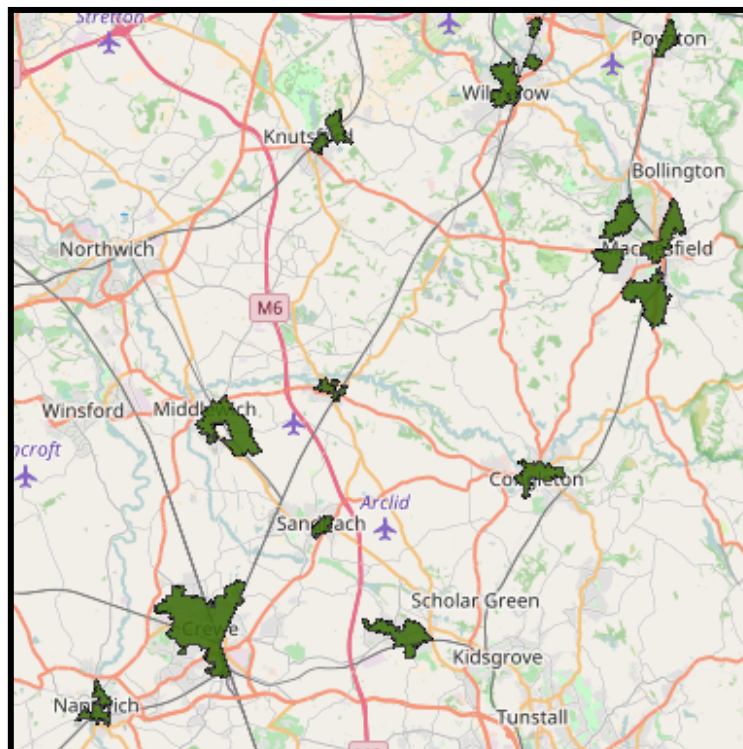


Connected Community Centre

Application Form



Aim

Cheshire East Council through the Connected Communities strategy are wanting to develop stronger relationships with local partners and asset owners, to ensure the right services are delivered at the right place at the right time to the right people. To do this we have developed a social franchise model which will enable a mechanism to work together and be driven by social goals.

Working together under the Connected Community branding, the aim will be to implement a shared vision in our towns and identified target neighbourhoods who feature in the top 15% nationally in terms of overall deprivation.

The key principles to this vision are as follows:

1. To work in collaboration

Working closer with other organisations to provide a streamlined service to residents

2. To tackle local priorities

Using local knowledge, understanding what the real needs of the local area are

3. To support and develop resident led initiatives

Work with residents and key stakeholders to identify gaps and initiate new projects

4. To coordinate service delivery

To ensure a range of services are delivered from a range of areas

We have a range of community networks across the borough, including neighbourhood partnerships in each of the Connected Community identified priority areas of deprivation. These networks and partnerships are made up of various local key stakeholders.

Your venue has been proposed by your local partnership (add partnership name) to be the Connected Community Centre for the locality covering (add ward or locality the venue will cover). We would like to invite you to express interest in becoming a Connected Community Centre.

By agreeing to become a Connected Community Centre you will be agreeing to adhere to the offer and expectations outlined below.

Offer

- Provided with Connected Community Centre signage
- Provided with a secured tablet that will have access to a local directory of services (tablet cannot be replaced by Cheshire East if damaged free of cost)
- Funded given for up to two years to reserve the use of facilities (for the equivalent of 5 hours of room hire per week based on £10 per hour) for the delivery of early intervention and prevention services (which will be decided by (add partnership name)).

- The 5 hours could be taken on average dependent of availability and service requirements for example 20 hours over 4 weeks. See below for more information.
- An open day (show case of services) will be arranged from your venue to inform the community what services could be delivered.
- Long term we want your asset to become the flagship venue for service delivery in the footprint you are located within. We will be working with commissioners and providers, so that you and your local partnership will be communicated with when contracts/opportunities become available.
- Opportunity to network with other connected community centres and connected community network members through a biannual conference.

Use of facilities as part of the social franchise

The full two year offer will be dependant on Cheshire East Council signing off by March 2018. The funding will be paid every 6 months in advance. The funding will be for a maximum of 50 weeks per annum. The 5 hours usage will be decided by your local network/neighbourhood partnership and will be paid regardless of the room being occupied.

Expectation

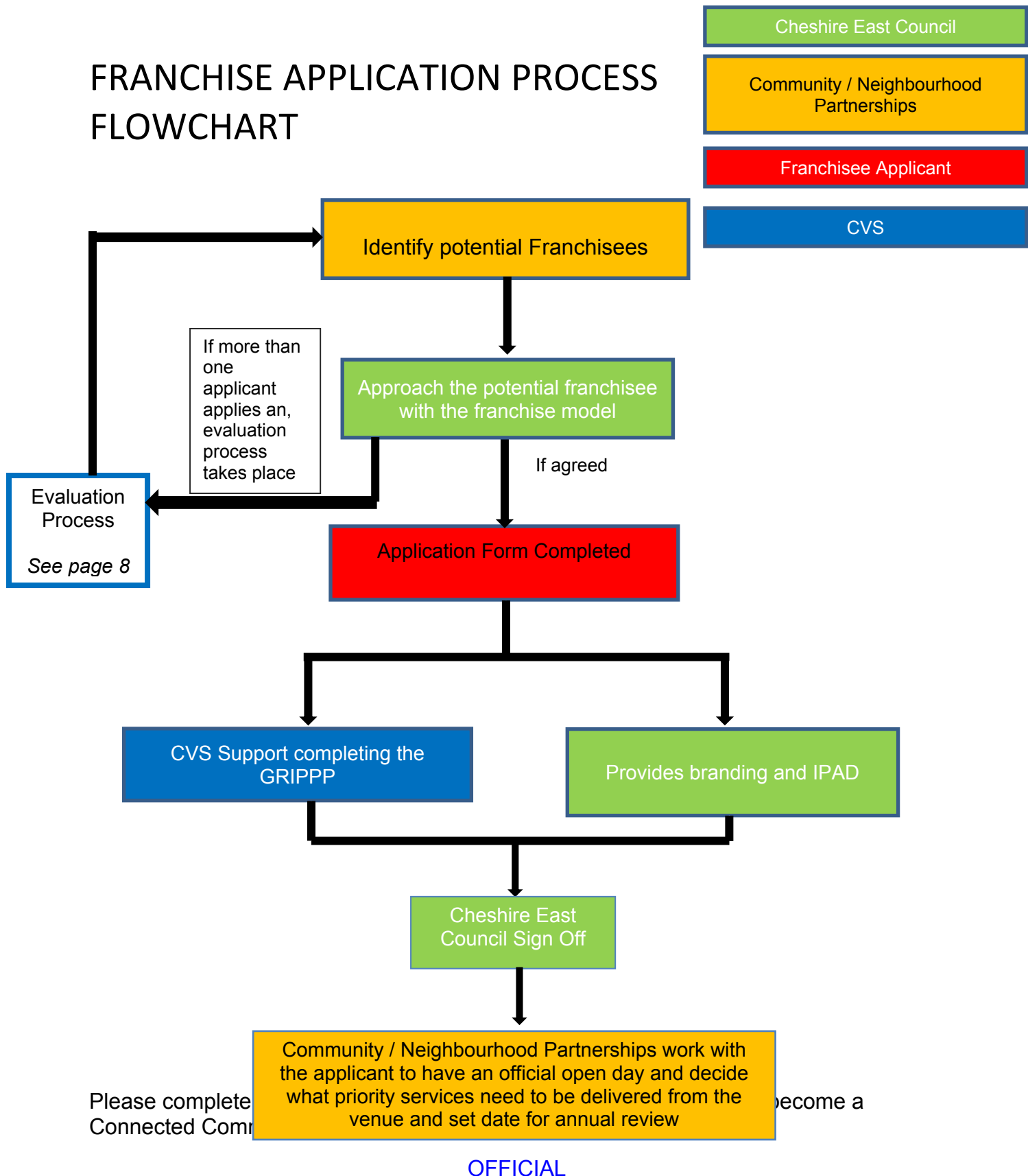
- To agree to a reserve the use of the facilities for activities under the social franchise for the equivalent of £10 per hour for 5 hours a week
- A minimum of 5 hours per week availability for the delivery of new services
- Be open to have a further range of services be delivered from your venue (at your normal room hire charge)
- To become an active member of the local community network / neighbourhood partnership
- Complete the *GRIPPP assurance tool
- Ensure Connected Community Centre signage is visible to local residents
- To have WIFI
- To install signage and a secure tablet stand (kiosk) in an accessible area of the building
- Agree annual review

*GRIPPP – A quality mark to ensure the appropriate governance is in place for the building and the delivery of services. Support to complete and externally validated by CVS

Connected Community Identified Priority Areas of Deprivation

No.	Locality	Please tick
1	Macclesfield South Ward	
2	Macclesfield Weston and Ivy	
3	Macclesfield Upton	
4	Macclesfield Town Centre	
5	Macclesfield Hurdsfield	
6	Poynton	
7/8	Wilmslow and Colshaw Farm	
9	Spath Lane	
10	Knutsford	
11	Longridge	
12	Holmes Chapel	
13	Congleton	
14	Bromley Farm	
15	Alsager	
16	Radway Estate	
17	Sandbach	
18	Middlewich	
19	Cledford	
20/21	Crewe North	
22/23	Crewe East	
24/25	Crewe West	
26/27	Crewe Central	
28	Crewe South (a) Gresty	
29	Crewe South (b) Westminster	
30	Nantwich	

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1. Main contact details:	
Name:	
Address:	
Post code:	
Tel No:	Email:

2. Organisation/Venue:	
Organisation/Venue Name:	
Organisation/Venue Address:	
Post code:	

3. Type of Organisation:		
Type	Please tick all that apply	Registration Number / Article of Association (if applicable)
Church Council		
Community interest Company		
Community Group		
Registered Charity		
Social Enterprise		
Other – please detail		

4. What interests you in becoming a Connected Community Centre

Please briefly describe why you want franchise status and how it will benefit your town/ neighbourhood

How you will tailor Services based on local needs.

Evaluation

If more than one organisation expresses interest and is willing to adhere the social franchise criteria set out below an evaluation process will take place.

This evaluation will be carried out by the Community / Neighbourhood Partnership and will consider the following factors:

- Sustainability of the building

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- Added social value each applicant can present
- Location
- Accessibility

The Agreement		
Criteria	Evidence provided	Date signed off
Be open to have a range of services be delivered from your venue (at your agreed room hire charge)		
To become an active member of the local community / neighbourhood partnership		
Complete the GRIPPP assurance tool or supply information relating to an *equivalent accreditation		
Ensure Connected Community Centre signage is visible to local residents		
Agree annual review		

*equivalent accreditation list – ISO9001, Investors in people, PQASSO

Signed on behalf of Franchisee:

Position within Organisation:

Date:

Signed on behalf of Cheshire East :

Position within Organisation:

Date:



Please send your completed form:

By Email: Partnerships@cheshireeast.gov.uk

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