

## **FINAL WORKSHOP FOR THE IMPROVED PARTNERSHIP WORKING IN CHESHIRE PROJECT 31 JANUARY 2007 – Successes**

1. The extent of partnership commitment and working that has gone into the development of the new Cheshire Partnerships Framework as a mechanism to improve coordination of strategies at Cheshire wide and local levels.
2. The creation of a new, more inclusive Communities of Cheshire Partnership which has formal governance arrangements via the Cheshire Governance Board.
- 3 A draft Communications Strategy with partial implementation, Branding and Identity guide with new logos and a new website.
4. The establishment of the Cheshire LAA supported by the new Framework within which partners were working.
5. The LAA process and re invigorated approach to partnership working has triggered the following:
  - Creation of a new Cheshire wide partnership responsible for commissioning, coordinating and influencing issues related to health and to the older peoples agenda,
  - Review of terms of ref and operating principles in order to ensure 'fit for purpose' for partnership working. Examples include - The 'Sustainable Cheshire Forum' and 'Cultivate'.
  - Cheshire wide support groups such as Cheshire Information Liaison Group and Cheshire Performance Practitioners Group are also undertaking a review to see where they fit into the process.
6. The pioneering of new ways of working as evidenced by:
  - An increase in intelligence sharing across and between public bodies (i.e. 'do once and then share')
  - Access across organisational boundaries to 'public body' resources e.g. Access to East Cheshire NHS Trust's multi-professional library resources
  - Innovative multi-agency delivery eg. fire/flu campaigns
  - The excellent relationship between Chester City Council and West Cheshire PCT – shared posts, commitment to future ventures/development etc.
  - The development of a COMPACT in Congleton between CVS/public bodies

7. The bringing together of wide and varied organisations such as:

- The development of the newly proposed Third Sector 'Hub' and the recognition of its potential, the way it operates and the opportunity for development as the LAA emerges
- The Voluntary Sector Forum in Vale Royal and the ongoing commitment and respect of public bodies
- The establishment of a process for local consultation and further compact development
- The involvement of the Third Sector in the development of the SCI (Statement of Community Involvement) in the LAA development process.

8. The establishment of the Cheshire Chief Executive's Advisory Group on Gypsies and Travellers ensuring the 'right people sit round the table'. The employment of a co-ordinator and the carrying out of a needs assessment together with the engagement of gypsies and travellers.

9. The setting up of MAPPA– a public protection system for specified offenders.

10. A Home Security Network – 47,000 households given holistic assessments.

11. The clarification of the safer, stronger agenda via a new unit in the Police service.

12. The reduction in the number of repeat victims.

13. The development of an EU policy and funding consultation position across the NW region and sub-region.

14. Success in keeping local services open.

15. Cheshire Fire and Rescue have established a partnership working toolkit.