
Cheshire-wide / Local Thematic Partnership Mapping

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to raise partner's awareness of the memberships of the five core Cheshire-wide thematic partnerships with a view to encouraging a stronger relationship and greater co-ordination with similar partnerships and work programmes being delivered at a more local level.

Summary

One of the key aims of the new Cheshire Partnerships Framework was to strengthen the relationships between partnerships operating a Cheshire-wide and more local level and more effectively co-ordinate action to improve quality of life.

It was agreed that, where possible, our partnership structures at both Cheshire-wide and local level should reflect the four LAA blocks – Safer & Stronger Communities; Children & Young People; Healthier Communities & Older People and Economic Development & Enterprise – together with The Environment and that this thematic working would be co-ordinated through the district LSPs and the Communities of Cheshire Partnership.

As an extension of this approach, the Communities of Cheshire Partnership takes half of its membership from the district LSPs to ensure that local needs, priorities and aspirations are reflected at strategic level, particularly through the Sustainable Cheshire Community Strategy and the Cheshire Local Area Agreement.

It was envisaged that this approach, to some extent, would be adopted across the thematic partnerships with each of the Cheshire-wide partnerships including representation from the local thematic groups to strengthen co-ordination and delivery. Whilst this is happening in some areas, the approach is not consistently applied across the Framework.

Recommendation

That the Cheshire-wide and local thematic partnerships operating within the Cheshire Partnerships Framework be asked to review their memberships as soon as possible to ensure that appropriate and effective representation from the district thematic groups is achieved.

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