

Appendix F - Annex C (ii)

Cheshire East Council Budget Consultation 2009-10 **People and Places Event – 14th January 2009**

Minutes of Discussion Group 2 – Health and Wellbeing

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Summary of Key Points:

1. Cheshire East response to the recession and the potential negative impact on Health & Wellbeing:

- Homeless (Young People)
- Learning / skills development
- Need for early intervention
- Provision of advice
- Family breakdown

2. Cheshire East actions related to Disability (inc Mental Health)

3. Communication with and within the Not-for-Profit Sector

- Can't wait for CEC
- Public engagement
- Congress is an opportunity

4. Access to services from all partners

- Clarity over who provides what to who
- Clarity over access to funding and a need for long term approach from CEC

Detailed points raised in Session:

- GK Intro and opening comments, a mixed group representing many key partners.
Health & Wellbeing covers such areas as: libraries; theatre; arts; sports; museums; parks; and is the lead interaction with the Primary Care Trust
Detail of CEC budget is still limited due to complexity of Local Government Reorganisation
- LP No reference was made in the consultation material to disability
GK ~ responded that action in this area was inherent in CEC plans but further clarification would be sought ~ **raised as key issue**
- JG Concern over silo approach to 3rd Sector, as some groups cross over key policies and so may need to be consulted in many instances
GK ~ Clarity needed for signposting/linking groups to CEC priorities
GK ~ CEC and/or 3rd Sector need to bring together wealth of advice and support
- JHa Does lean systems mean cuts?
- PS It will be difficult to go lean as well as going local
GK (with further clarification from Cllr Keegan) ~ Lean means more streamlined processes not cuts in service
- JW Access will be improved if all community access points are maintained, including post offices (Also questioned the use of the term 3rd Sector ~ "Not for Profit")
- JR Does CEC map its assets?
GK ~ Customer Access Group are considering access options, GIS is being used to map assets but more work is ongoing
- TF It does not feel like a partnership is equal if funding can change so easily from one year to the next, this can prevent long term plans (Also noted a recent survey of charities showed they liked the term 3rd Sector)
- LG It would be more efficient to allocate funding over a longer term
GK ~ **raised as key issue**
- TF 3rd Sector needs to know who is out there and CEC must be able to look beyond the usual suspects for communications
- LG Do we have a list of 3rd Sector contacts / activities
- JHe Congress needs to raise profile and communicate
- JHa Are there Terms of Reference for the Congress?
- JR Does the Congress have a dedicated website

- TF CWAC are appointing an assembly, support needs to be accessed for help with consistency in grant applications and insurance
GK ~ is the Congress the answer? ~ **raised as key issue**
- PS What does phrase “we must think family mean?”
GK ~ it means keeping families together and more effectively dealing with young, family and elderly issues in a joined up way
- CL Support is needed in times of recession, it is more important than ever to get the vulnerable in to work
- HC Quick action is needed to respond to the recession
- JHe Mental health can be impacted by recession
- JG Homeless, which has not been a high priority for existing authorities, could increase in a recession
GK ~ **raised as key issue**
- JW The CEC budget event has been positive and unusual, in a very good way