

Cheshire and Warrington Joint Committee

25 July 2025

Get Cheshire and Warrington Working Plan

Report of: Cheshire West and Chester Council

Report Reference No: JC/05/25-26

Significant/Key Decision?	Yes/No
Cheshire West and Chester	No
Warrington	No
Cheshire East	No

Purpose of Report

- 1 This report outlines a programme of work which supports economic development across Cheshire and Warrington. The programme will be co-ordinated and delivered in line with and in preparation for potential devolution in the sub-region. It is one of the ten employment and skills functions listed in the Government's English Devolution White Paper (December 2024).
- 2 The "Get Cheshire and Warrington Working" Plan will become a key strategic plan for the sub-region, identifying its vision and short-term priorities to enable work to pay for all residents. This will be informed by local place-based evidence and co-designed by a range of stakeholders. This will become the Cheshire and Warrington response to the wider "Get Britain Working White Paper¹" launched by Government on 26 November 2024.
- 3 The recommendation from Cheshire and Warrington Growth Directors is that Cheshire West and Chester Council (CW&C) will act as the Lead and Accountable Body for this piece of work, co-ordinating the consultancy support, stakeholder engagement and the development of the local Plan to be

¹ [Get Britain Working White Paper - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/get-britain-working-white-paper)

completed by September 2025. CW&C have been identified as the lead for this piece of work as it complements the Connect to Work programme, for which CW&C also have lead responsibility.

Executive Summary

- 4 This report provides an overview of the Get Cheshire and Warrington Working Plan and how it will be developed in a co-ordinated manner across the sub-region.
- 5 The Plan will bring a range of strategies and plans, aimed at supporting residents to access and thrive in the workplace together in one place, whilst also understanding the needs and potential barriers employers face recruiting people who experience barriers to employment and in work progression. It is likely to cover employment support, skills development and health interventions.
- 6 It will not have any associated delivery money at this stage, but it will be used to inform future commissioning, along with on-going skills and employment devolution conversations.
- 7 Government has however allocated CW&C £150,000 towards the development and publication of the Get Cheshire and Warrington Working Plan, to be utilised by 31 March 2026.
- 8 The Get Cheshire and Warrington Working Plan is to be discussed at Joint Committee as partners will be agreeing to a project that will respond to a major economic priority identified by Cheshire and Warrington – supporting more of our residents to be able to access, sustain and progress in employment.
- 9 The Get Cheshire and Warrington Working Task Group² have agreed a high-level priorities document (shared with Growth Directors) and attached at Annex A. This has been submitted to DWP and will evolve over the coming months to inform the full plan.
- 10 In Cheshire and Warrington there are over 100,000 people (20% of our potential workforce) who are economically inactive – a number that has not changed in the last 20 years. The local Get Britain Working Plan is a great opportunity to do things differently, making a measurable impact and difference to a significant number of our residents as well as local employers who need to fill vacancies. This will link to the Sustainable, Inclusive Economic Strategy and its ambitious targets.
- 11 Working with stakeholders it will develop a vision and priorities for the next 24 months; this could include a target to increase the current employment rate in line with predicted future job opportunities. It is likely that initially the plan will be focused on a few areas of activity, with the aim of increasing this breadth over time, reflecting local need.

² Attended by the three local authorities, Enterprise Cheshire and Warrington, DWP and the Integrated Care Board.

- 12 The final document needs to be approved by all three LAs and submitted to the Ministry for Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) by the end of September 2025. The final Plan will also need to be approved by the Integrated Care Board (ICB) and DWP.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Joint Committee is recommended to:

1. Note the information in this report.
2. Note and confirm that Cheshire West and Chester Council (as recommended by Growth Directors) will:
 - a. Accept the £150,000 from DWP to develop and publish the Get Cheshire and Warrington Working Plan.
 - b. Lead on the development, stakeholder engagement and submission of a Get Cheshire and Warrington Working Plan to DWP, working in partnership with a commissioned appropriate consultancy service.
 - c. Act as Lead and Accountable Body for the new Get Cheshire and Warrington Working programme, an activity that directly responds to an identified economic priority of the sub-region.

Report Detail

13 Get Cheshire and Warrington Working Local Plan

The Get Cheshire and Warrington Working Local Plan will be developed in direct response to the Governments wider Get Britain Working Strategy³. Here it outlined the ambition to improve local support and co-ordination of services to ensure that the employment rate across the country is 80%. Although the current employment rate in Cheshire and Warrington is 79.8%, there are still challenges which need to be addressed.

- 14 As lead and accountable body for Connect to Work, Cheshire West and Chester Council will also be the lead and accountable body for the local Get Britain Working plan: "Get Cheshire and Warrington Working".
- 15 DWP have agreed to allocate £150,000 towards the development of a local plan for Cheshire and Warrington. A sub-regional officer task group has been established and have secured some consultancy support to help with the necessary stakeholder engagement activity and the production of the Plan.

³ [Get Britain Working White Paper - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/get-britain-working-white-paper)

This is necessary as the timescales for delivery is tight, there is no capacity to deliver in-house and to ensure there is an element of independence to the Plan.

- 16 The document should build on existing plans, including the Connect to Work delivery plan and a draft summary of priorities was developed by the task group and submitted to DWP on 30 June 2025. The full plan should look at six key issues in detail. These are outlined below:
 - Too many people excluded from the labour market (e.g. health conditions, caring responsibilities)
 - Too many young people leave school without essential skills or access to further learning/ apprenticeships or support to work
 - Too many people stuck in insecure, poor quality and low pay work
 - Too many women who care for family members experience challenges to stay and progress in work
 - Too many employers can't fill vacancies (labour and skills shortages)
 - Disparity between labour market outcomes – different places, different groups
- 17 Local areas should work together to identify local labour challenges and drivers of economic inactivity, building on what support activity is already available and have a focus on improving participation, progression and earnings/job quality.
- 18 The Get Cheshire and Warrington Working plan will outline the sub-regions vision for the next 10 years, with a focus on priorities to be addressed in the next 12-24 months and will help to shape a coherent participant journey from economic inactivity to employment. We acknowledge this will coincide with the intended establishment of the Mayoral Combined Authority (MCA) for Cheshire and Warrington if it progresses and will need to be considered within the skills functions and responsibilities for the MCA in due course.
- 19 Although there is no additional funding available to help deliver these identified priorities, the plan should help to inform future commissioning activities and indicate how impact on residents and employers will be measured. It will also provide Cheshire and Warrington with an opportunity to lobby for systematic changes in policy that may be needed which should complement the developing skills and employment devolution conversations. The plan will need to be monitored and reviewed regularly to ensure it is still relevant to the local area.
- 20 Although Cheshire West and Chester Council is the lead body for the plan, Cheshire East and Warrington Borough Councils will be actively involved in its development along with key stakeholders such as the Integrated Care Board (ICB), Enterprise Cheshire and Warrington, voluntary and community organisations, DWP, FE training providers, employers, housing associations

and unions. All plans need to be approved by DWP and the ICB before formal submission to DWP in September 2025.⁴

21 The proposed timetable for activity is outlined below:

Activity	Timeframe
Sub-regional officer working group established	April 2025
Commissioning of consultant to support the sub-region to develop the plan (utilising a proportion of the £150k allocation)	June 2025
High level summary of priorities developed and submitted to DWP (following approval by task group, DWP, ICB and Growth Directors).	June 2025
Sub-regional stakeholder engagement	July/ August 2025
Paper shared with Joint Committee	July 2025
Draft Plan shared with Joint Committee, DWP and ICB	September 2025
Get Cheshire and Warrington Working Plan published and submitted to DWP	September 2025

Reasons for Recommendations

22 It is a government requirement to produce a local Get Britain Working Plan.

23 The Get Cheshire and Warrington Working Plan should be place-based and informed by local need (both qualitative and quantitative evidence) and shaped by stakeholders. It is one of the ten functions that will transition following devolution for Employment and Skills. If we do not produce a plan, we would not be able to move forwards with this area of work and we would not be able to support residents to access and progress in employment.

24 This programme links to the:

- Cheshire West and Chester's Borough Plan, especially the "Opportunity for a Fair Local Economy" mission.
- Cheshire East Council's Corporate Plan, especially the "Fair" aim, "...to reduce inequalities, promote fairness and opportunity for all and support our most vulnerable residents

25 Warrington Borough Council's Corporate Strategy, especially the pledge: "Everyone benefits from our thriving economy".

⁴ However, DWP have indicated that there could some flexibility towards this submission date as they appreciate limited capacity to deliver and necessary time required for sign off/approval.

Other Consultation and Engagement

- 26 To date there has been five Cheshire and Warrington task group meetings on Get Cheshire and Warrington Working Plan. These have been attended by the three Local Authorities, Enterprise Cheshire and Warrington and DWP.

Implications and Comments

Legal implications

- 27 Cheshire West and Chester Council as Accountable Body would be responsible for ensuring the spend and activity supported is in line with the Grant Funding Agreement from DWP and must ensure that the Get Cheshire and Warrington Working Plan fulfils the requirements outlined by government and that the draft priorities document and the final Plan is submitted on time. CW&C will be responsible for the procurement and contract management of the agreed preferred consultancy chosen to help the sub-region with this task and for ensuring compliance with any terms of conditions attached to the funding from the DWP.
- 28 The Joint Committee has appropriate authority in its terms of reference to make the decisions set out in the report but there is a need to identify an appropriate governance structure to oversee this piece of work. The Joint Committee can appropriately oversee the production of the plan, however this does also require approval by DWP and ICB, who should also become part of the governance structure moving forward and involved in decision making. It is recommended that this is one of the short-term priorities to be identified and resolved as part of the delivery of the Get Cheshire and Warrington working plan and could be included as part of the wider devolution governance discussions.

Finance implications

- 29 The Get Cheshire and Warrington Working plan will bring in an additional revenue budget of £150,000 to be spent by 31 March 2026. This is a one-off payment which will be made to CW&C and should be used to develop the plan. The task group have agreed to commit £80,000 to be used for consultancy support, with the remaining £70,000 to support stakeholder engagement activity. This could include activity which supports the proposed launch of the Connect to Work programme and potentially some emerging devolution skills and employment asks.
- 30 This funding is a grant allocation and is not subject to a competitive bidding process and there would be no requirement of any Enterprise Cheshire and Warrington budgets being utilised to support the delivery of this programme.
- 31 There is currently no delivery budget identified for the Get Cheshire and Warrington Working Plan; however, government has indicated that this Plan would be used to inform future commissioning activity, e.g. any successor to the current UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) and future devolved skills and employment funds (subject to council decisions).

Risk Management

- 32 A detailed risk register will be developed alongside the delivery plan to ensure we have identified the risks associated with the Programme and any mitigating actions needed. This will include due diligence checks required when commissioning some activity to delivery partners, ensuring all delivery partners check that participants accessing the Connect to Work Programme are both eligible and suitable and that any financial claims are in line with the DWP cost register.
- 33 This risk register will be monitored as part of the operational and strategic partnership groups that will be established to support the successful delivery of the programme.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

- 34 An Equality Impact Assessment will be carried out on this programme. The programme will have a positive impact on many priority groups who are unable to access support or employment. The delivery team will be working closely with a range of stakeholders to ensure that as many eligible and suitable residents as possible are able to benefit from the support provided through the programme.

Policy

- 35 The Get Cheshire and Warrington Working Programme's key mission is to kick start growth through building an inclusive and thriving labour market where everyone has the opportunity of good work, and the chance to get on at work. It also supports the governments missions to break down barriers to opportunity and to improve the health of the nation.
- 36 By supporting both businesses and residents, the Programme will also help to ensure that the employment opportunities available in Cheshire and Warrington are accessible by the residents that live in the sub-region.

Access to Information	
Contact Officer:	Gemma Davies Director Economy and Housing, Cheshire West and Chester Council Gemma.davies@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk
Appendices:	Annex A: Cheshire and Warrington High-Level Priorities Document submitted to DWP 30 June 2025
Background Papers:	NA

Annex A: Cheshire and Warrington High-Level Priorities Document submitted to DWP 30 June 2025

Initial Proposal Template

This template is intended to support DWP to assess how plans are developing across England and where further support may be required.

Responses should give a general summary against each question. Detailed responses are not required at this stage.

Contact Information	
Individual plan "Brand" Name <i>Individual plans should be branded as "Get [name of place] Working" plan</i>	Get Cheshire and Warrington Working Plan
Geography covered by the plan: Cheshire East, Cheshire West and Chester and Warrington Local Authority areas	
Accountable Body <i>(If this differs from the accountable body for your Connect to Work Delivery Area, please provide your reasoning for this in the space below)</i>	Cheshire West and Chester Council
N/A	
Name of the specific point of contact for the plan:	Leah Maltby, Inclusive Economy Partnership and Strategy Manager
Email address: leah.maltby@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk	
Date: 30 June 2025	

1.	<p>Please detail the organisations who will form the partnership group to develop and provide the governance of your local plan.</p> <p><i>Please include the organisations involved in the Governance Board for both the initial local plan and when the plan is reviewed.</i></p> <p><i>Key partners should include the nominated representatives from both the local Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) and Jobcentre Plus. It should also include representatives from upper tier and unitary authorities, where relevant.</i></p> <p><i>In addition, partner membership should also include representatives from voluntary, community, and social enterprise organisations, education and skills providers, employer and business representative groups, employment experts and potentially from key providers.</i></p>
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To ensure that the Get Cheshire and Warrington Working Plan is co-owned across a range of partners, we have formed a Task and Finish Group. The following organisations are included:

- Cheshire West and Chester Council
- Cheshire East Council
- Warrington Borough Council
- DWP
- Enterprise Cheshire and Warrington (ECW)
- Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board (ICB)

We are working with Metro-Dynamics (a consultancy organisation) to pull together focus groups relevant to the broad themes of the Get Britain Working Strategy. As part of this work, we would be looking to identify appropriate representation from across the sub-region to join the programme's governance board. This will include:

- Cheshire and Warrington Infrastructure Partnership (Voluntary and Community Organisations, including those working with refugees, the over 50s and young people).
- FE Colleges and Independent Training Providers (ITPs)
- Cheshire Business Group (representing the Chamber of Commerce, Federation of Small Businesses)
- Organisations working with prisoners who are released on temporary licence (ROTL) and ex-offenders, such as Cheshire Probation

We are keen to ensure that the group is appropriate to provide governance and strategic oversight to the emerging Get Cheshire and Warrington Working Plan and envisage that it will be no more than 20 people to ensure it can operate effectively. We will also set out clear roles and responsibilities of this governance group to avoid and confusion and to ensure the plan gains real traction.

2.	<p>Please advise of any engagement activity which has been carried out, to date, regarding your local plan.</p> <p><i>E.g. with ICBs, Jobcentre Plus colleagues, constituent LAs or wider, where applicable.</i></p>
<p>To date there has been 4 Get Cheshire and Warrington Working task group meetings. These are attended by the 3 LAs, ECW, ICB and DWP</p> <p>As mentioned earlier the consultancy support that we are working with will be engaging with a wide range of stakeholders between July – early September 2025. This will ensure the final plan submitted in September has been informed/co-designed by organisations supporting residents to access and sustain employment.</p> <p>We are also keen to ensure that this engagement activity will involve those residents with lived experience to understand the reason as to why they chose to engage or not with current employment support programmes, building on the recent survey work already carried out by DWP colleagues.</p> <p>There has been alignment to the work currently underway around the development of the Cheshire and Merseyside Work and Health strategy.</p>	
3.	<p>Please describe the anticipated or confirmed governance, clearance and sign-off processes for your local plans.</p>
<p>We will be looking to use the newly created Joint Committee group to sign off the Get Cheshire and Warrington Working plan on behalf of the three local authorities. This group has been established in preparation of devolution in Cheshire and Warrington (due to come onstream in 2026). Additional meetings with ICB and DWP will be arranged for sign off purposes.</p> <p>We envisage that existing governance structures will be reviewed as part of devolution, with the likelihood that there will be boards set up to oversee all workstreams, including Skills, Employment and Inclusion. As mentioned, we will be agreeing roles for all partners on the Governance Board to ensure that the plan is more than just a position statement and instead becomes a document that informs policy and delivery of Employment Support in Cheshire and Warrington.</p> <p>We would also be ensuring that the plan is shared and signed off by the overarching Health and Care Partnership as work and health is one of the six headline ambitions.</p>	
4.	<p>In addition to the partnership group, which wider stakeholders, both internal and external, will the lead authority engage with in the development of local plans?</p>
<p>External stakeholders are listed above in our response to Q1. With regards to internal stakeholders, the lead authority will be looking to engage with teams responsible for:</p>	

- NEET and vulnerable young people, including those with care experience – supporting the post 16 transition work already taking place.
- Adult Social Care – to help identify the needs of adults, many of whom will have a disability and are economically inactive and what support would be required to support them to transition into work.
- Public health colleagues who are working with the ICB and exploring how employment can be seen as a health outcome (in line with the Health Care Partnership All Together Fairer plans, emerging Health and Wellbeing Strategies and Marmot⁵ priorities)
- Housing teams who are supporting homeless individuals across the borough
- Other teams who are supporting vulnerable residents such as the benefits team
- Business growth/ employer engagement teams, including those with regeneration responsibilities to ensure we are responding to the needs of employers – both those who are established and those looking to invest.
- Support for ex-veterans

5.	Please briefly describe any existing plans and strategies you have in place, or are developing, which could be used to inform the local plan.
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- Cheshire and Warrington Sustainable and Inclusive Economic Strategy
- Cheshire and Warrington Growth Plan
- Cheshire and Warrington Local Skills Improvement Plan (LSIP)
- Cheshire and Merseyside Work and Health Strategy and emerging interventions
- Cheshire West and Chester Inclusive Economy Strategy
- Cheshire West Borough and Place Plan (soon to be the Health and Wellbeing Strategy)
- Warrington Skills Commission
- Cheshire and Warrington Connect to Work delivery plan (in draft)
- Cheshire and Warrington Fair Employment Charter
- Warrington Towns Fund -Investment Plan
- Cheshire West and Chester's Skills and Employment Prospectus
- Cheshire and Warrington Skills Report
- All Together Fairer: Our Health and Care Partnership Plan 2024-2029
- Alignment with Core20PLUS5 programme
- Alignment of the developing Neighbourhood Health model

⁵ Cheshire and Warrington has Marmot Region Status

6.	<p>Please provide a brief summary of the known key labour market challenges in your area.</p> <p>For example, the availability and accessibility of suitable employment opportunities, skills requirements, ageing population etc.</p> <p><i>Please note: We will expect a more detailed analysis in the full plan.</i></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of people who are long-term unemployed or economically inactive (approximately 100,000 people) has not changed over the last 20 years despite significant investment and multiple initiatives. We would like to explore how this group has changed over that time. • There are many jobs in Cheshire and Warrington with salaries below the Living Wage (estimated number: 64,000) • Cheshire and Warrington have a very tight labour market with significant job vacancies and skills shortages – we need to support more people to become active in the labour market. • There is a need to increase levels of productivity in the area. Productivity in Cheshire and Warrington has stalled for several years. • The number of young people who are NEET has grown and there is a lack of consistent, sustainable re-engagement activity available. • Attainment and progression rates of young people eligible for free school meals continues to lag that of their peers. • Where people live in Cheshire and Warrington impacts on their social mobility and health. There is a need to understand and pilot new approaches to tackle entrenched areas of disadvantage. • Not enough employers are investing in training for their workforce, despite citing skills shortages. There also seems to be a lack of workforce planning activity to identify future skills needs to ensure viability, productivity and innovation. • There is a need to drive up the quality of careers information, advice and guidance for young people and adults promoting the job opportunities available in Cheshire and Warrington. This will include facilitation of meaningful experience of the workplace and putting employers at the heart of inspiring and informing residents of new technologies and local career opportunities, building on the work of the Careers Hub and Cheshire and Warrington opportunities portal. • There is a need to develop progression pathways for residents from Level 2 to ensure there are sufficient people with skills at Level 3 and above to fill local vacancies. This will include apprenticeships and Skills Bootcamps. • There is a need to develop a co-ordinated skills and employment response to the challenges faced by the Health and Social Care sector. An insufficiently trained workforce is leading to an over-reliance on expensive agency staff or residents unable to return to their homes following a hospital stay. A lack of health care experts is also impacting on people's ability to stay in or return to work.

7.	<p>Please provide a brief summary of the cohorts in your area which are known to face specific labour market challenges.</p> <p>This should include economically inactive individuals, disabled people, young people and NEETs, those with health issues, caring responsibilities etc.</p> <p><i>Please note: We will expect a more detailed analysis in the full plan.</i></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economically inactive residents, particularly those with mental health conditions, disabilities, over 50, homeless, ex-offenders and MSK problems. • Sector-specific work absences – monitor trends and support which may be required, especially for older workers. • NEET young people and those at risk of dropping out, who are unable to re-engage with education, training or skills. They are also unable to access employability support should they wish to find work. • Those residents who live in our deprived wards who are more likely to be economically inactive and/or suffering from ill health. • Those residents who live in rural communities with limited/no access to public transport, services and potentially digital connectivity • Unpaid carers, single parents and others who may face barriers to workforce participation. • Key employment sectors such as Health and Social Care, Construction, Advanced Manufacturing (including opportunities associated with low carbon) and the Visitor Economy. • The developing Cheshire and Merseyside Work and Health Strategy has completed a data analysis and identified several cohorts to consider in relation to worklessness and economic inactivity. They are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mental Health Conditions and Worklessness ▪ Musculoskeletal Conditions and Sector-Specific Work Absences ▪ Geographic Health Inequality and Worklessness ▪ Older Workers and Early Workforce Exit ▪ Gaps in Health and Employment Support Services ▪ Health-Harming Behaviours and Worklessness ▪ Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) Prevention, Obesity, and Physical Activity in Workforce Retention ▪ Racial Disparities in Health-Related Worklessness ▪ Unpaid Carers, Single Parents, and Barriers to Workforce Participation

8.	<p>Please provide indicative priority actions for the next 12-24 months.</p> <p>These could include processes for ensuring partnership working is fully embedded, actions to address labour market needs and key challenges (from Q6) and priority groups (from Q7).</p> <p><i>Please note: These are to be expanded on in your full GBW plan and will be expected to show how they will contribute towards outcome measures and the ambition of an overall 80% employment rate.</i></p>
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Priority actions likely to include:

- To work together to enable devolution of powers from 2026 onwards. This will include activities associated with supporting economically inactive adults into and sustaining work, launching the Connect to Work programme from Autumn 2025, ensuring health are included as key partners.
- To agree an appropriate governance structure for the devolved skills, employment and inclusion workstream.
- Mapping and alignment of employment support activity commissioned through the ICB with the support available and funded through other bodies such as DWP, Adult Skills Fund (ASF), Lottery Funding and Westminster Foundation etc.
- Ensure full alignment with the Cheshire and Merseyside Work and Health Strategy – this is due for publication in late Summer 2025.
- Develop steps to recognising employment as a health outcome.
- Ensure there is consideration and alignment with the established Anchor Institution programme – there are currently 33 organisations signed up with a target to increase this to 50 by March 2026. Work is also underway to ensure that all the Health and Care Partnership member organisations are fully signed up.
- Mapping of support available to young people at risk of becoming or are NEET, identifying gaps in provision and good practice and shaping an action plan to be followed.
- Work with employers to recognise the importance inclusive recruitment and supporting them to adopt inclusive working practices, building on the Fair Employment Charter and other activity such as Keep Britain Working Report.

9.	In addition to financial support, what other resource/support would you need to complete your local GBW plan?
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We will work closely with all our strategic partners to support the development of the plan, this includes both regional and local DWP/JCP colleagues, ICB and Local Authorities.

We will be developing the Get Cheshire and Warrington Working Plan alongside our 10-year Local Growth Plan and will ensure that both documents are complementary.

We will ensure the Get Cheshire and Warrington Working Plan is fully aligned to the Cheshire and Merseyside Work and Health Strategy and subsequent implementation plans and interventions.

10.	<p>Please set out your expected timelines, key activity and milestones for the development of your local GBW plan and publication by September 2025.</p> <p><i>Please include commencement of activity within the local authority, (convening partnerships, obtaining sign-off etc.). Please also advise of any upcoming events/competing demands which could impact these timelines.</i></p>	
Activity		Timescale
Formation of the Get Cheshire and Warrington Task Group		1 April 2025
Recruitment of consultancy support		13 June 2025
Carry out a review of relevant data		June 2025
Submit a high-level priorities document		27 June 2025
Stakeholder engagement begins		1 July 2025
First draft of the plan to be shared with Task Group		1 September 2025
Draft plan to be shared with and approved by Cheshire and Warrington Joint Committee, ICB and DWP		15 September 2025
Final version of the Plan to be approved by Cheshire and Warrington Joint Committee, ICB and DWP		30 September 2025
Final version of the Get Cheshire and Warrington Working Plan submitted to DWP		30 September 2025

11.	<p>Please confirm the extent to which content of this template has been discussed and/or agreed upon by all relevant upper-tier and unitary local authorities within the delivery area.</p> <p>Additionally, please ensure that the representatives nominated to sign off the plans from the relevant Integrated Care Board(s) and Jobcentre Plus have also provided their confirmation.</p> <p><i>Please include the contact details and position of the nominated representatives from each of these organisations.</i></p>
<p>This template has been co-produced by the Get Cheshire and Warrington Working Task Group, which is attended by Cheshire East, Cheshire West and Chester and Warrington Local Authorities. This group is also attended by Jobcentre Plus and the ICB.</p> <p>The nominated representatives are Peter Jamieson, North West Group Director, DWP and Ian Ashworth – Director of Population Health – NHS Cheshire & Merseyside Integrated Care Board</p>	