

## Cheshire Lifelong Learning Strategy: progress report (Position paper at August 2007)

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### **Actions from meeting 12.4.07:**

- The value acknowledged and welcomed. The strategy should also:
  - incorporate and join up the range of learning available across communities and provided via more informal learning mechanisms.
  - address the needs of employers;
  - reflect the process for learning,
  - provide specific focused targeting and investment where necessary;
  - reflect skill needs and gaps, particularly at level three and above.
  - be more robustly connected to the economic agenda as a mechanism for getting people into work.
- Other groups, such as the district Lifelong Learning Partnerships, the Learning Provider Network and the CYPSP need to be better engaged in the development of the Strategy.
- The Strategy should be seen more as a programme of activity over a long period of time nurtured as a cross-cutting issue across the Cheshire Partnerships Framework. If this approach were to be adopted, the commitment and practical application of a whole organisation approach to promoting lifelong learning and giving focus and direction would be required. It was suggested that further thought be given to this at a future meeting.

### **Agreed:**

- (1) That the development of a Lifelong Learning Strategy / Programme be endorsed;
- (2) That wider consultation on the content of the Strategy / Programme be undertaken; and
- (3) That the Partnership consider the integration of lifelong learning across the Cheshire Partnerships Framework at a future meeting.

### **Current Position:**

- Two further strategy development meetings held and a wide range of provider organisations contributed. Including representative from HE, FE, Schools, Children's Centres and Extended Services, Community and Voluntary sector, Adult, Community and Family Learning, Libraries and Adult Social Care Services.
- Consultation undertaken with the Cheshire and Warrington Strategic Board for Lifelong Learning Partnerships

- All CCP partner organisations invited to attend and all LSP Lifelong Learning Partnerships represented at the development meetings
- District Lifelong Learning Partnerships are currently consulting separately with their members

**Next Steps:**

- Responses to feedback, including the points above, are currently being incorporated into the strategy

The final draft for agreement and full consultation will be available in September 2007.

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