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**CONSULTATIONS****• HEALTH & WELLBEING STRATEGY**

A new Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Cheshire West and Chester has been launched as a draft for public consultation. Produced jointly by the council, the local NHS, Healthwatch, and many other contributors, the five year strategy concentrates on areas of health and wellbeing where joint working across health, local government and other partners can make the most improvements to the health and wellbeing of local residents.

The strategy provides partners with a set of jointly agreed priorities to improve the health and wellbeing of communities in Cheshire West and Chester. As with the previous Health and Wellbeing Strategy, the production process for it has taken place alongside that of the Sustainable Community Strategy, ensuring that synergies between the two are fully exploited.

The strategy contains four priority areas:

1. Starting Well
2. Substance Misuse
3. Mental Health and Wellbeing
4. Ageing well

Full details of the consultation can be found on the Council Website [www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/healthandwellbeingstrategy](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/healthandwellbeingstrategy)

Paper copies of the strategy are available in local libraries, children's centres and main council buildings.

Other ways to participate in the consultation are:

- Write to the Strategic Intelligence Team, Cheshire West and Chester Council, HQ, Nicholas Street, Chester, CH1 2NP (please mark it 'Health and Wellbeing Strategy')
- Telephone 0300 123 8 123 and ask to speak to the Research Team
- Email [research@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:research@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

Consultation on the draft strategy is taking place until **Sunday 20 July 2014**

Responses from the consultation will be used to inform the final version of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, which will be launched in late summer.

- **REGULATORY SERVICES CONSULTATION**

Cheshire West and Chester Council has launched a consultation exercise to hear the views of Cheshire West and Chester residents, Town and Parish Councils and other stakeholders on the most appropriate way of delivering Regulatory Services.

Regulatory Services currently comprises a number of different functions including:

- Trading Standards
- Environmental Health
- Licensing
- CCTV
- Registration of births, deaths and marriages
- Parking enforcement
- Cemeteries and crematoria

One of the options being explored is a proposal to set up a staff mutual with a joint venture partner. Establishing a joint venture mutual could provide valuable opportunities to develop Regulatory Services commercially over a wider market, generating income, whilst improving productivity and improving the quality of services delivered. This model would mean that employees and other key groups of users will have an input and involvement in the running of the new joint venture organisation. The proposal involves using the skills, experience and knowledge of the council, the independent sector and staff to ensure Regulatory Services are delivered in a way that meets the needs of Cheshire West and Chester residents, improves the quality of service delivered and makes the service more sustainable for the future.

Through the consultation exercise, we would like to hear your views on the most appropriate way of delivering Regulatory Services, asking in particular:

- Your views on how the council should deliver Regulatory Services, in particular views on the proposal for a joint venture mutual?
- What is important to you when you use Regulatory Services?; and
- How we should do things differently in the future?

All feedback and views received are extremely valuable and will help to inform the way the council provides Regulatory Services in the future.

The consultation is available at:

[http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/your\\_council/consultations\\_and\\_petitions/council\\_consultations/regulatory\\_services\\_consultati.aspx](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/your_council/consultations_and_petitions/council_consultations/regulatory_services_consultati.aspx)

Paper copies are available from a number of locations across the borough, including council offices and libraries. Paper copies can also be requested by emailing or phoning Regulatory Services – contact details below.

The formal closing date of the consultation is **12 noon, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2014**.

*For further information, please:*

*Email: [regulatory.servicesconsultation@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:regulatory.servicesconsultation@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)*

*Telephone: 0300 123 7032*

- **INTEGRATED WELLNESS CONSULTATION**

Cheshire West and Chester Council propose to commission an Integrated Wellbeing Service which will help people live healthier for longer by addressing the factors that influence health and wellbeing. The Wellbeing Service would integrate a number of lifestyle services that support people in living healthy lives including:

- healthy eating/weight management
- physical activity
- stop smoking services
- healthy living centres

- health promotion

To help shape the new service we would like to hear your views in a short questionnaire which is available on the council's website:

[http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/your\\_council/consultations\\_and\\_petitions/council\\_consultations/integrated\\_wellbeing\\_service.aspx](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/your_council/consultations_and_petitions/council_consultations/integrated_wellbeing_service.aspx)

Copies of the questionnaire have also been sent to all Local Councils.

The closing date for the consultation is **16<sup>th</sup> June 2014**.

*For further details of the consultation please contact the Public Health Team by:*

*Email: [publichealth@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:publichealth@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)*

*Telephone: 01244 976797*

- **LOCAL PLAN (PART TWO)**

Cheshire West and Chester Council is seeking views on what policies should be included in the Local Plan (Part Two), including an additional call for sites.

The Local Plan (Part Two) will set out the non-strategic allocations and detailed policies, following on from the strategic framework set out in the Local Plan (Part One). When adopted, both documents will form part of the statutory development plan for Cheshire West and Chester and will replace all former Local Plans. The Local Plan (Part Two) will run to 2030, to align with the time horizon of the Local Plan (Part One).

The consultation document, along with a site submission form, is available to view online at: [www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/localplan).

The consultation document and site submission form are also be available in all public libraries, Council offices and Customer Service Centres within the borough.

Representations **must be received by 5pm on Thursday 19 June 2014** and can be made:

- **Online** by visiting [www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/localplan)
- **By email** to [spatialplanning@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:spatialplanning@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)
- **By post** to Spatial Planning, The Forum Offices, Chester CH1 2HS

*For further information please contact Spatial Planning:*

*Telephone: 01244 973887*

*Email [spatialplanning@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:spatialplanning@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)*

- **TRUST HOMECHOICE COMMON ALLOCATION POLICY**

West Cheshire residents are being invited to share their views on changes to the Trust Homechoice Common Allocation Policy - which outlines the way social housing is allocated in the borough.

A review of the new policy, which was introduced six months ago, is being conducted with the potential to make further changes.

In order to get your feedback on the proposed changes, a online questionnaire is available on [www.Trusthomechoice.co.uk](http://www.Trusthomechoice.co.uk), click on the Survey icon on the left of the screen

The Questionnaire will close on **2<sup>nd</sup> June 2014**

The following events will also be held across the borough:

- Thursday 22 May 2014, 10-11am: Centurion House, 77 Northgate Street, Chester
- Thursday 22 May 2014, 2-3pm: Vauxhall Suite, Civic Hall, Ellesmere Port
- Tuesday 27 May 2014, 10-11am: Castle Park, Frodsham
- Wednesday 28 May 2014, 3-4pm Wyvern House, Winsford

For more information, please contact:  
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Telephone: 0151 356 6423

## **LATEST / UPDATES**

### • **EUROPEAN ELECTIONS**

The European Elections will be taking place on Thursday 22 May 2014 and polling stations across the borough will be open from 7.00am – 10.00pm. If you haven't yet returned your postal vote, they can be dropped off at the polling station on the day. Votes will be verified that evening and counted on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May along with the rest of Europe.

### • **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS REMINDER**

Town and Parish Councils are reminded that they need to notify Cheshire West and Chester Council's lighting team about their plans for installation of Christmas outdoor lights and decorations.

The deadline for new installation requests for 2014 is **Thursday 31 July**.

Full information regarding the process is available on:

[www.yourwestcheshire.co.uk/christmaslighting](http://www.yourwestcheshire.co.uk/christmaslighting)

Whether you are installing lights for the first time, changing existing fixtures or keeping the same decorations in place you must fill in the 'permission to install electrical apparatus' form, which you will find on the webpage.

Information that is of particular importance to the lighting team is where equipment has an electricity supply and is situated on or above the highway.

The lighting team are available to provide you with help and assistance in relation to festive lighting.

*If you have any questions please:*

Telephone: 0300 123 7036

Email: [Christmaslights@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:Christmaslights@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

### • **COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW - UPDATE**

At its meeting on 23rd April, the Community Governance Review Committee considered the final recommendations and revised final recommendations for the parishes of:

- *Ashton Hayes and Horton-cum-Peel*
- *Willington*
- *Kelsall*
- *Delamere and Oakmere*
- *Tiverton and Tilstone Fearnall*
- *Sutton*
- *Frodsham*
- *Kingsley*

These have been formally published within the parish and on the Council's website (on 16 May with a closing date of 13 June) for further representation prior to being agreed by Full Council later in the year.

The Committee also considered the phase one consultation feedback and draft recommendations for the parish of *Beeston*. This will be published on 16 May for a further period of consultation prior to be finalised.

The agenda and supporting paperwork for the 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2014 will be available at:

<http://cmttpublic.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?XXR=0&Year=2014&CId=852>

Stage one questionnaires are currently being returned for the community governance reviews of the following parishes with a closing date of 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2014

- *Rudheath, Davenham, Bostock, Moulton and Hartford.*

At the next meeting of the Governance Review Committee to be held on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2014, the Committee are currently likely to receive:

➤ phase one consultation feedback and draft recommendations for the reviews of the following parishes:

- *Coddington, Aldersey, Barton, Carden, Clutton and Stretton;*
- *Broxton, Duckington, Harthill;*
- *Burwardsley;*
- *Eaton, Eccleston and Claverton;*
- *Poulton and Pulford;*
- *Saughall and Shotwick Park;*
- *Huntington;*
- *Upton, Bache and Moston;*

➤ Revised draft recommendations for the reviews of the following parishes:

- *Threapwood;*
- *Bickley, Edge, Hampton, Larkton*
- *Tushingham-cum-Grindley, Macefen and Bradley.*

➤ final recommendations for the reviews of the following parishes:

- *Agden;*
- *Caldecott, Church Shocklach, Horton-by-Malpas and Shocklach Oviatt;*
- *Chidlow, Malpas, Newto-by-Malpas, Oldcastle, Overton, Stockton, Wigland and Wychough;*
- *Tilston and Grafton.*

The agenda and supporting paperwork for this meeting will be available on the Council's website from 21<sup>st</sup> May 2014.

Information relating to the overall process is available on the Council's website at: [http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/your\\_council/voting\\_and\\_elections/community\\_governance.aspx](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/your_council/voting_and_elections/community_governance.aspx)

For further information, please contact:

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- **CONNECTING CHESHIRE – UPDATE**

High speed broadband arrives in Weaverham, Tattenhall and Christleton

Over 1,900 premises in Weaverham and Acton Bridge, 750 in Tattenhall and 1,800 in Christleton are now able to upgrade to superfast fibre broadband as Connecting Cheshire's rollout goes live.

The £28.5m Connecting Cheshire partnership has announced that its new fibre-optic network - bringing speeds of up to 80 megabits per second (Mbps) - is now available in three telephone exchange areas across Cheshire West as part of its first phase roll-out to more than 15,000 homes and businesses.

Connecting Cheshire, a partnership between BT and Cheshire West and Chester, Cheshire East, Halton and Warrington Councils, aims to reach over 80,000 homes and businesses with fibre broadband by the end of 2015.

Residents and businesses can check availability of fibre broadband by contacting their broadband provider or by visiting the Connecting Cheshire website: [www.connectingcheshire.org.uk](http://www.connectingcheshire.org.uk)

- **COMMUNITY RESILIENCE**

In last month's edition The Joint Cheshire Emergency Planning Team advertised the 2014 Community Resilience Workshops. There are still places available (closing date - 1<sup>st</sup> June 2014)

Introductory workshops to Community Resilience:

Workshop 13.30 – 16.30pm (refreshments will be served at 13.00pm)

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2014: Room 1, Wyvern House, Winsford Cheshire

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2014: Room 1, Wyvern House, Winsford Cheshire

Community Resilience Speed Training Event:

Workshop 13.30 – 17.00pm (refreshments will be served at 13.00pm)

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2014: Barbour Institute, High Street, Tattenhall, Chester, CH3 9PX

To book a place, please contact Ruth Stevens by email:

[ruth.stevens@cheshiresharedservices.gov.uk](mailto:ruth.stevens@cheshiresharedservices.gov.uk) or telephone 01244 973869.

- **FAITH IN THE COMMUNITY EVENT – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2014**

Information about this event can be found in the attached flyer.

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**USEFUL CONTACTS:**

Cheshire West and Chester Council's dedicated Hotline number exclusively for the use of Town and Parish Council representatives is: **0300 123 7049**

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*Best wishes.*

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