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Develop a Household Waste Management Strategy for Cheshire to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce the amount of waste produced • Reduce the amount of waste landfilled • Increase re-use, recycling and composting • Minimise environmental and health impacts 	Cheshire County and District Councils Environment Agency	Number of Kilograms of household waste collected per head Percentage of the total tonnage landfilled Percentage of the total tonnage recycled Percentage of the total tonnage composted Environmental and health impact measure needs developing.	2000/01 628.8 Kg 85.01% 6.93% 8.04%	Needs developing in HWMS 60% 2005 55% 2010 33% 2015 Rec. & Comp 22% 2003/04 33% 2005/06
Reduce the amount of commercial and industrial waste landfilled and minimise environmental and health impacts	Industry Environment Agency	Tonnage of ind/comm waste landfilled	458,000 tonnes ind/ comm waste disposed to landfill 1998/99	By 2005 reduce to 85% of that landfilled in 1998 (to 389,000 tonnes)
Support the measures of the Local Transport Plan to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • restrain traffic growth 	Cheshire County Council	In Chester NRTF growth between 1995 - 2011 In the rest of Cheshire NRTF growth between 1995 - 2011	Restrain growth to 7% Restrain growth to 15%	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • promote provision for public transport, cycling and walking to reduce the need to travel by car 		Journey to work % by cycle	5% in 1997	10% by 2011
		% by public transport	7% in 1997	14% by 2011
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reduce the growth in serious and fatal accidents 		Reduction in fatal and serious road casualties in Cheshire	781 in 1998	Reduce by 40% by 2010
		Reduction in slight road casualty rate in Cheshire	N/A	Reduce by 10% by 2010
		Reduction in child fatal and serious road casualties in Cheshire	85 in 1998	Reduce by 50% by 2010
		% of principal road network with zero residual life	27% in 1999	To be identified
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • improve the condition of the road network 		% of non-principal road network with zero residual life	Information not available	To be identified

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Improve and maintain the Public Rights of Way network and develop a Rights of Way Improvement Plan in accordance with statutory guidance, including attention to sustainable transport, tourism and development	Cheshire CC	Improvement in % of PROW signposted and easy to use	71%	90% by 2005 Preparation of Plan within 5 years of commencement
Support the continued direction of investment and development to brownfield sites in and close to Cheshire's settlements	Local Authorities, NWRA	% new development on previously used sites	44% in 2000	50% by 2011
Support the development of a land reclamation programme to upgrade the county's environment by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing a Cheshire & Warrington Partnership • Agreeing a more ambitious delivery programme • Conducting a survey of derelict land and identifying priorities 	Local Authorities, NWRA	No. projects to restore derelict or underused land. Amount underused or derelict land	Mersey Forest programme in N Cheshire. Reclamation rate of 14ha per year focused on Weaver Valley	Reduce the amount of derelict/under-used land
Support the promotion of the Weaver Valley as a resource of regional importance attracting multi-agency partnerships to secure its regeneration	NWDA, Vale Royal BC, Cheshire CC	Funding partnership established for feasibility & implementation Studies and projects completed Establish management and delivery mechanism	Current range of ad-hoc schemes	Designation as regional resource

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Encourage and support Cheshire organisations to be more environmentally responsible	Cheshire CC	No. of Eco audits		70 per year
	Eco-Audit Topic Group	No. of Company Travel Plans		80% by 2011
	Groundwork Macclesfield & Vale Royal	No. of schools with with Eco-committee (or similar)		90% by 2011
		% schools with travel plan	26 schools with afer routes and 18 developing Travel Plans	50% by 2006 100% by 2011
Take forward and integrate the environmental components of Cheshire's Local Agenda 21 Action Plans	SCF Topic Groups The Cheshire Partnership District LA21 partnerships	Implementation of Topic Group Action Plans	See Cheshire Check-Up	Annual monitoring and review of action plans
Support and encourage initiatives to conserve and enhance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the urban public realm • the natural landscape and to establish • sustainable land management practices • the creation of a network of habitats and species 	Local Authorities Forestry Commission, Mersey Forest Team, DEFRA, FWAG, Cheshire Landscape Trust, Countryside Agency, Cheshire Region Biodiversity Partnership	No. urban design frameworks for towns/villages No/extent of Woodland Grant Schemes, hedgerows and no. hedgerow trees	Initial studies Mersey Forest Business Plan being implemented	Rolling programme of 2 per year Doubling of woodland cover to 16,000ha by 2004

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		<p>No. countryside stewardship / agri-environment schemes</p> <p>No. programmes incorporating EConet</p> <p>% creation of new habitats</p>	<p>247 countryside stewardship schemes</p> <p>LIFE EConet project in 3rd year</p>	<p>Increase</p> <p>By 2020</p>
Promote public understanding of biodiversity issues and prepare Biodiversity Action Plans (BAPs) to conserve/restore ecological processes across a range of habitats including woodlands, grasslands, heathlands, ponds, meres and mosses	Cheshire Region Biodiversity	<p>% actions on BAPs relating to public involvement</p> <p>No. Local Habitat Plans being implemented</p>	Included in Countdown the BAP for Cheshire	Under development
Support action to mitigate the adverse effects of climate change on flooding	Environment Agency, Local Authorities	<p>% developments with sustainable urban drainage schemes (SUDs)</p> <p>No. on-farm rainwater storage schemes</p>	EA campaigning for this approach. LEAPs establish policy guidance in flood plains	