

Cheshire West and Chester Council

Residents' Survey 2017

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About this survey

What is it like to live in your local area?

Please tell us what you think and help us to improve your neighbourhood!

As a local resident, you are best placed to tell us what the key issues are for your local area. This questionnaire asks for your views on a range of topics that affect quality of life where you live.

Give us your views and you could win one of our fantastic prizes!

As a thank you for taking part, you have the option of being entered into a draw where you could be in with a chance of winning one of our exciting prizes, which have been kindly donated by local businesses. (Please fill in your details on the enclosed sheet).





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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 British Sign Language interpreter, please email us at:

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How to complete this questionnaire

- The questionnaire should be completed by any resident aged 18 or over living at this address.
- Please use a black or blue pen.
- In most cases please cross a box to indicate your answer, for example X
- If you make a mistake, just shade in the box and put a cross in the one you want.
- Some questions may ask you to write in a box. Please try to keep your answer within the space provided.
- If there are any questions you do not wish to answer, please feel free to leave them blank.
- Once you have completed the questionnaire please return it in the pre-addressed envelope provided by Monday 27th February 2017. You do not need to add a stamp.

If you are able to complete this questionnaire online, please go to www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/yourvoicematters and follow the instructions. You will need to enter your survey reference which can be found at the top right of this form.

Your Local Area

Throu please	ghout the que consider yo	estionnaire we a ur local area to b	sk you to think be within a 15	about 'your k to 20 minute v	ocal area'. Who walking distand	en answering, ce from your home.						
Q1.	Please cross one box only.											
	Very satisfied	Fairly satisfied 57	Neither s nor diss		Fairly dissatisfied 2	Very dissatisfied						
Q2.	from differe		ls (including	religion, race		place where people station and age) get						
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Q3.		st 3 years, do y ot worse? Pleas			rea has impro	ved, stayed the						
8 lm	proved 60	Stayed the san	ne 24 Got w	rorse 8 I ha	ave not lived in	the area for three years						
Q4.		ext 3 years, who		ents would yo	ou like to see	in your local area?						

Q5. Please say how <u>important</u> or <u>unimportant</u> you think the aspects below are in making somewhere a good place to live by circling a number between 1 and 10, where 1 is of 'no importance at all' and 10 is 'extremely important'. If you feel a particular aspect does not apply to you, please circle N/A. It doesn't matter if some aspects have the same score though please try to avoid giving all aspects the same score.

How important or unimportant are	Of no	impo at al		ce							xtremely portan
a) Activities for children and young people	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
b) Activities for adults and older people	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
c) Community relations (including race relations)	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
d) Parks, open spaces and access to nature	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
e) Clean and tidy streets (including litter, dog fouling and grass cutting)	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
f) Public transport - buses and rail	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6	, 7	8	9	10
g) The level of traffic congestion	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
h) The level of air quality	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
i) Road condition (including potholes)	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
j) Pavement condition	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
k) Cycle paths	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I) Streetlighting	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
m) Culture and leisure facilities (including sports, libraries and museums)	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
n) Shopping facilities	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
o) Health services	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
p) Education provision	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
q) Job prospects	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
r) Wage levels and local cost of living	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
s) Affordable decent housing	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
t) The level of crime	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Q6. Now we would like to know how <u>satisfied</u> or <u>dissatisfied</u> you are with the same set of aspects of your local area.

Please **circle** a score between 1 and 10, where 1 is **'totally dissatisfied'** and 10 is **'totally satisfied'**. If a particular aspect does not apply to you or you don't know, please circle N/A. It doesn't matter if some aspects have the same score.

How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with		Total ssatis	•								Totally satisfied
a) Activities for children and young people	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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Commun	ity Safety						
	safe or unsafe d e cross one box p		hen outsi	de in your l	ocal area.	?	
a) During the	e day	Very safe	Fairly safe 45	Neither safe nor unsafe	Fairly unsafe	Very unsafe	Don't know
b) After dark		15	47	[17]	14	3	3
	answered 'fairly ns why in the bo		very unsa	fe' to questi	on 7, plea	se tell us the	
	king about your wing are Pleas			and the second s		think each of	f the
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Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither ag disag	•	Tend to		Strongly disagree	Don't know

Q12. If you ha	ve any comments to x below.	make about	your ansv	vers to Q10 o	r Q11, please e	xplain
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	o you receive your in ross all that apply.	formation a	ibout what	the Council i	s doing?	
62 Local newspa	aper 26 Friends a	nd family	21	Council webs	site 7 Radio	
27 Social media	4ि। *Talking	Together ma	agazine 🔟	Internet		
6 From a Coun	cillor [15] Council b	uilding/Libra	ary 7	Other		
*Free magazine whi was November 2016	ch is delivered through you 5).	r door 3 times	a year from th	ne Council and ot	her Partners (last p	ublication
Q14. How well	informed do you fee	l about eac	h of the fol	llowing?		
	oss one box only for ea					
		Very well informed	Fairly well informed	Not very well informed	Not well informed at all	Don't know
How and where to	register to vote	63	33			
How your Council	•	14	57	21	7	0
making	nvolved in local decision	4	33	35	26	8
What services the	Council provides	11	51	20	16	2
How well the Cour		4	38	33	20	5
	on Council services	3	31	30	23	9
Council services	nformed do you feel abo	ut 8	47	26	lib	3
	agree or disagree th				le by the Coun	cil
affectin	g your local area? Pl	ease cross o	one box on	ly.		
Definitely	Tend to	Tend to		Definitely		n't
agree	agree 2	disagree		disagree 24	_	ow is
				<u>[54]</u>		그

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Q16.	If you needed help or advice on the following issues, where would you go?
	For each issue please cross all that apply.

7 OF COOFFE	Local	The Council, including			Voluntary rganisation including	S,					
	GP/	Children's Centres & Libraries (Local Councillo	Social Care Provider	Citizens Advice, Age UK	Police	Housing Associatio	Friends or n family	Internet search	School/ College	Don't know
Child care											
Child learning and development											
Children and young people at risk of harm											
Adults at risk of harm											
Social care (all ages)											
Reporting anti-social behaviour											
Hate crime											
Domestic violence an abuse	d 🔲										
Physical health											
Mental health (including depression and anxiety)											
Addiction (including drug/alcohol misuse and gambling)											
Housing issues											
Debt, Ioan, benefits and money advice											
Advice on careers education and employment skills											
Q17. If you have last 3 years advice. (Please tell to	s, plea ease i	ise tell u ndicate v	s how which	satisfie	ed or dis	ssatis	fied you				the

	neral, how of outer)? Please			ernet (either	on a mobile	phone, tal	olet or
About once a day or more	Every other day	Twice a week	Once a week	Once a fortnight	Once a month	Hardly ever 4	Never
the in	u answered 'h nternet? (Plea e). <i>Please cro</i> s	se exclude	use of Intern				
	interest in usi	ng the interr	net 710	don't have the	e knowledge/	skills to use	e the internet
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7 Other							

Culture and Leisure

Q20.	How often, if at all, do you participate in the following activities?	
	Please cross one box per line.	

Please cross one box per line.											
	Almost every day	At least once a week	At least once a fortnight	About once a month	About every 3 months	About every 6 months	About lonce a year	Less than once a year	n Never		
Take part in arts or creative activity	3	16	4	9	6	ů,	6	9	44		
Take part in sports or physical activities/exercise	22	34	4	8			2	5	24		
Attend live performances	0	1	6	12	20	ÌЬ	12	11	22		
Visit museums and/or galleries	0	0	1	9	18	17	16	18	22		
Visit heritage attractions	0	0	2	lo	19	21	10	14	25		
Attend a social group	2	ZÌ	6	P	3	4	5	6	35		
Attend a live sporting event	Ö	Ŷ	7	5	5	Oi	l	21	38		
Attend a day or evening class	0	8	2	Ö	3	1	5	12	69		
Eat out		16	22	38	14	4	2	1	3		
Visit friends or relatives	8	50	14	20	3		1	0	3		
Go on a social outing	2	16	24	24	12	5	4	1	13		
Go to the cinema	0		2	16	23	14	10	9	25		

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Q21. Is there anything pr	reventing you	from partic	cipating in a	ctivities mo	re often? P	lease			
cross all that apply. उद्म I don't have enough f	ree time	a	dan't have ar	avene te ner	tioinata with	20 52 35			
Transport issues		=	don't have ar am too busy	,	licipate with				
26 Activities cost too muc	ch	=	have poor he		ilitv				
[12] What I would like to do						3			
1 don't know what ther	e is to do		don't have th	e confidence	e to do it				
13 I have caring responsi	bilities	[5] C	Other						
ां _{प्} The weather									
Q22. How satisfied or dis						s (not			
including park and r	ide) in your lo	cal area?	Please cross Neither	one box per	line.				
	Very	Fairly	satisfied nor	Fairly	Very	Don't			
Availability of buses	satisfied	satisfied	dissatisfied	dissatisfied	dissatisfied	know/NA			
Frequency of buses		26	[13]	12	15	30			
	8		ii.	14	15	30 45			
Cost of bus fares	=	[12]	14	Ш					
Punctuality of buses	4	30	16		<u>[4]</u>	35			
Cleanliness of buses	5	35	[14]	6	2	34			
Accessibility of buses (wheelchairs, pushchairs etc.)	()	[19]	16	3	3	53			
Health and Wellbein	a								
We are interested in your vie	ews on this top				governmer	nt to			
support health and wellbeing		A COLUMN TO SECURE			ARRIVE WA				
Q23. How is your health									
Very good	Good 56	Fair	Bad မြ	Very	bad T				
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Q24. Below are some state best describes your			U2011 175 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1		oss the bo	k that			
Please cross one box					# 4				
		None of the time	Rarely	Some of the time	Often	All of the time			
I've been feeling optimistic	about the futur		8	40	36	10			
I've been feeling useful		4	6	33	38	19			
I've been feeling relaxed		5	12	40	35	8			
I've been dealing with prob	lems well	5	3	30	50	12			
I've been thinking clearly		3	3	<u></u>	<u> </u>	20			
I've been feeling close to of	ther people	3	10	27	45	16			
I've been able to make up rabout things	my own mind	2	3	ìS	42	38			

Q25. Over the <u>last 4 v</u>							
Very happy	Fairly happy	у	OK 38	Fairly u	inhappy	Very unhappy	y
Q26. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the Council provides the following to facilitate walking and/or cycling in your local area? Please cross one box per line.							
	5	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	e Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Well-maintained footpa cycle lanes	ths and	4	29	21	29	9	8
		5	35	25	16	8	11
Safe routes		4	33	30	14	8	10
Information about walkin	g and	2	20	28	[18]	7	25
cycling Sufficient secure cycle (including bike racks)	storage		7	21	13	10	43
Q28. Generally spe initiatives are Please cross of	promoted'	?	you think	the followin	g health a	nd wellbeing	
	E	extremely well	Quite well	Neither	Not well	Not at all well	Don' knov
Stop smoking		íg	weii عنه	Di	5	3	36
Drink alcohol responsit	oly	12	<u>4</u> 5	10	4	5	25
Healthy weight	•	13	42	12	7	6	19
Keeping active]3	52	9	5	4	17
Healthy eating		14	48		5	5	17
Healthy mind		7	30	24	13	6	Zi
Healthy body		9	42	19	7	5	19
Dental health		5	[27]	25	13	io	20

Quality of Life

Q29. Do any of the following present a problem to you and affect your quality of life? Please cross one box per line.

	Major problem	Minor problem	Not a problem
Being able to get transport when I need it	8	24	68
Being able to get to the doctor/GP	13	[20]	67
Knowing what services are available to me	5	30	65
Knowing what benefits are available to me	6	27	67
Being able to see friends and neighbours	2	<u> 10 </u>	38
Being able to have a cooked meal everyday	ि	4	96
Being able to find paid employment	<u>[4</u>]	10	87
Debt or money worries	9	17	74
Finding an affordable home	<u>[6</u>]	[8]	<u>85</u>
Being able to keep my home warm	2	16	81
Having someone to contact when I need help	4	7	90
Being able to access a local shop	1	7	92
Being able to access leisure and cultural serv	ices 3	16	81
Other (please tell us in the box below)	6	6	99

Education and Employment

Q30. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the level of support available to...? Please cross one box per line.

	Very satisfied	Fairly satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Fairly dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Don't know
Help local unemployed residents find suitable employment	0	5	17	3	4	72
Prepare young people for work or leaving school or college	1	9	15	3	3	68
Help those in work further improve their skills		6	19	2	3	70
Support those in work who want to change jobs or careers	0 0	4	19	3	3	71

Q31.	If you answered 'fairly dissatisfied'	or 'very dissatisfied',	please tell	us your reasons
	Please tell us in the box below.			

Economy a	ind Bu	usiness
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Q32.	What impact, if any, do you think Brexit (Britain exiting the European U	Jnion) will
	have over the next 3 years? Please cross one box per line.	

Positive Negative No Don't impact impact impact know 29 On you On your local area 22 13 33

Q33. Thinking about where you live, do you think the local economy has improved, stayed the same or got worse over the past 3 years? By 'local' we mean a distance of about 15 to 20 minutes walk from your home.

Please cross one box only.

8 Improved

60 Stayed the same

25 Got worse 7 I have not lived in the area for three years

The Council works with other organisations to improve the local economy and regenerate areas of Cheshire West and Chester. There have been a range of regeneration projects across the Borough in recent years and more are expected in the near future, including:

- Northwich: Barons Quay development
- Ellesmere Port: a new college, sports village and flagship Marks and Spencer store
- Winsford: regeneration planned for the town centre and expansion of the industrial estate
- Chester: the Northgate Development in Chester City Centre, including Storyhouse cultural centre and new bus station
- Rural: support for rural businesses to grow and develop, including rural business grants. There will be other developments in your local area that the Council supports, which you may also want to consider when answering the following questions.

Q34. How much, if at all, do you feel that you are benefitting from regeneration? (please see above for examples) Please cross one box per line.

in your local area	Benefitting a lot	Benefitting a little	Not benefitting much	Not benefitting at all
across Cheshire West and Chester	6	36	37	22

Q35. Please give reasons for your answer in the box below.

Hous	sing					
Q36.	How well does yo	ur home meet y	our/your fa	amily's needs? Please	cross one box only.	
	Extremely	Quite	Not	Not		
	well	well	well	at all well		
e ya shekena		35	4	2		
Q37.	If you feel that you Please cross all that		ot meet yo	ur needs, please indic	ate the reasons why.	
II To	o small		O Far	nily breakup		
=	o large		3 Nee	ed cheaper mortgage/re	ent	
O Ne	Needs major repairs Too expensive to run					
Unsuitable for physical needs O Need permanent home as living						
Want to live independently in temporary accommodation						
2 Ne	ed to live closer to e	employment	3 Oth	er 		
3 Ne	ed to live closer to fa	amily				
o Ne	ed to live closer to a	carer or to give	care			
Q 00.	issues within the	next five years?			able to resolve these	
	32 Yes	[19] No		49 Don't know		
Q39.	Please explain yo	ur answer in the	e box belo	w?		
Q40.				ut any of the topics co rticular questions, plea		
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About You - All questions are voluntary and will be treated in the strictest confidence

To make sure we better understand the views of all people living in Cheshire West and Chester, we would like to know a few details about you. We ask these questions to help make improvements, as it shows us if certain groups of people are experiencing our services differently and we can make positive changes that may help.

The answers that you give in this section will only be used to see where views differ. Please feel free to leave blank any questions that you do not wish to answer, we will still use the answers that you have given us so far. No information will be released that would allow the identification of you as an individual or of your household.

Q41. Please provide your postcode so we can ensure that we obtain surveys from all areas of Cheshire West and Chester:						
Q42. Are you:						
Male 55 Female 3 Prefer not to say Prefer to use own term						
Q43. What was your age on your last birthday?						
years						
Q44a. Do you have a long-term illness or disability that limits your activities in any way?						
18 Yes 92 No						
Q44b. If you answered 'yes' to Q44a, please indicate which of the following applies to you. Please cross all that apply						
5 Physical impairment that causes mobility issues (for example wheelchair user)						
3 Visual impairment						
3 Mental health issue 10 Long standing illness or health condition						
4 Other (please specify)						
Q45. How often, if at all, do you look after, or give any unpaid help or support to family members, friends, neighbours or others because of: - long term physical or mental ill-health or disability, or - issues related to old age? Please cross one box only						
Rarely or 1-3 hours 4-9 hours 10-19 hours 20-49 hours 50 hours or never per week per week per week more per week 60 21 10 2 3						

Please cross one box only	6. Which of these activities best describes what you are doing at present? Please cross one box only. Only cross 'looking after the home or family' if this is your main activity and none of the other options apply.					
Employed Part-Time (under 30 hrs a week)	O In full-time education				
33 Employed Full-Time (3	30 hrs plus per week)	1 Unemployed				
3 Don't work due to long	g-term sickness/disability	3iլ Retired				
On a Government trai		Doing something else				
	S Looking after the home or family 3 Other (please specify)					
Self employed full or p	part-time					
Q47. In which of these ways accommodation? Please cross box only.	does your household occ	cupy your current				
38 Owned outright	32 Rent from Housing A	Association/Council				
25 Buying on mortgage	S Rented from private landlord					
Other (please specify)	Other (please specify)					

Continued overleaf...

Q48.	What is your ethnic group? Please cro	ss one box	only.
96 2 0	White English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/Br Irish Any other White background (Please tell us in the box below)	ritish o	Black or Black British Caribbean African Any other Black background (Please tell us in the box below)
0 0 0 1	Asian or Asian British Indian Pakistani Bangladeshi Chinese Any other Asian background (Please tell us in the box below) Other ethnic group Arab Other ethnic group (Please tell us in the box below)		White and Black Caribbean White and Black African White and Asian Any other mixed background (Please tell us in the box below) Travelling Community Gypsy/Roma Traveller of Irish descent Other member of the travelling community (Please tell us in the box below)
Q49.	Which of these best describes your re	eligious be	lief/ faith? Please cross one box only.
[O]	Buddhist A Christian (state denomination lindu D Jewish O Muslim Other (please tell us in the box)	in box if you	wish) 23 None 6 Prefer not to say
	Which of these best describes your sea	xual orient	ation?
	Heterosexual/Straight	5 Prefer	not to say
0	Bisexual	Prefer t	o use own term (please specify)
	Gay/Lesbian		

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. Please return it in the pre-paid envelope provided by Monday 27th February 2017.

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