of interest).
Item No.3	<p>Thematic Partnerships – progress, work programme and emerging issues.</p> <p>The Health and Wellbeing Group had met the previous Friday and had discussed the evidence profile and the way we are informed about and understand our communities. This will assist the development of the new SCS. A key piece of work is close to completion concerning a closer working relationship and arrangements between key Council Departments and NHS Western Cheshire, seeking to maximise local resources across the shared health and wellbeing agenda.</p> <p>Tim Jackson reported that the Safer and Stronger Communities Group had not within the last month, but all LAA delivery plans appear to be progressing well.</p> <p>The Environmental Sustainability Thematic Group had met for its second meeting earlier in the month and agreed who the responsible officers were for each of their LAA outcomes. The Group will concentrate on making a difference to NI 186 and NI 191, as they are more likely to benefit from broader partnership and operational inputs. Jane Staley stated the CO2 emission reduction indicator has a completed and detailed action plan and a sub-group has met to consider its implementation.</p> <p>The Children's and Young People Trust had not met formally recently, but have two planning session arranged to take forward the completed strategic assessment and recent findings from the NST (National Support Team) visits and analysis of teenage pregnancy and childhood obesity.</p> <p>The Business, Enterprise and Culture Partnership has established a 'virtual network' of partners to work through the initial task of compiling local responses to the Audit Commission 'emerging findings' report. A number of key partners have been involved in the development of the bid for the Future Jobs Fund programme</p>

	<p>and will work to produce a shared strategy to implement projects locally, when a decision has been made by the Dept. Work and Pensions on the first wave of funding.</p> <p>Steps are in place to draw together the network of organisations for the first time, to take part in a stakeholder workshop to identify what are the big issues that the Partnership can impact upon and to put structures and actions in place to do so. The stakeholder workshop will take place on Friday 25th September and is expected to involve up to 50 organisations. LAA delivery plans are currently being produced and a thematic profile will be produced to look at the key issues and forecasted priorities: both of which are difficult to 'benchmark' because of the economic recession.</p>
Action - Decision	None.
Item No.4	<p>Audit Commission: CAA emerging issues and local responses.</p> <p>Partners received two presentations outlining the Audit Commission approach to CAA and key lines of enquiry, preceded by a summary presentation of evidence collected and collated on behalf of the Thematic Partnerships. Additional comments were requested from local partners following the presentation and initial reactions included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More evidence will be available on Safer and Stronger priorities for the stakeholder workshop later in the week; • Further Health and Wellbeing evidence will be more focussed and formatted in a more accessible style to ease understanding of the data and related projects; • The CYP Trust will try to move away from processes to tackle areas of improvement. There is nationally recognised work underway which captures, involving young people's and children's view on care services re-design. • More detailed information on waste management services is available and needs inclusion, as waste collection tonnage figures are reducing; and • NI 156 concerning homeless households will be overseen by the Health and Wellbeing Group, rather than Environmental Sustainability TG, as it relates to social outcomes and wellbeing, rather than the built environment. <p>The next local steps were outlined as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Partners responses on Emerging Findings to AC to Laurence Ainsworth (Laurence.ainsworth@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk) by the end of June; 2. LAA Performance information in July;

	<p>3. Final self assessment to be published end of July; 4. Further evidence submitted to Audit Commission in August; 5. The Audit Commission will not receive any further evidence after the end of September.</p> <p>David Wilson confirmed the Audit Commission emerging findings report was based on existing evidence and does not cover the full range of work by neither the new LSP, nor the new Council. The report drew much from previous Directions of Travel, use of resources assessments and will look forward to LAA outturn performance reports (2008/09). Other issues will need balancing, for example, the previous local authorities scored differently on the Equality Standard.</p>
Action – Decision	Each Thematic Partnership will be presented with a draft local area self-evaluation in July for comments and feedback.
Item No.5	<p>LSP (SCS) Stakeholder Workshop (25th June 2009).</p> <p>Partners were reminded of the forthcoming workshop, which will provide the first opportunity to shape future priorities for the new SCS, based on an early evaluation of existing thematic and geographically based evidence.</p>
Action - Decision	Partners asked to confirm their attendance.
Item No.6	<p>LSP Network Conference (20th July 2009).</p> <p>Partners received a draft copy of the proposed agenda for the first LSP Network conference. Plans are underway to arrange an event for approximately 200 delegates, spanning the LSP, Thematic Partnerships, APBs, Third Sector Assembly and Community Groups. The event will build upon earlier research work, looking at community cohesion and equality and diversity issues across Cheshire by Prof. Richard Tomlins, but will also look at the new Single Equality Act and links to CAA. Additionally, delegates will contribute to the ongoing consultation to develop and refine the new SCS.</p>
Action - Decision	Comments and agenda suggestions to be sent to Alison Armstrong.
Item No.7	<p>Accessibility planning in West Cheshire.</p> <p>Steve Kent provided an overview of some earlier work, which provided a strategic analysis of accessibility planning in West Cheshire. The LSP and Thematic Partnerships will be asked to provide comments on where best this cross-cutting area, may sit within the local Partnership framework. The initial assessment</p>

	<p>identified three key priorities for the area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • access to key services from rural areas, particularly for older people; • access to health care, particularly in relation to PCT (Primary Care Trust) modernisation plans, and • access to employment, particularly from areas of deprivation. <p>There are further stages to follow to support the implementation of the accessibility strategy, which will form part of the new LTP (Local Transport Plan) look at local communities and services. It also offers an analytic toolkit to help the APBs, especially Rural West. There will be more detail to follow in the future about how best to use and accommodate accessibility planning and service provision issues.</p>
Action - Decision	None.
Any other business	None.

Details of next meeting: Monday 20th July, 1.45pm – 3.15pm, ‘Winsford Lifestyle Centre’, The Drumber, Winsford.

Signed (Chair):

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