

Cheshire West and Chester

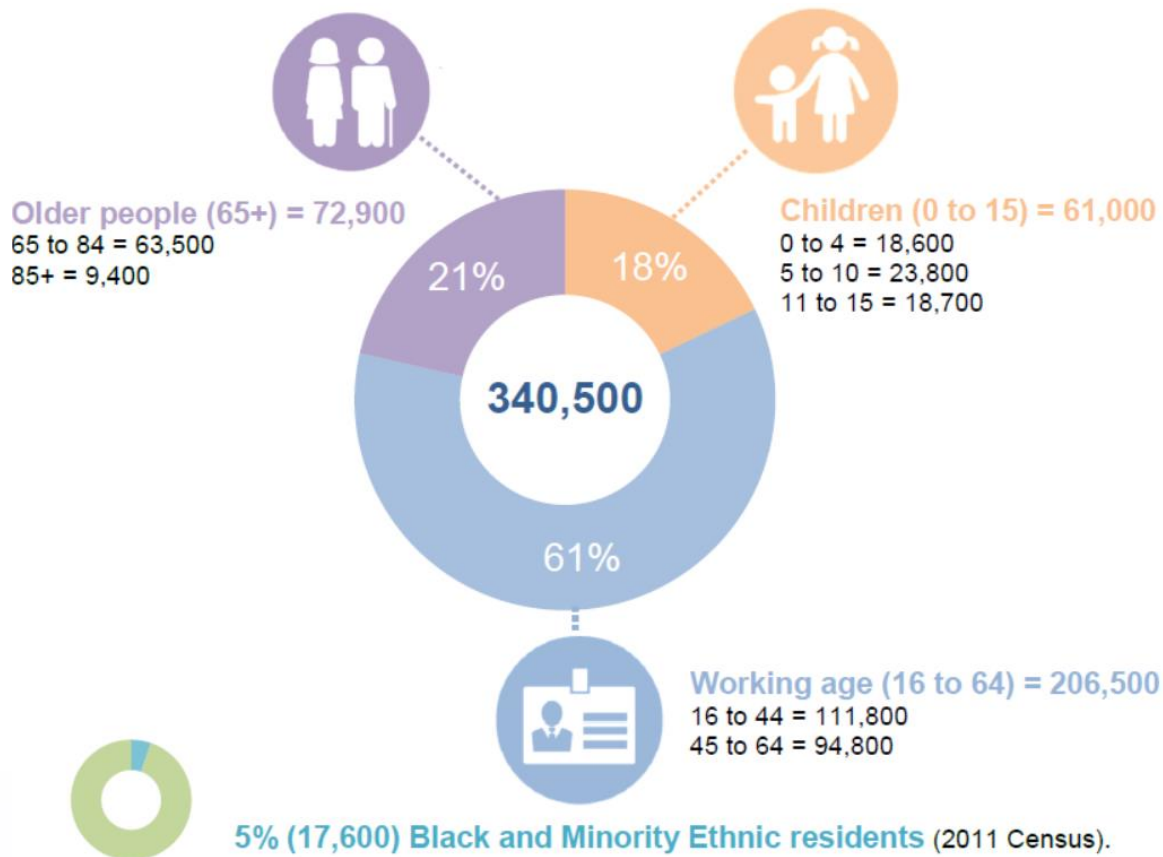
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Cheshire West and Chester

- Founded in 2009, as part of the Local Government Reorganisation Process.
- Unitary Council – replacing three District Councils and half of Cheshire County Council.
- A mixture of urban areas (Chester, Ellesmere Port, Winsford and Northwich) with a large rural geography.
- Socio-economically diverse
- Cheshire West and Chester's population is increasing. The 2018 mid-year population estimate is 340,500. This is 11,100 higher than in 20081.



Crime & Disorder

Cheshire West and Chester 2018 data

- 28.4k recorded crimes 9.3% increase in
- 7.6k ASB Incidents -23.9%



ASB Units

- 3 ASB Units
- Additional PCSO's
- Strong Partnership



Partnership Problem Solving

- Much wider remit than ASB
- Wide use of ASB Tools and Powers
- Developed an expertise
- Recognised approach
- Development day



Aspirations

- Efficiency
- Structure & Recording
- More accountability



Tools and Powers

2018/19	Adult	Juvenile	Total
Advisory Letter	63	148	211
Acceptable Behaviour Discussion	3	31	34
Acceptable Behaviour Contract	1	0	1
Criminal Behaviour Order	14	0	14
CPN Warning	26	0	26
CPN Notice	3	0	3

Chester PSPO 2016

- 12 week public consultation
- July to October 2015
- Consulted on 7 measures
- Introduction of a controlled alcohol zone
- Deterring the use of intoxicating substances
- Deterring public urination / defecation
- Deterring rough sleeping
- Deterring begging
- Restricting the feeding of birds
- Deterring inconsiderate buskers



Proposed area for PSPO



Our consultation

- multi-faceted approach
- communication and engagement plan
- equality impact assessment
- questionnaires and background information booklets
- member and public drop in sessions
- focus groups
- Chester accessibility action group
- dedicated mailbox
- Chief Constable and Police & Crime Commissioner briefing



Respondent profile

- 1759 completed surveys
- 1289 gave their full postcode
- 41% were local but living outside the PSPO area
- 22% lived inside the PSPO area
- 37% lived outside of the borough including 28% who lived over 20 miles away
- 23 responses from Local, Town or Parish Councillors
- 25 responses on behalf of community groups
- in the 'other' category included 'concerned citizens' busking advocates, former Cestrians, links to homeless or homeless

Key messages

- 88% of people felt safe in the area
- 60% felt very safe

Key messages

There was clear support for a PSPO for:

- **Deterring public urination and defecation:** 75% supported, 18% did not
- **Introduction of a controlled alcohol zone:** 66% supported, 25% did not
- **Deterring the use of intoxicating substances (legal highs)** 61% supported, 26% did not

There were mixed views about a PSPO for:

- **Deterring begging:** 46% supported, 42% did not
- **Restricting the feeding of birds:** 43% supported, 40% did not

There was clear opposition to a PSPO for:

- **Deterring rough sleeping:** 31% supported, 58% did not
- **Deterring inconsiderate buskers / street entertainers:** 23% supported a PSPO, 77% supported a Code of Practice



Decision making

- shared consultation findings with the Children and Families Policy and Performance Panel (PPP) - November 2015
- recommendation to the PPP was:
 - to remove the measures not publicly supported
 - consider all relevant information for remaining measures
- PPP recommended removing two further measures
 - deterring begging
 - restricting the feeding of birds
- Shared the results, recommendation and reasons with Cabinet



Key steps

- Community Safety Partnership
- operate within democratic processes
- realistic timetable - allow for slippage!
- clear and inclusive engagement and communications plan
- transparency
- inclusive multi-faceted public consultation process
- commitment to robust political engagement
- regular briefings and updates
- partnership approach to data to support the process
- clear and simple presentation and articulation of evidence

Outcome

- Cabinet approved the recommendations to include the following measures in the PSPO:
 - introduction of a controlled alcohol zone
 - deterring the use of intoxicating substances
 - deterring public urination/defecation
- agreed for three years with a formal review after one
- measures remained appropriate when reviewed in 2017
- current PSPO due to end in May 2019
- going to Cabinet in September 2018 to start the review process



Review 2019

- Measures Reviewed
- Public Consultation
- FPNs
- Cabinet Decision January 2019
- PSPO Renewed 2022



What Works?

- Partnership
- Problem Solving
- Individuals



