

Member Briefing

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Title: Draft Community Assets Framework Consultation

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Introduction

The Council's vision is to deliver a better integrated public service across the borough by creating efficient and fit for purpose community assets.

To support the review a draft framework has been developed incorporating feedback from member discussions at all four District Advisory Panels in September 2017. The draft framework sets out a number of principles to support our vision and a method of reviewing our assets.

1. **Supporting communities:** ensuring our community assets are well managed and support the needs of our communities.
2. **Regeneration:** supporting place based regeneration to deliver the right services in the right location, based upon community need.
3. **Partnership:** working with local partners to integrate or co-locate services to provide a better offer or approach to communities, and to maximise income and opportunities.
4. **Releasing:** releasing assets that no longer provide the best value for our communities or meet Council outcomes.
5. **Transferring:** empowering communities to influence the use of assets in their area through transfers.
6. **Equality:** supporting equality across the borough, ensuring our assets, where possible, are all-inclusive and accessible.

We now wish to consult formally on the draft Community Assets Framework with all residents and stakeholders, borough-wide, to develop the final framework. A 12-week period of formal consultation is to start on 4 December and will run until 25 February 2018.

Information about the consultation and how to respond will be published on the Council website and Your West Cheshire. The draft framework will be on the website with an online survey which will be available from Monday 4 December:

cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/CommunityAssetsFramework.

There will be a number of formal drop-in sessions across the borough during the consultation period to allow face-to-face discussions on the draft framework.

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