

Draft Play Strategy Review - Questionnaire

Background

After extensive consultation and engagement, a draft Cheshire West and Chester Play Strategy has been produced and is comprised of two "Tiers" of documents:

Tier 1 - A borough-wide strategy that provides guidance on policy and best practice in outdoor public play provision. The Tier 1 strategy makes the case for play and demonstrates the Play Strategy's alignment with corporate strategic policy such as the new Council Plan and the Health and Wellbeing and Growth agendas. It also embeds the principle of inclusive play throughout.

Tier 2 – The production of four Locality Play Improvement Frameworks. (Chester, Ellesmere Port, Northwich/Winsford and Rural) These provide detailed analysis of play spaces and outdoor youth facilities at the Locality level.

The strategy has been drafted in close collaboration with the Council and local partners such as Town and Parish Councils, voluntary sector organisations, community groups and housing associations and:

- Formulates policy statements covering all aspects of *Play and Youth facility provision; as well as making formal recognition of the contribution of Play to the wider social agendas and relevant national agendas. It highlights links with recent studies such as the Council's Open Spaces Audit study and Playing Pitch Strategy
- Provides guidance on good play space design practice, risk and challenge in play, and inclusive play
- Highlights options and opportunities for internal and external funding to support the delivery of the strategy
- Makes recommendations in relation to the roles of partners and stakeholders in relation to the development, management and sustainability of play and youth facilities
- Provides recommendations for on-going monitoring and updating of the strategy and locality frameworks.

* The strategy does not cover supervised and staffed play provision

What my views will be used for

All of your feedback will be discussed by the Play Strategy Steering group and incorporated into the final strategy where appropriate.



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and Chester

How I share my views

This consultation period closes on **Sunday 31 July 2016**

You are being consulted to allow you to make your views known on the management and future provision of play facilities and locality specific Play Strategy Frameworks. It will also provide an opportunity for those stakeholders consulted as part of the draft strategy production to review and comment on the findings.

There are a range of ways to express your views:

- Complete this survey
- Email: playstrategy@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk
- Telephone: 01606 288666
- Write to us at: Place Operations (Play Strategy), Cheshire West and Chester Council, 4 Civic Way, Ellesmere Port, CH65 0BE

Helpful hints for completing this questionnaire

- **Please read the Draft Play Strategy and supporting documents before answering the questions** (available on the website or request a paper copy)
- Please use a black or blue pen
- In most cases you will only have to cross (X) one box but please read the questions carefully as sometimes you may need to cross (X) more than one box
- Answer the next question unless asked otherwise
- If there are any questions that you do not wish to answer, please feel free to leave them blank

Completing the questionnaire is voluntary and all the information you provide will be treated in the strictest of confidence. No information will be released that could identify an individual or organisation.

If you are aged under 16 you will need the permission of a parent or guardian to take part. They will need to sign the questionnaire in Q19.

Accessing Cheshire West and Chester Council information and services

Council information is also available in audio, Braille, large print or other formats. If you would like a copy in a different format, in another language or require a BSL interpreter, please email us at equalities@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Tel: 0300 123 8 123

Textphone: 18001 01606 867670

The (Draft) Tier One Play Strategy - Policy Statements

The Draft Tier One Play Strategy recommends 10 key policy statements that support specific elements of the new Council Plan. We would like your views on how much you agree or disagree with each of these policy statements detailed in Q1 to Q10 below. (The strategy is available on the website or please request a paper copy).

When we mention 'play area providers' below, we mean all outdoor play area providers (e.g. the Borough Council, town and parish councils, recreation trusts, housing associations etc). In the supporting documents they are also called 'strategy partners'.

Thriving Residents

Q1a. To what extent do you agree or disagree that outdoor play has a key role in improving the health and well-being of children and young people through the promotion of active and healthy lifestyles?

Please cross (X) one box only.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆

Q1b. Please tell us the reasons for your answer in the box below:

Q2a. To what extent do you agree or disagree that play area providers should work towards ensuring that all play provision is fully inclusive and accessible?

Please cross (X) one box only.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆

Q2b. Please tell us the reasons for your answer in the box below:

Thriving Communities

Q3a. To what extent do you agree or disagree that play area providers should protect and enhance Play and Youth Facilities in the Borough, following good practice in relation to design quality, inclusion and risk/benefit procedures?

Please cross (X) one box only.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆

Q3b. Please tell us the reasons for your answer in the box below:

Q4a. To what extent do you agree or disagree that play area providers should invest in improvements to play spaces and youth facilities only if the management and maintenance sustainability of the spaces/facilities can be demonstrated?

Please cross (X) one box only.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆

Q4b. Please tell us the reasons for your answer in the box below:

Q5a. To what extent do you agree or disagree that play and youth facilities have an important role in enriching the lives of young people and in offering them stimulating and rewarding alternatives to anti-social behaviour?
Please cross (X) one box only.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆

Q5b. Please tell us the reasons for your answer in the box below:

Q6a. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the Borough, Town and Parish Councils should aim to make appropriate public spaces as child friendly as possible, ensuring that parks, housing estates, shopping areas and other public spaces within the Borough, are as safe and conducive as possible to children's play?
Please cross (X) one box only.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆

Q6b. Please tell us the reasons for your answer in the box below:

Q7a.

To what extent do you agree or disagree that Town and Parish Councils, Housing Associations and the Voluntary and Community Sector have an important role in relation to the provision of play spaces? Where appropriate the Borough Council will work in partnership with all these groups to improve play and outdoor youth facilities.

Please cross (X) one box only.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆

Q7b.

Please tell us the reasons for your answer in the box below:

Q8a.

To what extent do you agree or disagree that play spaces and outdoor youth facilities should be provided/improved on the basis of a strategic analysis of local need with the aim of providing an equitable distribution of facilities and services across the Borough; with priority being given to provision where it is most needed?

Please cross (X) one box only.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆

Q8b.

Please tell us the reasons for your answer in the box below:

Q9a. To what extent do you agree or disagree that children, young people, their families and the wider community should be positively engaged in the planning of play spaces and youth facilities through appropriate consultation and active involvement?
Please cross (X) one box only.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆

Q9b. Please tell us the reasons for your answer in the box below:

Q10a. To what extent do you agree or disagree that play area providers should seek to maximise returns from external funding opportunities and the potential of planning obligations and agreements with developers, in order to facilitate the improvement and enhancement of play and outdoor youth provision and to support its future maintenance?
Please cross (X) one box only.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆

Q10b. Please tell us the reasons for your answer in the box below:

The (Draft) Tier Two Play Strategy - Locality Frameworks

The Draft Tier Two Strategy provides Locality Frameworks for Ellesmere Port, Chester, Northwich and Winsford, and Rural. These contain a detailed audit and analysis of all play spaces and outdoor youth facilities in each of the four localities. (Available on the website or please request a paper copy)

Q11a. Are you aware of any play spaces or outdoor youth facilities that have not been listed in the Locality Frameworks? Please refer to section 5 (Chester, Ellesmere Port, and Northwich and Winsford) and section 4 (Rural). Please cross (X) one box only.

Yes ₁

No ₂

Q11b. If yes, please tell us below (please ensure you include the exact location including road names, ward, parishes, post codes, etc.):

Q12a. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the play improvement suggestions in the frameworks for specific play space and outdoor youth facility sites? Please refer to section 5 (Chester, Ellesmere Port, and Northwich and Winsford) and section 4 (Rural). Please cross (X) one box on each row.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
(i) Chester	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆
(ii) Ellesmere Port	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆
(iii) Northwich and Winsford	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆
(iv) Rural	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆

Q12b. If you disagree, please explain further below (please identify which of the framework documents and site/s you are referring to in your response)

Q13a. To help play providers (e.g. Borough Council, Town and Parish Councils) make decisions on priorities when they are considering options for improvements to their play and outdoor youth facilities, the frameworks categorise needs for play improvements as high, medium or low. To what extent do you agree or disagree with these assessments? Please refer to section 8 (Chester, Ellesmere Port, and Northwich and Winsford) and section 7 (Rural).

Please cross (X) one box on each row.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
(i) Chester	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆
(ii) Ellesmere Port	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆
(iii) Northwich and Winsford	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆
(iv) Rural	<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆

Q13b. If you disagree, please explain further below (please identify which of the framework documents and site/s you are referring to in your response)

Play Strategy Monitoring and Updating Process

In discussions with stakeholders, interest was expressed about the feasibility of developing ongoing networking groups to share information and experiences; and to review progress in relation to the Play Strategy and the Locality Play Improvement Frameworks.

It is recommended that a Play Partnership be formed with a membership including the Borough Council and a range of other partners (e.g. Town and Parish Councils, Housing Associations, strategic voluntary sector organisations and local voluntary groups). This group would meet once a year and be supported by existing partners within each of the four Localities to review and update the Tier 1 and Tier 2 Locality Play Improvement Frameworks. Appropriate resources will be put in place.

Q14a. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed management structure as described above?

Please cross (X) one box only.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/> ₁	<input type="checkbox"/> ₂	<input type="checkbox"/> ₃	<input type="checkbox"/> ₄	<input type="checkbox"/> ₅	<input type="checkbox"/> ₆

Q14b. Please tell us the reasons for your answer to Q14a in the box below:

Q15. Are there any other comments you would like to make about the Draft Play Strategy?

Please write in the box below.

About you - all questions are voluntary and will be treated in the strictest confidence

The answers you give in this section will only be used to ensure that we obtain responses from a broad range of areas and types of people. Please feel free to leave blank any questions that you do not wish to answer, we will use the comments you have given us so far. No information will be released that would allow identification of you as an individual or of your household.

Q16. Which of the following best describes you?

Please cross (X) all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ₁ A local resident | <input type="checkbox"/> ₂ A local business |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ₃ An officer of a Housing Association | <input type="checkbox"/> ₄ A teacher/lecturer of a school or educational establishment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ₅ A member of a voluntary or community organisation | <input type="checkbox"/> ₆ An employee of any service provider mentioned in this survey |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ₇ An elected town or parish councillor in Cheshire West and Chester | <input type="checkbox"/> ₈ An elected Member of Cheshire West and Chester Council |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ₉ Other (please specify in the box below) | |

If you are responding on behalf of a group, organisation or club please state the name and postcode in the box below (you do not need to complete the rest of the 'About you' section).

Please write in the box below.

Q17. Please tell us your postcode; this is so that we can be sure we have obtained a range of views from across the borough.

Please write in the box below.

Postcode:

Q18. Are you...?

Please cross (X) one box only.

₁ Male ₂ Female ₃ Prefer not to say

Q19. Which age group do you belong to?

Please cross (X) one box only.

₁ Under 16 Signature of parent/guardian

₂ 16 to 24 ₃ 25 to 34

₄ 35 to 44 ₅ 45 to 54

₆ 55 to 64 ₇ 65 to 74

₈ 75 and over ₉ Prefer not to say

Q20. Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months?

This includes problems related to old age. Please cross (X) one box only.

₁ Yes ₂ No ₃ Prefer not to say

Q21. Which of the following best describes your religious belief/faith?

Please cross (X) one box only.

₁ Buddhist ₂ Christian ₃ Hindu ₄ Jewish

₅ Muslim ₆ Sikh ₇ None ₈ Prefer not to say

₉ Other, please specify

Q22. Which of the following terms best describes your ethnic origin?

Please cross (X) one box only.

White

English/Welsh/Scottish/
Northern Irish/British ₁₁

Irish ₁₂

Any other White background ₁₃
(X and write in below)

Asian or Asian British

Indian ₃₁

Pakistani ₃₂

Bangladeshi ₃₃

Chinese ₃₄

Any other Asian background ₃₅
(X and write in below)

Other ethnic group

Arab ₅₁

Other ethnic group ₅₂
(X and write in below)

Black or Black British

Caribbean ₂₁

African ₂₂

Any other Black background ₂₃
(X and write in below)

Mixed

White and Black Caribbean ₄₁

White and Black African ₄₂

White and Asian ₄₃

Any other Mixed background ₄₄
(X and write in below)

Travelling Community

Gypsy/Roma ₆₁

Traveller of Irish descent ₆₂

Other member of the
travelling community ₆₃

Q23. Which of the following terms best describes your sexual orientation?

Please cross (X) one box only.

₁ Heterosexual (straight)

₂ Bisexual

₃ Gay/Lesbian

₄ Prefer not to say

₅ Other, please specify

Thank you very much for taking part in this survey

Please return this form to: The Place Operations team (Play Strategy),
Cheshire West and Chester Council, 4 Civic Way, Ellesmere Port, CH65 0BE

Closing date is Sunday 31 July 2016