

Climate Local: Cheshire West and Chester Council

Our progress on 1 January 2014

Since signing up to Climate Local on 22 October 2012, we have made the following progress towards achieving the commitments and actions we pledged on 4 December 2013.

1. Low Carbon Pathways

Commitment: We will take action to manage and reduce our contribution to the carbon emissions in West Cheshire					
	Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency	Actions	Delivery and Governance	Measure	Timescale, Resources and Contact
1	<p>Carbon emissions</p> <p>The importance of having a robust evidence base is recognised by the Commission to help better inform policy, investment and delivery. Cheshire West and Chester Council should work with partners to provide regular monitoring reports on carbon emissions.</p> <p>Specific: Since 2005, each July, the Dept of Energy and Climate Change publish local authority borough-wide emission data. In addition, by the end of July each year, Cheshire West and Chester Council is required to publish its Greenhouse gas emissions under the previous National Indicator 185</p>	<p>Annual monitoring is already being undertaken by Cheshire West and Chester Council as well as and supplied by external organisations. In 12/13 Cheshire West and Chester Council spent the following on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy and Water £9.9M • Business Mileage £2.2M <p>The Greenhouse gas emissions are published on the Cheshire West and Chester Council website. However, there is an opportunity to present and review this information to a joint Member/Officer group on an annual basis in September. This will help track progress and provide a clear evidence base that can in turn help to shape Council policy. This will also link into Climate Local</p>	<p>Internally managed by Cheshire West and Chester Council, but will contribute to broader West Cheshire corporate intelligence data library.</p> <p>Possibility of pooling resources from partners, to maintain a central intelligence pool.</p>	<p>Targets: 30% emission reduction based on 2009/10 base year</p> <p>To set and agree target up to 2020</p> <p>Reductions of 34% of borough-wide emission below 1990 levels by 2020 and 60% by 2030.</p> <p>Annual reports presented each September to a joint Member/</p>	<p>Timescales: April 2015</p> <p>April 2014</p> <p>April 2020 and 2030</p> <p>Annually in September</p> <p>Resources: Existing carbon</p>

	<p>(Percentage CO₂ reduction from local authority operations). 2009-10 is used as the base year and reporting is based on each fiscal year.</p> <p>http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/your_council/policies_and_performance/climate_change_sustainability/greenhouse_gas_emissions.aspx</p>	<p>and the commitment to “Set Locally-owned and determined commitments and actions to reduce carbon emissions and manage climate impacts. To be specific measurable and challenging”.</p>		<p>Officer group along with plans to reduce carbon emissions.</p>	<p>management budget of £150,000 within Cheshire West and Chester Council.</p> <p>Contact: George Ablett Sustainability/ Climate Change Team, Cheshire West and Chester Council.</p>
2	<p>Promoting renewable energy</p> <p>In order to better inform developers of the opportunities the Borough has to offer in hosting renewable energy technology, an Information Pack should be pulled together targeted at developers and investors. The pack should set out the Borough’s policy towards the installation of renewable technology and provide guidelines to how support and assistance might be accessed. Information should cover the approach set out by policy in the Local Plan, how renewable technology is viewed by the Borough in terms of development management and the funding opportunities available that may offer support and assistance.</p>	<p>Specific:</p> <p>The Draft Local Plan (Part One) Strategic Policies will be submitted to the Secretary of State for examination following a period for public consultation. Part One provides the strategic framework and the hooks to ensure that schemes for renewable energy are encouraged and supported. Part One sets out the Council’s policy of encouraging renewable technology: http://consult.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/portal/cwc_ldf/cwc_lp/lp_pd/publication_draft . With these local policies and national guidance, there is sufficient information for developers and investors to bring forward renewable energy schemes.</p>	<p>Collaboration between a number of services, including Planning (spatial policy and Development management), Environmental Sustainability team, property and economic development.</p>	<p>Ensuring that the Local Plan Part Two embeds strong policies to support and incentivise the delivery of renewable energy as well as energy efficiency in new and existing developments based on robust evidence.</p> <p>Regular progress reports presented to the joint</p>	<p>Timescale Spring 2014</p> <p>Resources: Use of existing resources and capacity within the Spatial Planning Team and other sections to take policies through the Local Plan process.</p> <p>Contact : George Ablett Sustainability/ Climate Change Team, Cheshire West and Chester Council.</p>

		<p>Further detail, including site specific allocations will be set out in Part Two of the Local Plan. This will rely on political direction and support informed by evidence to ensure that developments consider the opportunities through renewable energy on site and linkages off site, through individual site allocations.</p> <p>The Renewable Energy Study is one of the baseline information documents for the Local Plan, this can be used to help set out the Council's position by providing drivers to help deliver renewable energy technology.</p> <p>The existing Planning Portal already has information that can be accessed</p>		Member/ Officer group.	Louise Hilder Spatial Planning Team, Cheshire West and Chester Council
3	<p>Local Energy Generation</p> <p>Further work needs to be undertaken to help identify how the Borough might support local energy generation. This will include the use of new technology and identifying various investment options available.</p> <p>Note:</p> <p>The Department of Energy Climate Change has set up a Heat Networks</p>	<p>Specific:</p> <p>Work alongside the Local Enterprise Partnership and the Authorities external funding team to identify funding opportunities.</p> <p>Use the network of partners both nationally, sub-regionally and locally to raise awareness of the technology available, linking to new development proposals where investment can be made in new technology that reduces</p>	<p>Cheshire West and Chester Council, and Partners</p> <p>Cheshire West and Chester Council to</p> <p>Ellesmere Port Regeneration Board</p>	<p>Application to HNDU to secure funding to explore opportunities in Ellesmere Port.</p> <p>Inclusion of investment proposals for energy efficient and renewable energy in the Cheshire and</p>	<p>Timescale October/ December 2013</p> <p>Resources: Funding via the Heat Networks Delivery Unit (HNDU).</p> <p>Contact: Peter Bulmer</p>

	<p>Delivery Unit and put in place a development funding stream (£9m) to support credible prospects for commercial development in a strategic location and scope for expansion.</p> <p>Through the Renewable Energy Study as part of the Local Plan evidence, a number of areas have been identified as “Areas for Potential Heat Networks” predominantly in the Chester and Ellesmere Port areas.</p>	<p>energy use.</p> <p>Consider the possibility of establishing and marketing West Cheshire as a place where new technology can be developed and tested – to create a pro-energy efficient culture, that if recognised will also bring economic benefits in terms of helping to strengthen the energy sector, jobs and GVA.</p>	<p>University of Chester</p> <p>Local Enterprise Partnership</p>	<p>Warrington Investment Strategy.</p>	<p>Sustainability/ Climate Change Team, Cheshire West and Chester Council.</p>
4	<p>Community Neighbourhood Planning</p> <p>Building on the good practice examples found in the Borough to extend the knowledge and learning to other communities. Where communities/ neighbourhoods are developing Neighbourhood Plans a further opportunity now exists for local areas to consider the introduction of energy efficient projects and proposals.</p> <p>Note: Parish and town councils and neighbourhood forums can apply for</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Plans are land-use based community led documents, which when adopted provide for new development to be allocated in line with greater community consensus. Cheshire West and Chester Council is only able to offer limited assistance and guidance on the introduction of energy efficient projects and technology. It falls on the Community writing the Neighbourhood Plan to evidence the land use policy for inclusion in the Plan. Parish Plans however are broader in their remit; if the community wish to consider community energy generation projects they can do so in writing to their</p>	<p>Cheshire West and Chester Council</p> <p>Cheshire Community Action</p> <p>Use existing Neighbourhood Plan and Parish Plan networking arrangements to disseminate good practice and guidance.</p>	<p>The number of Neighbourhood Plans supported that put forward proposals for energy efficient projects.</p>	<p>Timescale Ongoing</p> <p>Resources: DCLG grant and other resources</p> <p>Use of existing resources and capacity within the Spatial Planning Team to support Neighbourhood plans.</p> <p>Contact :</p>

	<p>grants of up to £7000 or direct support through the Department of Communities and Local Government's 'Supporting Communities in Neighbourhood Planning programme':- http://mycommunityrights.org.uk/neighbourhood-planning/</p>	<p>Parish Plan.</p> <p>Where good practice already exists in local communities such as Ashton Hayes, the offer of advice to other communities might be made as part of the advice provided to local communities.</p> <p>Note: Currently, Cheshire West and Chester Council is supporting the development of 20 Neighbourhood Plans.</p>			<p>Catherine Morgetroyd Spatial Planning Team, Cheshire West and Chester Council</p>
5	<p>Community Energy</p> <p>The Borough Council to encourage Communities to be fully engaged in the development of proposed energy generation schemes, so that local consensus is gained for local infrastructure proposals.</p>	<p>Pre-application discussions for proposed energy generation schemes, to fully engage with the local community that will benefit from the introduction of the scheme. Local community engagement can be facilitated via Locality Teams.</p> <p>Note:</p> <p>The Rural Community Renewable Energy Fund (RCREF) has been established to support community renewable energy projects in rural areas. Funds of up to £150,000 are available through two funding stages: an initial feasibility grant; and a loan for development costs.</p>	<p>Cheshire West and Chester Council</p> <p>Locality Teams to investigate the route to be taken to ensure communities are included.</p>	<p>To have in place transparent mechanisms to allow engagement with local communities on energy generation proposals.</p> <p>Application to RCREF to secure funding to explore opportunities across the borough</p>	<p>Timescale: April 2014</p> <p>Resources: The Rural Community Renewable Energy Fund/ Rural Development Programme for England.</p> <p>Contact : Peter Bulmer Sustainability/ Climate Change Team, Cheshire West and Chester Council</p>
6	Community Renewable Energy	Identify capacity and expertise in the	Cheshire West		Timescale

	<p>Communities should be offered professional and technical help and assistance from the Borough Council where available on the installation and provision of energy production, including solar, electric, solar, and thermal, wind, heat-pumps and biomass.</p>	<p>Council or externally through the help of partners to provide professional and technical assistance to communities on schemes that will deliver increased levels of energy efficiency.</p>	<p>and Chester Council</p> <p>Locality Teams and Parish Councils to feed request for assistance to technical advisors.</p>	<p>Number of requests leading to installations</p> <p>Mechanism to be in place to enable Communities to access professional and technical advice.</p>	<p>December 2013</p> <p>Resources: Housing Capital Programme of £200,000 with additional funding via Cheshire West and Chester Council's Domestic Energy Scheme Provider.</p> <p>Contact : Georgina Patel Private Sector Housing Cheshire West and Chester Council</p>
7	<p>Domestic Energy Efficiency</p> <p>There is already a good deal of information available to the public on how they might access home insulation assistance. We must ensure that all socio-economic groups have access to this information and are able to benefit from the opportunities currently on offer.</p>	<p>Develop a borough wide offer of energy efficiency measures for all tenure groups similar to that of 'Cheshire West Warm Zone.'</p> <p>Identify areas / household types with high levels of fuel poverty and target with advice and assistance on energy consumption and saving initiatives.</p> <p>Note:</p>	<p>Cheshire West and Chester Council, and Partners</p> <p>Cheshire West's Affordable Warmth Steering Group</p> <p>Private Sector</p>	<p>Reduction in Excessive Winter Deaths (EWD)</p> <p>Reduction on the numbers of households in fuel poverty</p> <p>Improve the Borough's average Standard</p>	<p>Timescale December 2013</p> <p>Resources: Housing Capital Programme of £200,000 with additional funding via Cheshire West and Chester Council's Domestic Energy Scheme</p>

		<p>Cheshire West and Chester Council is working collaboratively with other local authorities to develop a partnership-based scheme to provide an Energy Saving Service which creates a single point of contact for residents who want domestic energy advice and assistance.</p> <p>Cheshire West and Chester Council have already worked with landlords to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Highlight the benefits of energy efficiency measures - Provide small match-funded grants to members of the Cheshire Landlord Accreditation Scheme for energy efficiency work. - Promote LESA (Landlord's Energy Savings Allowance), a tax relief on certain energy efficiency improvements funded by the landlord via newsletters and forums. 	Housing Team	<p>Assessment Procedure (SAP) rating of private housing</p> <p>Decreased CO2 reductions from domestic energy</p> <p>Number of measures installed (e.g. insulation etc)</p> <p>Tonnes of carbon saved</p> <p>Adoption of a renewed Affordable Warmth Strategy 20-13-2106 which will include measures and targets</p>	<p>Provider.</p> <p>Contact : Georgina Patel Private Sector Housing Cheshire West and Chester Council</p>
8	<p>Domestic Energy Information</p> <p>To better inform people of their energy use, the Council should promote and market technology that can help to demonstrate levels of energy consumption and the</p>	<p>Disseminate information and advice to all residents in the Borough on how they might best help themselves to reduce their own energy consumption, either through the use of technology or by adjusting their behaviour. Energy companies already lead on</p>	<p>Cheshire West and Chester Council</p> <p>Private Sector Housing Team</p>	<p>Number of hits on relevant Council Web Pages.</p> <p>Number of householders</p>	<p>Timescale 2013/14</p> <p>Resources:</p> <p>Existing resources with Cheshire West</p>

	measures that can be taken to address them, (smart metering).	much of this promotion, but opportunities may arise where the Council could also provide information and advice.		switching to cheaper fuel tariffs	and Chester Council Contact : Georgina Patel Private Sector Housing Cheshire West and Chester Council
9	<p>Green Deal</p> <p>A fit-for-purpose partnership to be established to drive and co-ordinate the Green Deal programme. Put in place a sub-regional working group and commit resources to take full advantage of the Green Deal. This may include the formation of a dedicated team that is supported by partners.</p>	<p>Develop a new Specification to tender for an area-based scheme across the Borough to include advice and assistance on energy saving including routes to preferred Green Deal and Energy Company Obligation (ECO) partners.</p> <p>The council has 20 Carbon Saving Community Areas and is working towards profiling the housing stock in each area to identify the areas that best meet the ECO objectives.</p> <p>Note:</p> <p>Cheshire West and Chester Council is working collaboratively with other local authorities to develop a partnership-based scheme to provide an Energy Saving Service which creates a single point of contact for residents who want domestic energy advice and</p>	<p>Cheshire West and Chester Council, and Partners</p> <p>Private Sector Housing Team</p> <p>Cheshire West and Chester Council Affordable Warmth Steering Group</p> <p>Contract management by Cheshire West and Chester Council Private Sector Housing Team</p>	<p>Domestic Energy Scheme Provider appointed to have in place an area-based scheme to advise on energy savings/ installations etc.</p> <p>Commission new Service Provider in partnership with neighbouring Authorities</p>	<p>Timescale December 2013</p> <p>Resources: Housing Capital Programme of £200,000 with additional funding from the Home Heating Cost Reduction Obligation, Carbon Emission Reduction Obligation and Carbon Saving Community Obligation via Cheshire West and Chester Council's Domestic Energy Scheme Provider.</p> <p>Contact :</p>

		<p>assistance.</p> <p>In addition, Cheshire West and Chester Council has worked with private landlords and informed them that The Energy Act 2011 contains powers so that from 2016 landlords should not be able to refuse reasonable requests for consent to install Green Deal measures from their tenants. Also that from April 2018, all private rented dwellings should be brought up to a minimum energy efficiency standard rating, likely to be set at EPC rating E.</p>			<p>Georgina Patel Private Sector Housing Cheshire West and Chester Council</p>
10	<p>Information</p> <p>To influence behaviour, we need to raise people's awareness and understanding of the issues. We should improve the targeting of information to key audiences, raising people's awareness and understanding of the scale of the issues we face, for example the level of our carbon emissions and what individuals can do to address this.</p>	<p>Influence behaviour using a number of tools, including the targeting of advice and guidance, using exiting channels and networks. It may be possible to use good practice from other authorities where behaviour has been influenced via a targeted campaign or through the use of incentives.</p>	<p>Cheshire West and Chester Council</p> <p>Private Sector Housing Team</p> <p>Cheshire West and Chester Council Affordable Warmth Steering Group</p>	<p>Number of hits on relevant Council Web Pages.</p> <p>Number of promotional events</p>	<p>Timescale December 2013</p> <p>Resources: Existing resources within Cheshire West and Chester Council</p> <p>Contact : Georgina Patel Private Sector Housing Cheshire West and Chester Council</p>

2. Low Carbon Developments

Commitment: We will take action to ensure that future developments are low carbon and resilient					
	Housing and Development	Next Steps Actions	Delivery and Governance	Measure	Timescale and Resources
11	<p>Local Plan</p> <p>Local Planning Policy set by the Local Development Framework will need to incorporate Carbon Reduction Targets that cover the Local Plan area and not just parts of the Borough.</p>	<p>The Draft Local Plan (Part One) Strategic Policies will be submitted to the Secretary of State for examination following a period for public consultation. Further detail, including site specific allocations will be set out in Part Two of the Local Plan. This will rely on political direction and support informed by evidence to ensure developments consider the opportunities through renewable energy on site and linkages off site. Cheshire West and Chester Council will ensure the Local Plan promotes sustainable development through low carbon and resilient developments.</p> <p>Feed comments and advice to the Local Plan consultation stages (Part Two). Work alongside the Strategic Planning Team to help shape planning policy.</p>	<p>Cheshire West and Chester Council (Strategic Planning Team)</p> <p>Feed into the Local Plan process. Using the formal consultation processes and informal officer discussion.</p>	<p>Inclusion of strong sustainability policies in the Local Plan towards adoption.</p> <p>Ensuring that the Local plan has embedded strong sustainability policies that will emerge to be taken to Inquiry Stage of the Plan</p> <p>Regular progress reports presented to the joint Member/ Officer group.</p>	<p>Timescale Spring 2014</p> <p>Resources: Use of existing resources and capacity within the Spatial Planning Team to take policies through the Local Plan process.</p> <p>Contact : Louise Hilder Spatial Planning Team, Cheshire West and Chester Council</p>

		The Local Plan should make reference to Government's ambitions for residential and non-domestic development to be delivered to a zero carbon standard by 2016 and 2019 respectively.			
12	<p>Low Carbon Developments</p> <p>Target Developers using levers such as planning policy and building control to help move new building and refurbishment schemes closer towards meeting zero-carbon standards.</p> <p>See also 20</p>	<p>Targets are now in place which aims to bring new development in line with Zero Carbon standards. Affordable Housing has been given a target year of 2016, and Commercial development a target year of 2019. Building Control through the use of Building Regulations is to be the main tool to ensure targets are met.</p> <p>Note: While Cheshire West and Chester Council's planning service can promote developers to work towards zero carbon developments, until the detail emerges from the Local Plan, we must use existing building regulations.</p>	Cheshire West and Chester Council	<p>Number of buildings achieving Zero Carbon standards.</p> <p>Number of new buildings achieving Code for Sustainable Homes Level 4, 5 and 6.</p>	<p>By 2016 (for Housing)</p> <p>By 2019 (for Commercial development)</p> <p>Resources: Use of existing resources and capacity within the Development Control Team to ensure enforcement</p> <p>Contact : John Adcock/ Gary Shields, Building Control (Planning), Cheshire West and Chester</p>

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13	<p>Community Infrastructure Levy</p> <p>The Borough's Community Infrastructure Levy will need to produce a "Charging Schedule" that sets out the rate to be levied, but must be justified by evidence such as the economic viability of new development and the area's infrastructure needs. In listing potential infrastructure projects that support growth and benefit the local community, the Borough should consider adding energy efficient schemes such as District Heating installations.</p> <p>http://www.planningportal.gov.uk</p>	<p>Influence the Charging schedule to reflect the ambition to support District Heating Installations. Ensuring that this ambition is taken through the development process and is given Member support through the work of the Commission. This will however need to be considered against the long list of other infrastructure priorities for the Borough including transport schemes.</p>	<p>Cheshire West and Chester Council (Spatial Planning / Finance)</p> <p>Cheshire West and Chester Council CIL approval process. Will need to be taken to Executive and Council to develop as Council policy.</p>	<p>Through Allowable Solutions, explore the opportunity to develop a Local Community Scheme</p> <p>Inclusion of District Heating Systems / Installations on the Charging Schedule.</p>	<p>Timescale Post Local Plan</p> <p>Resources: Use of existing resources and capacity within the Spatial Planning Team</p> <p>Contact : Antony Hodge Spatial Planning Team, Cheshire West and Chester Council</p>
14	<p>Information</p> <p>The Borough should review the way information is made available to the Public. There may be scope to improve how some general planning information is communicated. Perhaps the Planning Authority could pull together all relevant guidance regarding permission for energy efficient schemes, for domestic properties and small business developments.</p> <p>http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/</p>	<p>Use Cheshire West and Chester Council Council's internet site to signpost on guidance and information on the introduction of energy efficient schemes. This should follow national guidance where available e.g. through the http://www.planningportal.gov.uk</p>	<p>Cheshire West and Chester Council</p>	<p>Number of hits on Cheshire West and Chester Council web pages</p> <p>Number of sign-postings to "Planning Portal"</p>	<p>Timescale Spring 2014</p> <p>Resources: Use of existing resources and capacity within the Web Team/ Planning Team</p> <p>Contact : Damian</p>

					Beaumont Web Team, Cheshire West and Chester Council
15	<p>Design Guide</p> <p>Put in place a Design Guide to help avoid ambiguity and to give a clearer steer to aid development that delivers renewable energy benefits.</p>	<p>There is already a great deal of free advice and information available on various web-sites that are regularly updated and give the best technical and relevant information on energy efficient building design. As an Authority we should be able to sign-post to these sites and sources of information, rather than produce its own dedicated Design Guide.</p> <p>http://www.planningportal.gov.uk</p>	Cheshire West and Chester Council	<p>Number of hits</p> <p>Number of sign-postings to "Planning Portal"</p>	<p>Timescale Spring 2014</p> <p>Resources: Use of existing resources and capacity within the Web Team/ Planning Team</p> <p>Contact : Damian Beaumont Web Team, Cheshire West and Chester Council</p>
16	<p>Pre-application support</p> <p>In order to be more pro-active, the Borough may want to consider pre-application discussions with developers and energy companies, to consider or help identify energy efficient measures. Local Authorities might also be in the best position to broker partnerships between developers and energy companies in advance of schemes being</p>	<p>The Council already undertakes pre-applications discussions with developers. Where possible energy efficient measures are always encouraged by the Council. The Local Plan will set out an "allowable Solutions" policy.</p>	Cheshire West and Chester Council	<p>Number of pre-application discussions concerning energy efficiency etc.</p> <p>Adoption of Allowable</p>	<p>Timescale Spring 2014</p> <p>Resources: Use of existing resources and capacity within Planning</p>

	<p>drawn up.</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/next-steps-to-zero-carbon-homes-allowable-solutions</p>	<p>Note: Department of Communities and Local Government have recently launched a consultation on a core component of the zero carbon definition – Allowable Solutions.</p> <p>This consultation offers industry the opportunity to comment on key considerations for a viable Allowable Solutions mechanism.</p>		<p>Solutions Policy” in the Local Plan in 2014</p>	<p>Contact : John Adcock/ Gary Shields, Building Control (Planning), Louise Hilder Spatial Planning Team, Cheshire West and Chester Council</p>
17	<p>Neighbourhood Plans</p> <p>In developing Neighbourhood Plans Communities should be encouraged to consider the introduction of Energy Efficient measures. This will need to be developed through the various hand-holding mechanisms.</p> <p>Note: Parish and town councils and neighbourhood forums can apply for grants of up to £7000 or direct support through the Department of Communities and Local Government’s ‘Supporting Communities in Neighbourhood Planning programme’:- http://mycommunityrights.org.uk/neighbourhood-planning/</p>	<p>Ensure the offer of assistance from Cheshire West and Chester Council to Communities wishing to undertake a Neighbourhood Plan, includes guidance on the introduction and best use of energy efficient projects. This should sit alongside the provision of new development proposals and consideration of community energy generation projects.</p> <p>Building on the good practice examples found in the Borough to extend the knowledge and learning to other communities. Where communities/ neighbourhoods are developing Neighbourhood Plans a further</p>	<p>Cheshire West and Chester Council, Cheshire Community Action</p> <p>Use existing Neighbourhood Plan and Parish Plan networking arrangements to disseminate good practice and guidance.</p>	<p>The number of Neighbourhood Plans supported that put forward proposals for energy efficient projects.</p>	<p>Timescale Ongoing</p> <p>Resources: DCLG grant and other resources</p> <p>Use of existing resources and capacity within the Spatial Planning Team to support Neighbourhood plans.</p> <p>Contact : Catherine Morgetroyd</p>

		<p>opportunity now exists for local areas to consider the introduction of energy efficient projects and proposals.</p> <p>Note: Currently, Cheshire West and Chester Council is supporting the development of 20 Neighbourhood Plans.</p>			<p>Spatial Planning Team, Cheshire West and Chester Council</p>
18	<p>Planning support</p> <p>Planning is recognised as playing a key part in the way in which energy efficient measures are integrated and developed, it is therefore essential that Planning in terms of policy and development management is considered alongside every stage of the Inquiry.</p>	<p>Central role of Planning is highlighted in the final report, which must now be translated into policy proposals for the Local Plan. The Commission to continue to feed comments into the formal planning process (Part Two of the Local Plan) to help shape emerging policy and informally work alongside the Spatial Planning Team.</p> <p>The planning system is a key way in which the Council can influence the energy performance of new and existing buildings. There is significant potential for renewable energy generation in our area, as detailed in the evidence base for Local Plan.</p>	<p>Cheshire West and Chester Council</p> <p>Formal local plan route to feed comments on policy through the consultation process and development of detailed policy in Part Two of the Local Plan.</p>	<p>Adoption of robust Energy efficient policies in the Local Plan.</p> <p>Delivery of these policies in a positive and flexible manner taking a promotional approach to encourage developers to incorporate energy efficient measures.</p>	<p>Timescale Ongoing</p> <p>Resources: Use of existing resources and capacity the Planning Team</p> <p>Contact : Jon Sutcliffe Planning, Cheshire West and Chester Council.</p>
19	<p>Behavioural Change</p> <p>Getting the best use of technology installed in new properties must go hand in hand with influencing</p>	<p>A pro-active approach to be drawn up with the help of developers on how to raise customer's awareness of the</p>	<p>Cheshire West and Chester Council</p>	<p>Number of case studies locally/ demonstration</p>	<p>No additional resources required.</p>

	<p>behavioural change. Greater levels of awareness should be introduced to go beyond a “passive” informational approach that aims to raise awareness, to one that uses a range of social marketing approaches, such as one-to-one contacts to better inform and educate and follow up reminders and refreshes.</p>	<p>new technology they will have access to in new developments.</p> <p>Consider using Cheshire West’s Web site to signpost. This should follow national guidance where available. Greater use of the “Planning Portal” could be promoted through the Council’s web-site.</p>		<p>sites.</p>	
20	<p>Zero Carbon developments See also 12</p> <p>Setting industry standards and enforcing building regulations is more of a stick rather than carrot approach. More might be done to readdress this, perhaps incentivising house builders to go beyond just meeting the accepted standards. Local Authorities may have a part to play by being more flexible and having a better understanding of some basic land economic issues.</p>	<p>Targets are now in place that aim to bring new development in line with Zero Carbon standards. Affordable Housing has been given a target year of 2016, and Commercial development a target year of 2019. Building Control through the use of Building Regulations is to be the main tool to ensure targets are met.</p> <p>Note: While Cheshire West and Chester Council’s planning service can promote developers to work towards zero carbon developments, until the detail emerges from the Local Plan, we must use existing building regulations.</p>	<p>Cheshire West and Chester Council</p>	<p>Number of buildings achieving Zero Carbon standards.</p> <p>Number of new buildings achieving Code for Sustainable Homes Level 4, 5 and 6.</p>	<p>By 2016 for (Affordable Housing)</p> <p>By 2019 for (Commercial development)</p> <p>Resources: Use of existing resources and capacity within the Development Control Team to ensure enforcement</p> <p>Contact : John Adcock/ Gary Shields, Building</p>

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21	<p>Resilient Communities</p> <p>The needs of those living in the most deprived neighbourhoods should be addressed by ensuring they are accounted for in plans and policies such as flood risk management strategies and Health/Fire/Police emergency contingency plans.</p>	<p>The most deprived areas need to be targeted. Helping its residents to capture opportunities and benefits of action on climate change, through saving on their energy bills, generating income from renewable energy (community schemes). But also helping to mitigate the effects of extreme weather, reducing impacts of flood risks and drought.</p>	<p>Cheshire West and Chester Sustainability and Climate Change Team Locality Teams.</p> <p>Various partner organisations will need to agree a consistent policy that cuts across their services.</p>	<p>Number of Community Resilience Plans developed</p> <p>Population covered by these plans</p> <p>Information available, web hits</p>	<p>Timescale Ongoing</p> <p>Resources: Use of existing resources and capacity within the Emergency Planning Team and Climate Change team</p> <p>Contact : Peter Bulmer Climate Change Team, Cheshire West and Chester Council.</p>
22	<p>Climate Change Adaptation</p> <p>The Environment Agency is recognised as a key partner organisation that can assist in the development of local actions towards the National Adaptation Programme. The commission welcomes the continued support of the Agency and would seek to encourage further support in</p>	<p>Cheshire West and Chester Council to continue to liaise and work alongside the Environment Agency to shape an adaptation programme for our area. To be co-ordinated by the “Adaptation Programme Group” or a similar group that is already in place.</p>	<p>Cheshire West and Chester Council</p> <p>Environment Agency</p>	<p>Development of a Borough wide Climate Change Adaptation Plan</p>	<p>Timescale April 2014</p> <p>Resources: Use of existing resources and capacity within the Climate</p>

	the development of the Adaptation Programme.				Change team Contact : Peter Bulmer Climate Change Team, Cheshire West and Chester Council
23	Local Plan Environmental Considerations Environmental and climate change constraints placed on development need to be recognised within land use policy by clearly setting out where development is constrained or how we might carry out adaption to mitigate any risks.	Clarity to be provided through the Local Plan, where development is constrained due to high risks and vulnerability. Identifying areas of environmental and climate change constraint to be undertaken with the help of key partners such as the Environment Agency. This will include the list of sites under the Assessing Climate Risk and Opportunities for Strategic Sites study. The Local Plan will have in place a site specific allocations document. This will be complementary to policies covering mitigation and adaptation.	Cheshire West and Chester Council Environment Agency and Partner Agencies Policy suggestions on land use policy to be taken through the formal local plan consultation process.	Inclusion of strong mitigation and adaptation policies in the Local Plan, to be taken to Inquiry Stage of the Plan towards adoption.	Timescale Spring 2014 Resources: Use of existing resources and capacity within the Spatial Planning Team Contact : Louise Hilder Spatial Planning Team, Cheshire West and Chester Council.
24	Regeneration	Use the Ellesmere Port	Cheshire West	Number of new	Timescale

	<p>Key regeneration programmes in the Borough should take account and build on the recommendations set out in Vision 2050, for example that “innovations in architecture, building construction and standards, energy generation and infrastructure planning need to be accommodated”.</p> <p>(Vision 2050 acknowledges the part new development can play in introducing energy efficient measures, and in particular it notes that institutional, commercial and industrial buildings could be at the forefront of the introduction of low-energy and environmental friendly design).</p>	<p>Regeneration Programme as a test-bed for the recommendations identified by the Commission and Vision 2050. The use of energy efficiency technology in new development and construction is to be a key area of focus.</p> <p>£6m of Regional Growth Fund now allocated to Ellesmere Port. Opportunity to ensure proposals for infrastructure consider how the best energy efficient technology is used.</p> <p>Proposals to be developed and shaped and delivered through the Regeneration Boards.</p>	<p>and Chester Council - Delivery through Regeneration teams.</p>	<p>developments within the Regeneration Programme areas using high level of energy efficient technology and materials.</p> <p>Amount of local energy generated</p>	<p>October/ December 2013</p> <p>Resources: Additional funding required</p> <p>Contact: Peter Bulmer Sustainability/ Climate Change Team, Cheshire West and Chester Council.</p>
25	<p>Regeneration</p> <p>There is an opportunity to set standards in building design, layout and overall development to strive for greater energy efficiency. The development ambitions that are now being progressed in Chester, Northwich and Ellesmere Port, should be able to demonstrate from the outset how they intend to integrate energy efficient measures.</p>	<p>Use the Ellesmere Port Regeneration Programme as a test-bed for the recommendations identified by the Commission and Vision 2050. The use of energy efficiency technology in New development and construction is to be a key area of focus.</p> <p>Proposals to be developed and shaped and delivered through</p>	<p>Cheshire West and Chester Council</p> <p>Ellesmere Port Regeneration Board</p>	<p>Number of new developments within the Regeneration Programme areas using high level of energy efficient technology and materials.</p> <p>Amount of</p>	<p>Timescale October/ December 2013</p> <p>Resources: Additional funding required</p> <p>Contact: Peter Bulmer</p>

		the Regeneration Boards		local energy generated	Sustainability/ Climate Change Team, Cheshire West and Chester Council.
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3. Sustainable Waste Management

Commitment: We will take action to ensure that we reduce the amount of waste generated, more waste is reused and recycled with increasing guidance and information for people to take action.

	Resource Management and Waste	Next Steps Actions	Delivery and Governance	Measure	Timescale and Resources
26	<p>Performance data</p> <p>More rigorous monitoring and data collection should be undertaken to better inform decision makers. Gaps in data highlighted by the Commission include the amount of waste the Borough imports and exports, the number of “waste miles” undertaken to transport waste and the geographical spread of waste in terms of its generation, disposal and treatment.</p>	<p>The waste need assessment report 2012 for the Borough looks at the movement of waste in and out the area based upon Environment Agency site return data. The report has been produced to inform the new Local Plan policy on waste. The movement of waste is influenced by the waste market and contracts. The waste need assessment will be updated regularly to provide the most up to date picture of the waste movements available.</p> <p>Comprehensive data will continue to be collected on Local Authority Collected Waste.</p>	<p>Cheshire West and Chester Council</p> <p>Cheshire West and Chester Council Local Plan team to provide up to date position on waste data for the Borough in the Waste</p>	<p>The waste needs assessment to be updated regularly to provide the most up to date picture of the waste movements available.</p>	<p>Timescale: Ongoing</p> <p>Resources: Existing staff resources within Cheshire West and Chester Council</p> <p>Contact : Louise Hilder Spatial Planning Team, Cheshire West and</p>

		The Council should recognise the need to improve data collection in relation to Commercial and Industrial and Construction, Demolition and Excavation Waste and continue to support exercises that seek to improve data collection for these streams at the regional and national level alongside other agencies such as the Environment Agency.	Need Assessment Reports and Annual Monitoring, Environment Agency		Chester Council
27	<p>Waste to Energy</p> <p>A clear strategic Borough position is required on the approach to the allocation and construction of “waste-to-energy” facilities to help plan for the management of waste.</p>	The Local Plan Scheme Part One sets out the Councils’ strategic planning policy position for new waste management facilities including energy from waste. The waste need assessment was updated in 2012 it sets out the capacity of existing and planned waste management capacity in the Borough and is being used to inform the emerging policy in the Local Plan. The Local Plan (Part One) safeguards three strategic sites for energy to waste use.	<p>Cheshire West and Chester Council</p> <p>Policy to be developed through the Local Plan.</p>	Further strategic position on the approach to “waste-to-energy” facilities is to be developed by the Council.	<p>Timescale:</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Resources:</p> <p>Existing staff resources within Cheshire West and Chester Council</p> <p>Contact:</p> <p>Louise Hilder Spatial Planning Team, Cheshire West and Chester Council</p>
28	<p>Information</p> <p>The following Actions could be undertaken by Cheshire West and Chester Council:-</p>	Recycle First News to be distributed to all households in the borough twice during 2014. Providing information and advice on the Recycle First service. Summer 2013 Recycle First News was delivered in June. The next edition will be delivered	Cheshire West and Chester Council to be accountable for	<p>Regular Recycle First News update bulletin and website.</p> <p>Waste reduction</p>	<p>.Timescale:</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Resources:</p> <p>Existing staff resources within</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is suggested that Residents are better informed about where waste goes, as this question is often raised by people in the Borough. - Support “waste reduction volunteers”. Although not new there is some merit in trying to re-launch and invigorate and aim to work closer with Communities and volunteers. - Actively encourage Community Composting and help create greater local community ownership. 	<p>in November 2013.</p> <p>New http://www.recyclefirst.info/thehome.php , in partnership with May Gurney, including interactive map showing where collected materials go for recycling and animations showing how the recycling process takes place.</p> <p>http://www.recyclefirst.info/volunteers.php To reach out to the wider community and inspire the public to change their thinking about waste. Promotion of how to become a volunteer in next Recycle First.</p> <p>Ellesmere Port and Neston area is being used as a pilot area for Community Composting. Recommendations from the Community Composting Network’s Scoping Study will be implemented.</p>	<p>monitoring and the reporting of targets.</p>	<p>volunteer project – Recruit and train new volunteers, especially targeting the areas where there are no volunteers</p> <p>Community Composting in Ellesmere Port. Investigate setting up one large scale community composting site and one small scale site.</p>	<p>Cheshire West and Chester Council</p> <p>Contact:</p> <p>Jody Sherratt / Cath Evans: Waste Management, Cheshire West and Chester Council.</p>
29	<p>Business Advice</p> <p>Cheshire West and Chester Council, Chester University and the Chambers of Commerce are working in partnership to provide a joined-up service to Small and medium sized businesses. There is scope though the Riverside innovation Centre to provide advice on trade waste.</p>	<p>Riverside Innovation Centre (RIC) is to be the first point of contact for business and Commerce on a wider range of business related issues, including business advice, finance, inward investment, account management and exporting support. . The one-stop-shop approach to be used to provide businesses with advice on trade waste.</p>	<p>Cheshire West and Chester Council / Riverside Innovation Centre partners</p> <p>To be</p>	<p>To be included as an additional service offered by RIC and channelled through the Council’s Growth Advocates</p>	<p>Timescale:</p> <p>Effective from January 2013</p> <p>Resources:</p> <p>Existing staff resources within Cheshire West and Chester</p>

			managed as part of the Business Growth Service.		Council Contact: Iain Paton, Economic Development Manager, Cheshire West and Chester Council
30	<p>Low Carbon Communities Network</p> <p>Cheshire West and Chester Council is best placed and should therefore take on a co-ordinating role for the “Low Carbon Communities Network”.</p> <p>Note: Working with Energy Projects Plus to apply for funding from The Lottery’s Reaching Communities fund for a 3 year network support and project development</p>	Continue to support and provide partner capacity to the Carbon Communities Network.	Cheshire West and Chester Council and Partners	<p>Set base line monitoring from Jan 2013</p> <p>Number of groups supported</p> <p>Numbers of individuals active in each group</p> <p>Additional project resources secured</p> <p>Outputs from individual projects: energy generated, CO2 saved, waste recycled</p>	<p>Timescale: Jan 2014 onwards</p> <p>Resources: The Lottery (approx £150,000)</p> <p>Ongoing support from existing staff resources within Cheshire West and Chester Council.</p> <p>Contact:</p>

					<p>Peter Bulmer</p> <p>Sustainability/ Climate Change Team, Cheshire West and Chester Council.</p>
31	<p>Neighbourhood Working</p> <p>Need for a greater involvement of local Communities - Put in place a series of local hearings at different locations of the Borough for the benefit of local residents, providing them with the opportunity to meet with policy makers and practitioners. Neighbourhood plans also provide communities with the opportunity to have a part in influencing and shaping their local area.</p>	<p>Identify local community networks that can be used to communicate and disseminate information and initiatives on sustainability and climate change.</p>	<p>Cheshire West and Chester Council and partner networks. Locality Teams.</p> <p>Local area teams to provide the focus and some capacity to help involve local communities.</p>	<p>Number of local hearings/ meetings/ forums</p>	<p>Timescale: Ongoing</p> <p>Resources: Existing staff resources within Cheshire West and Chester Council.</p> <p>Contact: Localities Managers, Localities Directorate</p> <p>Peter Bulmer Sustainability/ Climate Change Team, Cheshire West and Chester Council.</p>

32	<p>Recycling</p> <p>Continue to increase recycling rates and reduce the amount of waste going to landfill. Further actions can be taken by the Borough, working with industry to manage this approach.</p>	<p>For Household Waste only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60% Recycling Target for 2013/14 for household waste. • Annual Improvement Plan within waste collection contract with May Gurney to develop the service and strive for increased recycling rates for household waste. • Future projects being investigated to increase recycling for household waste includes mattress recycling, road silt recycling, and recycling at all flats / communal properties in partnership with May Gurney and the Cheshire Furniture Reuse Forum. • Develop bulky waste collection contract in Partnership with May Gurney and the Cheshire Furniture Reuse forum to maximise reuse and recycling of all bulky waste collected. 	Cheshire West and Chester Council to be accountable for monitoring and the reporting of targets	<p>60% Recycling Target for 2013/14 for household waste.</p> <p>Annual improvement plan</p> <p>Additional recycling streams</p> <p>Implementation of bulky waste collection and reuse</p>	<p>Timescale: Ongoing</p> <p>Resources: Existing staff resources within Cheshire West and Chester Council</p> <p>Contact: Alison Butler, Waste Management, Cheshire West and Chester Council.</p>
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4. Low Carbon Transport

Commitment: We will take action to promote more sustainable methods of travel and transport, including the need not to travel.					
	Transport and Accessibility	Next Steps Actions	Delivery and Governance	Measure	Resources
33	<p>Behavioural Change</p> <p>Behavioural change is recognised as a key</p>	New opportunities continue to be identified to maintain the Authorities momentum on	Cheshire West and Chester	<p>Number of events</p> <p>Number of people</p>	<p>Timescale: Annual</p>

	<p>factor in helping to turn around people's travel habits. Cheshire West and Chester Council and partner agencies should continue to encourage behavioural change by delivering softer transport measures.</p>	<p>influencing people's behaviour on transport choices and travel habits. The Local Sustainable Transport Fund provides the most recent opportunity for the Authority. This funding will enable a package of sustainable transport measures to be delivered in the West of the Borough to the value of £13.354 million by 2015. Measures fall under the following three themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve local access for longer distance commuter trips • Improve local trips to work and training • Smarter Choices, marketing and promotion <p>Outcomes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • support 17,000 local and regional jobs • creating £333 million of additional GVA per annum to the local economy • annually take 8.6 million km of car journeys off the road; • create 0.7 million of public transport, cycling and walking trips, per • annum; 	<p>Council</p> <p>Delivery of the LSTF through Cheshire West and Chester Council as the accountable body for the fund.</p>	<p>engaged</p> <p>Number of Travel Plans produced</p> <p>Annual workplace staff travel surveys.</p> <p>Survey results recorded on itrace and outputs reported</p> <p>Annual modal shift</p> <p>Jobs supported</p> <p>Additional GVA created</p> <p>Amount of car journeys recued</p> <p>Number of new public transport, cycling and walking trips</p> <p>Annual transport carbon emissions reductions</p>	<p>monitoring report</p> <p>Resources: Existing LSTF and staff resources within Cheshire West and Chester Council</p> <p>Contact: Bethan Edwards, Local Sustainability Transport Fund Project Manager</p> <p>Lucy Low, LSTF Team, Cheshire West and Chester Council.</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reduce annual carbon emissions by 903 tonnes; 			
34	<p>Transport Infrastructure</p> <p>Transport infrastructure is important in helping to support economic growth, but in setting out its key infrastructure needs Cheshire West and Chester Council also needs to identify transport infrastructure that makes a contribution towards meeting carbon reduction targets and helps to build resilience to severe weather events.</p>	<p>Working through the Local Transport Board and the Local Enterprise Partnership to identify transport infrastructure priorities.</p> <p>The LEPs Strategic Economic Plan will set out key transport infrastructure. This plan should also include aligning and pooling local authority capital and revenue spend on growth – particularly on housing, transport, economic development and regeneration, planning and infrastructure.</p> <p>The plan also needs to show the local authority commitment to growth (including asset management strategy) to unlock resources for investment.</p> <p>Major schemes to progress include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Bus Interchange (£14M) • Newbridge Road Access (Ellesmere Port) • Holyhead to London electrification 	<p>Cheshire West and Chester Council, Local Enterprise Partnership, Local Transport Body and partners.</p> <p>Decisions on key transport schemes to be made by the Local Transport Body (LTB).</p> <p>Member input through the LTB.</p>	<p>Key transport infrastructure identified in the LEPs Strategic Economic Plan, along with funding and delivery details (to follow)</p> <p>Details of how the LTB will integrate into the new decision making structure.</p>	<p>Timescale:</p> <p>Plan: October 2013</p> <p>Delivery: 2015 +</p> <p>Resources: Cheshire West and Chester Council Capital Programme</p> <p>Major additional resources required e.g. LGF, LTP (£8M), ESF etc.</p> <p>Support and development though existing staff resources</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halton curve • Manchester/ Northern Hub • High Speed 2 			<p>within Cheshire West and Chester Council and the Sub Regional Transport Board</p> <p>Contact:</p> <p>Jamie Matthews, LTP Team, Cheshire West and Chester Council.</p>
35	<p>Transport Planning</p> <p>Reducing the need to travel and the distances we need to travel to access key services should underpin some of the key spatial and transport policies in the emerging LDF and LTP.</p>	<p>Commission to work closely with the Spatial Planning team to ensure policies reflect sustainability principles, including reducing the need to travel long distances.</p>	<p>Cheshire West and Chester Council</p> <p>Ensure policy is influenced on the Local Plan and the Local Transport Plan</p> <p>.</p>	<p>Ensuring that the Local plan has embedded strong policies to support reductions in the need to travel.</p> <p>Regular progress reports presented to the joint Member/ Officer group.</p>	<p>Timescale Spring 2014</p> <p>Resources: Use of existing resources and capacity to take policies through the Local Plan process.</p> <p>Contact : Jamie</p>

					Matthews, LTP Team, Cheshire West and Chester Council
36	<p>Information via New technology.</p> <p>The bid to the Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) is a major opportunity to test and deliver new approaches and technology, for example the use of mobile apps for specific platforms based on market demand. This development would provide the Council with an opportunity to 'push' specific information to customers. Cheshire West and Chester Council to continue to investigate the use of new technology.</p>	<p>Put in place project details for the use of new technology in the LSTF programme. The following proposals are now being worked up in detail:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improve local access for longer distance commuter trips - Improve local trips to work and training - Smarter Choices, marketing and promotion 	<p>Cheshire West and Chester Council</p> <p>Internal facing proposals on how the authority uses technology.</p>	<p>Itrace hits / outputs</p> <p>Annual global modal shift</p> <p>Number of people changing travel modes</p>	<p>Timescale:</p> <p>Annual monitoring report</p> <p>Resources: Existing LSTF staff resources within Cheshire West and Chester Council</p> <p>Contact: Lucy Low, LSTF Team, Cheshire West and Chester Council.</p>
37	<p>Mobile and Flexible working</p> <p>New technology has to be fully embraced</p>	<p>Cheshire West and Chester Council to continue to investigate and introduce new technology into the everyday operation of the</p>	<p>Cheshire West and Chester Council</p>	<p>Flexible working (hot desking/ remote working) in all CWAC offices by April 2014</p>	<p>Timescale Ongoing</p> <p>Resources: Use of existing</p>

	<p>and rolled out through the whole organisation, but in order to make the greatest and most efficient use other complimentary measures must also be allowed to operate alongside, such as flexible and home working policies.</p>	<p>Authority through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Flexible, using personal/ laptop computing in the office/ remotely with core processes •Mobile: not in an office/ home environment, on the move using smart phones etc, with lightweight systems processes/ app based access. <p>Work in partnership with the Cheshire Public Sector Family through the Public Sector Network in delivering multi agency, multi tenanting working.</p> <p>High-speed fibre broadband will be rolled out to around 96 per cent of Cheshire, Halton and Warrington homes and businesses in the next three years under a £28.5 million project between four Cheshire councils and BT.</p>	<p>Cheshire Public Sector Family</p> <p>BT</p>	<p>High-speed fibre broadband delivered by December 2016</p>	<p>resources and capacity within the ICT/ Mobile and Flexible Working Group</p> <p>Secured funding through The Connecting Cheshire Partnership of £28.5M for high-speed fibre broadband</p> <p>Contact : Chris Marsden ICT , Cheshire West and Chester Council</p> <p>Chris Capes, Cheshire West and Chester Council</p>
38	<p>Transport Emissions</p> <p>Need for continued investment in Bus and Rail is recognised by the Commission to</p>	<p>Present AQMAS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ellesmere Port • Boughton 	<p>Cheshire West and Chester Council</p>	<p>Reduction of Borough wide emissions</p>	<p>Timescale Ongoing</p> <p>Resources:</p>

	<p>help manage the impact of transport emissions. Cheshire West and Chester Council and partners should have an investment programme in place that clearly sets out how Bus and Rail services are to be supported and delivered in future.</p> <p>Note: Links into the development of the new Chester Transport Strategy, due to be adopted early in 2014.</p> <p>Opportunity to develop in 2014 a borough wide Air Quality Management Strategy, which would include Low Emissions strategy, Action plan etc.</p>	<p>Others areas under assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liverpool Road/ Parkgate Road gyratory, Chester • Lower Watergate Street, Chester • A56/ Fluin Lane, Frodsham <p>Investment in a number of key bus routes have supported lower emissions such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park and Ride routes • Wrexham Sapphire route • Frodsham and Helsby <p>Links into Taxi licensing to upgrade fleet to reduce emissions, planning policy, Cheshire West and Chester Council procurement, fleet replacement</p>	<p>Bus operators</p>	<p>Reduction of local emissions in AQMAs</p> <p>Reduction in the number of Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA)</p> <p>Actions agreed to reduce borough-wide during 2014 and local emissions through AQMA plans (Ellesmere Port existing, Boughton 2014)</p>	<p>Use of existing resources and capacity. Additional funding via grant aid e.g. Clean Bus Technology Fund</p> <p>Contact : Steve Williams Integrated Public Transport Team</p> <p>Graham Aveyard Environmental Protection , Cheshire West and Chester Council</p>
39	<p>Cross Border Transport</p> <p>There should be more collaborative work with our neighbouring Authorities, particularly where there is already a great deal of good practice in place with a commitment to investment in new technology that improves passenger information and introduces smart ticketing.</p>	<p>A number of cross-border studies and partnership working groups are already in place which aims to improve transport links between where people live and work, with a particular focus on greater integration for public transport.</p>	<p>Mersey Dee Alliance (MDA)</p> <p>MDA to Work with Taith to develop cross border priorities for</p>	<p>Development of multi-modal and cross-border ticketing schemes</p> <p>Public transport network that provides high quality access to employment sites</p>	<p>Timescale and Resources—on going, but dependent upon the availability of resources from</p>

		<p>The Mersey Dee Alliance works across national and local authority borders helping to co-ordinate transport priorities. Recent work has been completed (supported by the Welsh Government and Taith) on the North East Wales Integrated Transport Report. Many of the measures recommended are reliant on Government funding both in Wales and here in England through the Local Transport Body</p> <p>Progress on the implementation of recommendations is set out in the NE Wales Integrated Transport Study that impact on cross-border travel.</p>	transport investment.	<p>A rail modernisation business case to consider how frequencies of service and journey times between North Wales and key destinations in the North West can be improved.</p> <p>Development of better integrated cross-border delivery mechanisms.</p>	<p>Governments and a continuation of cross-border working groups to help co-ordinate delivery.</p> <p>Contact – Jamie Matthews / Fil Prevc, Cheshire West and Chester Council</p>
40	<p>Public Transport</p> <p>Strengthening public transport should be a priority for our functioning economic area (covered by the Local Enterprise Partnership “LEP”) which is 75% self-contained in terms of people living and working in the same geographical area. The LEP area covers Cheshire West, Cheshire East and Warrington.</p>	<p>Good local transport links are essential, providing sustainable choices for residents to access employment. These links are to be considered in terms of the provision of key transport infrastructure and the provision of improved services (frequency, quality and reliability).</p>	<p>Cheshire West and Chester Council</p> <p>Local Enterprise Partnership</p> <p>Local</p>	<p>Bus patronage data for key services to be base lined, collected monthly and assessed annually.</p> <p>Park and Ride numbers based on</p>	<p>Timescale:</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Resources: Existing £1.2M Public Transport Supported</p>

			Transport Body	number of tickets issued per site. Rail patronage collected by DfT station exits and entries, as well as station interviews.	Bus Budget Community Transport service Contact: Steve Williams, Integrated Public Transport Team, Cheshire West and Chester Council. Lucy Low, LSTF Team, Cheshire West and Chester Council
41	Cycling The emerging cycling strategy has to be integrated where appropriate to other policy areas where cycling can have a direct impact and deliver positive outcomes,	The Council has now adopted a new Cycling Strategy which provides a clear policy guide that will help increase cycling levels in the borough and help to influence	Cheshire West and Chester Council	To increase the number of people cycling at least once a week by 25% by 2015 To secure a	Timescale: 2015 with annual monitoring

	<p>particularly in terms of Sustainability and Health and Wellbeing.</p> <p>Note: Cheshire West and Chester Council's Cycling Strategy for the Borough www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/cycling sets out suggested plans, proposals and targets to make cycling more popular and encourage more people to take up cycling as their first choice particularly for shorter trips.</p>	<p>local infrastructure schemes.</p> <p>The strategy also sets out suggested plans, proposals and targets to make more people to take up cycling as their first choice particularly for shorter trips.</p>		<p>25%increase in the number of people in the Borough who cycle at least five times a week by 2015</p> <p>Additional indicators will be monitored e.g.</p> <p>Permanent counters identified in Chester and Ellesmere Port.</p> <p>Station interviews and key infrastructure sites.</p>	<p>Resources: Existing staff resources within Cheshire West and Chester Council</p> <p>Contact: Jamie Matthews, LTP Team, Cheshire West</p> <p>Lucy Low, LSTF Team, Cheshire West and Chester Council</p>
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Details of Governance arrangements:

The actions, measure and targets that form the basis for our Climate Local Commitments have been developed through the Borough's Sustainability Commission of Inquiry. The Final Report and Action Plan "A Sustainable and Resilient Future for West Cheshire" was approved in December 2013. The Council's Corporate Scrutiny Committee has now been tasked to take on the overall responsibility for monitoring the delivery of the plan. This will involve reporting progress to Corporate Scrutiny Committee every quarter on all the 41 Actions. Where targets are not being met Corporate Scrutiny will be able to ask for and identify blockages or hurdles to their delivery. Where the Council can act to address these and a decision is required, recommendations will be made to Executive. Where Actions are identified as having been met, Corporate Scrutiny will be able to undertake a check and if satisfied provide an endorsement.

*Present AQMA's

http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/pests_pollution_food_safety/pollution_and_air_quality/air_quality_review_and_assessm.aspx