



**FRAMEWORK FOR THE
NESTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**
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Introduction

The Neston Neighbourhood Plan Framework outlines the key role and scope of the Neston Neighbourhood Plan. It defines the membership, roles and responsibilities of those involved in the plan preparation. The Town Council and Cheshire West and Chester Council are committed to working in partnership to produce an up-to-date and effective neighbourhood plan for the Town. Resources will be committed as appropriate by all partners, including time, to produce a viable plan.

Overall aims of neighbourhood planning

The aim of the Neston Neighbourhood Plan is to provide an opportunity for the communities of Neston Town to prepare a planning and land use policy framework for the area in order to achieve the local priorities and goals as identified through the plan making process. Its preparation will implement, as far as possible, the provisions of the Government's Decentralisation and Localism Bill.

Roles and responsibilities

The Planning and Environment Committee will act as formal programme manager. The Committee provide delegated powers to the Clerk and Chairman of the P&E Committee to approve any costs under £500.

A Community Steering Group comprising a representative cross section of the community and three members of the Planning and Environment Committee will be established. Its chair will be elected by the Community Steering Group from amongst its non-Council membership. The Community Steering Group may choose to elect from its membership a Deputy Chair.

Arrangements for the efficient summoning of meetings, recording of meeting decisions and production of background information and publication of information as appropriate will be the responsibility of the Planning and Environment Committee within limits set by the Committee.

Task and Finish / Activity Groups representative of the Community will be established by the Community Steering Group as required to assist them in the production of the Neston Neighbourhood Plan.

Cheshire West and Chester Council

The Council will provide a support team to work closely with the Town Council and provide technical and procedural advice. This team will include members of Spatial Planning, Development and Planning Management, Rural Regeneration and Strategic Housing Teams. The team will have a nominated lead and will be responsible for co-ordinating the input of other technical specialists from within the Council as may be required to support the process.