

Terms of Reference

WEST CHESHIRE STRATEGY BOARD

PURPOSE

A new overarching governance body which will provide overall strategic leadership and direction to the public service governance bodies in West Cheshire. This will be chaired by the Leader of Cheshire West and Chester Council, with membership drawn from the Chairs or Board representatives of the West Cheshire partnership. Membership will represent the wider partnership, but will be sufficiently tight to ensure effectiveness.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Core responsibilities will include making sure that:

1. Ambitious strategies and implementation plans are developed, which are capable of delivering transformation of public services.
2. Efficient, effective services are delivered in line with customers' expectations.
3. An effective performance management framework is in place for delivering public sector business in West Cheshire.
4. All bodies are delivering in line with agreed priorities.
5. Inter-dependencies between themes and projects are identified and managed.

MEMBERSHIP

The West Cheshire Strategy Board will be an Elected Member and Non-Executive Group, operating as the strategic arm and providing direction to the governance structure.

Membership will consist of:

Leader of Cheshire West and Chester Council (Chair)
Leader of the Opposition, Cheshire West and Chester Council
Representative of the Police & Crime Commissioner
Representative of the Cheshire Fire Authority
Representative of the West Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group
Representative of the Vale Royal Clinical Commissioning Group
Representative of the Cheshire Probation Trust
Representative of the NHS Foundation Trusts
Representative of the Third Sector Assembly
Representative of the Private Sector
Representative of the Registered Providers
Representative of Further Education

Representative of Higher Education
Representative of Job Centre Plus
Representative of the Cheshire Association of Local Councils

ACCOUNTABILITY

Board members will be accountable to their individual organisations or responsive to their sector, in line with the level of delegation vested in them. The accountability of the Board will be determined through the partnership Memorandum of Understanding, which will provide the distinct legal framework to manage 'formal' partnership working with devolved budgetary and decision-making powers.

MEETINGS

Meetings will take place on a quarterly basis.

DECISION MAKING

To be developed and incorporated prior to 1 April 2013 based on final agreement of the Altogether Better Business Plan and identification of associated delegations.

REPLACES

West Cheshire Together (Local Strategic Partnership).