



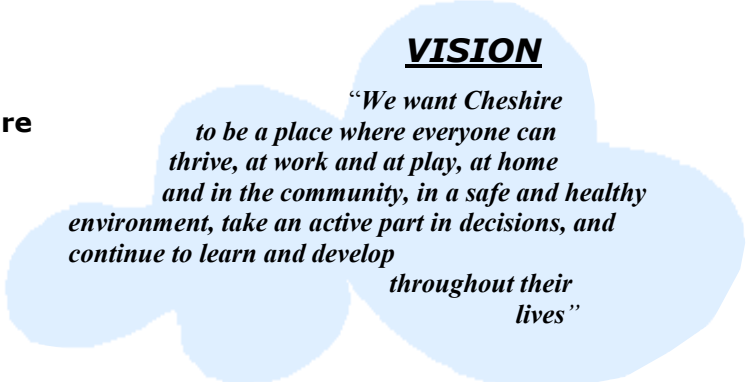
The Cheshire Partnership

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Welcome to the first newsletter of The Cheshire Partnership.

The newsletter has been introduced to help keep organisations across the County in touch with the work of the Partnership. This issue covers key meetings and events between March and August 2002



VISION

“We want Cheshire to be a place where everyone can thrive, at work and at play, at home and in the community, in a safe and healthy environment, take an active part in decisions, and continue to learn and develop throughout their lives”

Please let us know what you think of it, the design and layout, and what you would like covered in future issues.



? What is the Cheshire Partnership?



The Local Government Act 2000 requires local authorities to prepare Community Strategies which will promote the economic, social and environmental well-being for their areas.

The Government believes that the most effective way of ensuring the commitment of other organisations is to work through a Local Strategic Partnership. Set up in March 2001, the Cheshire Partnership is the Local Strategic Partnership for Cheshire. The full Partnership of around 70 organisations meets twice a year, its next meeting will take place at 2pm on September 23rd at Nantwich Civic Hall.

Much of the work of the Partnership is developed by a Steering Group which meets approximately four times a year. A list of the members is enclosed with this issue.

If you would like more information on the work of the Cheshire Partnership, please contact Lisa Green, John Eley or Lynn Andrews on 01244 602779.



**Helen Carey, Chairman
The Cheshire Partnership**

Helen was educated in Hertfordshire and Dublin, before coming to live in Cheshire. Her interests include reading, music, travel, gardening and a commitment to local community involvement.

Amongst her current roles Helen lists being a Director of The Waterways Trust, Chairman of the National Federation of Women’s Institutes, Vice Chairman and Director of the Cheshire Community Council, Executive member UNED-UK—Stakeholder forum and Deputy Lieutenant for Cheshire as just a few examples of the many local and national organisations she is involved with.

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Cheshire Community Strategy Launched

Hundreds gathered at Winsford Civic Hall on 28th February for the launch of the Cheshire Community Strategy. The Strategy has been developed by the Cheshire Partnership and sets out a detailed action plan to improve the quality of life for everyone in Cheshire.



One of the highlights of the launch was a broadcast of a mock news programme showing headlines from Cheshire in 2012. It showed Cheshire being the safest place to live in England, superior education standards, Cheshire people being the country's healthiest and **even** Macclesfield Town beating Manchester United in the Premiership.

To help raise awareness of the strategy the broadcast is being produced on CD Rom and will be available shortly. (Telephone 01244 602779).



Public Service Agreement for Cheshire

A Local Public Service Agreement (LPSA) for Cheshire was signed on 8th July. The LPSA reflects the main themes of the Cheshire Community Strategy and could attract over £14.8 million for investment in Cheshire if specific service delivery targets are met. Improvements will include greater support for rural communities, improving attendance at targeted primary schools, cutting re-offending rates among young people, reducing accident rates through driver-improvement courses for under 25s as well as increasing local adoption rates for looked after children in Cheshire.

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Sustainability Appraisal

The North West Regional Assembly has produced a handbook giving guidance on sustainable development for Community Strategies. The guidance helps to ensure that Local Strategic Partnerships incorporate the aims of sustainable development into the policies and actions within their Community Strategy. The guidance advocates a checklist based approach which also helps to ensure that the Community Strategy is linked to the North West Regional Framework for Sustainability 'Action for Sustainability'. The Cheshire Partnership will be considering whether to undertake a Sustainability Appraisal of the Community Strategy on its Steering Group awayday in September. In the meantime, if you would like to know more about sustainability appraisal or would like to give us your views -

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Rural Recovery

A five year Rural Recovery Plan with resources of £12 million has been launched to promote rural recovery from foot and mouth disease. The funds will become available later in the year and, in the meantime, enquiries should be made to -

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Rural Checklist

The Countryside Agency has recently produced a rural checklist for Local Strategic Partnerships and Community Strategies. The checklist aims to ensure that LSPs engage rural communities and organisations in their development, planning and delivery.

If you would like to know more about the rural checklist or would like to give us your views -

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Accreditation

The Government has issued accreditation guidance for Local Strategic Partnerships. Initially accreditation has been required for areas receiving Neighbourhood Renewal Funds. The Government Office is now offering support for the accreditation of LSPs, like Cheshire, which are not currently receiving Neighbourhood Renewal Funds.

Local Strategic Partnerships are accredited against six key criteria: strategic, inclusive, action-focused, performance managed, efficient and learning and developmental. Accreditation would be annual and has been described as "*a journey but not a destination*". The Cheshire Partnership will be considering whether to seek formal accreditation on its Steering Group awayday in September.

In the meantime, if you would like to know more about LSP accreditation visit

<http://www.go-nw.gov.uk/localgov/localgov.html>



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Monitoring Cheshire's Community Strategy



The Cheshire Partnership Steering Group has recently agreed the outline for a two strand monitoring and reporting system for the Community Strategy. A detailed report of progress against the Community Strategy action plans will be produced at the end of the financial year. This will be aimed at partner organisations.

The second strand will aim to give a simplified picture of progress in Cheshire via around twenty indicators drawn from a variety of sources including the Audit Commission and Cheshire Quality of Life survey. These indicators will be reported annually to the general public and will be selected after extensive consultation and discussion. Selection of appropriate indicators will be the main focus of the Cheshire Partnership meeting in September.

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Children and Young People's Partnership

The Cheshire Partnership Steering Group recently agreed to the creation of a Children's and Young Peoples Strategic Planning Framework and the setting up of a Children and Young People's Partnership. The proposals will be discussed in more detail at the Steering Group Meeting on 23 September



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Proposed Merger of Drug Action Team and Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnerships

The Steering Group considered the proposals from the Home Office at its meeting on 26 July and agreed to make the following points in response to the consultation:

- The proposal to put the work of the DATs on a statutory basis is welcomed
- The need to improve links between funding and action at county and district level is recognised but this is not necessarily a structural issue solved by merger
- There is concern that a merger could marginalise the wider health dimension of action against substance misuse. Any new arrangements should ensure stronger linkages are made with health
- The Home Office should be asked to improve co-ordination of its funding streams for action against substance misuse.



The Cheshire Show

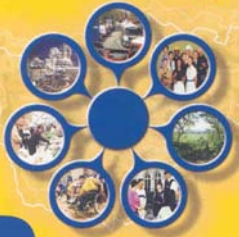
This years Cheshire Show was a great success. Cancelled last year due to foot and mouth disease the Show attracted many visitors. The County Council exhibit included a display on the Cheshire Community Strategy and a variety of promotional materials were circulated to members of the public.

Anyone requiring the use of the Cheshire Community Strategy exhibition or promotional materials should Contact Lynn Andrews

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Improving your quality of life!

- Thriving communities
- Environmentally responsible communities
- Healthy communities
- Safe communities
- Learning communities
- Fair communities
- Informed communities
- Active communities
- Co-operative communities
- Fun communities
- An influential and connected Cheshire

To find out more check the website or join our mailing list by calling

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Bookmarks available

In order to promote and raise awareness of the Cheshire partnership over 100,000 bookmarks have been produced for distribution through Cheshire libraries and partner organisations. If you would like to help distribute the bookmarks

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What Happens Next?

Members of the Cheshire Partnership Steering Group have decided to have an Away Day on 11 September to improve linkages between the organisations and related partnerships and to agree priorities for the year ahead. As a precursor to this, the Chairs (or their representatives) of the County and 4 of the District LSPs met together for the first time on 12 August to discuss how they could work better as a team and ensure work on LSP development across the county was integrated effectively.

KEY DATES

11 th September	Cheshire Partnership Steering Group away day at Burton Manor
16 th September	NWDA & CWEA Consultation Seminar on Regional Economic Strategy, 4pm-7pm, Oulton Park Racing Circuit
23 rd September	Cheshire Partnership Steering Group Meeting 11am—1pm Cheshire Partnership meeting, 2pm- 4.30pm Nantwich Civic Hall
11 th October	Sustainable Cheshire Forum, Winsford Civic Hall

