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RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS: <p>10th Sustainable Cheshire Forum Annual Meeting held 5th December 2007 at Chester Town Hall with record attendance and 10 year review. Chair re-elected and new Vice-Chair appointed (Mo Morron). Awards presented to local exemplar sustainability practitioners who have delivered beyond the call of duty. Much community activity represented. Report back on year of action on climate change (see separate report)</p> <p>Climate Change theme proposed to continue for a second year. Cheshire and Warrington Climate Change Group (CWCCG) has £270k NWDA funding over 3 years and has appointed a Climate Change Programme Manager to oversee delivery of an action plan (starts February 2008).</p> <p>Input to West Cheshire PCT Strategic Needs seminar Input to Chester City Climate Change Scrutiny Review</p>	
CURRENT ACTIVITY: <p>Maintaining momentum on the fast moving sustainability agenda. In discussion with Economy and Environment Thematic Group on future LAA indicators and targets. CWCCG may have some resources to kick-start support some community projects before April. New appointment as above. Assistance provided to CCC Waste Regulations Strategic Environmental Assessment in January. SCF Newsletter being compiled and website maintained.</p>	
FUTURE CHALLENGES: <p>Working within the Economy and Environment theme will require new ways of thinking and maintaining an environmental component in future LAA arrangements will continue to be a challenge. Attention will be given to finding resources to support the SCF in future. Implications of LGR announcement remain for discussion.</p>	
ISSUES FOR THE COMMUNITIES OF CHESHIRE PARTNERSHIP: <p>Climate Change remains a cross cutting theme which is not yet fully addressed across the partnership. The suggestion of a sustainability/climate change themed conference in 2008 remains on the table.</p>	