

Valuing Diversity and Tackling Inequality

Action	Lead/ Co-ordinated By	Indicator/Measure of Success	Current Performance	Target(s)/ Timescale
<p>Develop a policy framework to tackle regeneration and social exclusion across Cheshire through the co-ordinated efforts of partner agencies which will target and deliver services to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • improve quality of life • reduce health inequalities • reduce crime • improve the environment, education, employment opportunities and access to services <p>of people living in urban and rural areas experiencing significant levels of deprivation</p>	<p>The Cheshire Partnership District LSPs Local regeneration partnerships GONW NWDA</p>	<p>Index of Multiple Deprivation</p> <p>% of population living in wards in 10% most deprived wards in area</p> <p>Unemployment rate</p> <p>% of working population claiming key benefits</p> <p>% of people claiming unemployment benefit who have been doing so for more a year</p> <p>% of children living in low income households</p>	<p>Pockets of disadvantage. 9 wards in top 10% most deprived in England</p> <p>6.5%</p> <p>2% (county average) 0.3% - 7.2% (ward range)</p> <p>Unemployment claimants 2% Working Families Tax Credit 2.5%</p> <p>11% of those unemployed</p> <p>25% 0-16 yr olds in families with means tested benefits 14% in households receiving income support</p>	<p>Reduce the differential between Cheshire wards</p> <p>Reduce</p> <p>Increase through take-up campaign</p> <p>Reduce</p> <p>Reduce</p>

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And ensure that everybody, wherever they live, can expect a minimum level of basic services	District Councils	Government floor targets for education, employment, crime, health and housing No. approved schemes for open and play space, landscaping and Homezones No. Urban Bus Challenge Schemes approved	To be determined Proposals via Local Plans. One urban Homezone approved.	Improve performance in areas / services where floor targets are not being met Ongoing Applications to be submitted annually
Develop systems and facilities to improve electronic access to services by people living in deprived areas	Cheshire Information Consortium			Research and scope requirements by late 2002
Develop a countywide system for the compilation of neighbourhood statistics to identify pockets of deprivation and poor access to services below ward level	Cheshire Information Liaison Group Cheshire Information Consortium	Neighbourhood statistics available at ward level	Consultants to be engaged during 2002	System in place by 2005
Improve access to quality advice and legal services for residents experiencing disadvantage	Community Legal Service Partnership	% people obtaining help through legal and advice services when needed % of public funding for legal and advice services going to quality marked suppliers	69% of Cheshire's Voice respondents received help with legal problems and disputes Currently being assessed	80% by 2005 100% by 2003

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Invest in supporting disabled people to be independent and participate fully in the economic environmental and social life of Cheshire	Cheshire Welfare to Work Partnership Supporting People Initiative Learning Disabilities Partnership Board Cheshire CC	Take up of direct payments Number adults helped to stay at home % DDA compliant vehicles in County Council Services No. businesses providing DDA training	100 recipients 7.5 per 1000 adult pop. Where appropriate new vehicles are DDA compliant Conference to raise business awareness organised	200 recipients by 2005 8.0 per 1000 by 2005 Where appropriate 100% DDA compliant vehicles One awareness raising event per year
Support measures to improve the health, educational attainment and access to employment of "looked after children", the most vulnerable children in our community	Cheshire CC	Exclusion/absence rates of looked after children % of looked after children with national target attainment level % looked after children being adopted	2.1% of "looked after children" 45% of looked after children 3.8% of looked after children adopted	0.8% of LAC excluded by 2004 50% by 2004 5.5% adopted by 2004

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Promote equality of opportunity for all groups in society, listen to the concerns of minority groups and take action to address incidents of discrimination and abuse	Cheshire Welfare to Work Partnership Cheshire CC Cheshire Constabulary Cheshire Fire Brigade	Public sector employment rates of people with disabilities and from ethnic minorities increase to mirror the % of those groups in Cheshire of working age	0.78% disabled 0.68% from ethnic minority groups	1% by 2003 0.9% by 2003
Adopt and implement a consistent approach to recording racist incidents and work with people from ethnic minorities to improve their experience of living in Cheshire	Cheshire, Halton and Warrington Race Issues Group	In the short term, recorded racist incidents will increase as members of minority ethnic communities become more confident in the ability and willingness of agencies to deal with their complaints	399 reported racist incidents in 2000/1	5% rise 2002/3 followed by decrease of 2% 2003/4
Improve access to organised sport for girls, disabled young people and from ethnic minority groups	Sport Cheshire Partnership	% girls and disabled young people participating in Active Sport programme Difference in profile of young people from ethnic minority backgrounds and from priority areas participating in Active Sport compared with the population profile	No current info available. Year 1 of project	2002-6

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Support the development of local Disability Sport forums	Sport Cheshire Partnership	Forums established and operating	2 forums exist	6 district forums by 2005
Encourage and support local groups access funding from Awards for All and Active Communities Development Fund	Sport Cheshire Partnership	% of successful bids	One ACDF application proceeding to stage 2	Ongoing