

## **Building for the future**

This Corporate Plan has been developed as an interim Corporate Plan to allow Cheshire East to set the budget for 2009/10. The budget must fund the identified priorities and commitments of the Council and these must be reflected in the budget setting and planning processes. The Corporate Plan has been developed by mapping the priorities and objectives of the four organisations which will come together to form Cheshire East. These priorities have been published by each organisation and have been developed based on consultation with communities and partners. The priorities have also been taken from the new Sustainable Community Strategy which sets out the community priorities for Cheshire East

### **How will this be done in the future?**

A new Corporate Plan will be developed in the summer of 2009 once the Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement have been reviewed and agreed. At this time the Corporate Plan will be developed to be a three-year rolling plan spanning the period 2010-2013. Embedded within and integral to the Corporate Plan, will be the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS). The MTFS will also be a three-year rolling plan and will span the same period of time as the Corporate Plan providing the funding for the Council to deliver its stated objectives. The objectives and priorities within the Corporate Plan will drive the MTFS and the two plans will be developed in tandem.

The Corporate Plan will set out the Council's top priorities, bringing together the responsibilities around the Community Strategy, the Local Area Agreement, key regional and national priorities and our aim to deliver excellent services to the people and communities of Cheshire East. The Corporate Plan will be published in two parts and provide a clear statement of the Council's priorities and objectives.

- **Part 1** of the Corporate Plan will provide an overview of the Council's direction and specific improvement priorities, and how they will contribute to the Community Strategy aims. This will explain why the Council has identified these improvement priorities, the key measures of success and how the Council will focus on delivering them.
- **Part 2** of the Corporate Plan will be the Council's annual Performance Plan. It will set out the detailed performance against the Council's corporate performance measures, looking at past performance and future targets.

Both part 1 and part 2 of the Corporate Plan will be refreshed and updated each year to ensure that new priorities and objectives are reflected to enable the Council to be responsive to emerging issues and community views. Part 2 will explain how well the Council performed against the key measures of success and how we will target improvement for the future.

Engagement activity with staff will take place, both to raise awareness of the priorities, and to gather thoughts on outcomes and actions – including how services will contribute towards the achievement of the priorities. Key stakeholders including partners; will also be consulted.

Further mapping will take place to show how the Council's priorities fit with the emerging Comprehensive Area Assessment requirements and take account of national priorities to create Strong and Prosperous Communities.

Service Plans will be expected to detail how the Corporate Plan will be delivered – in terms of actions taken against Corporate Priorities.