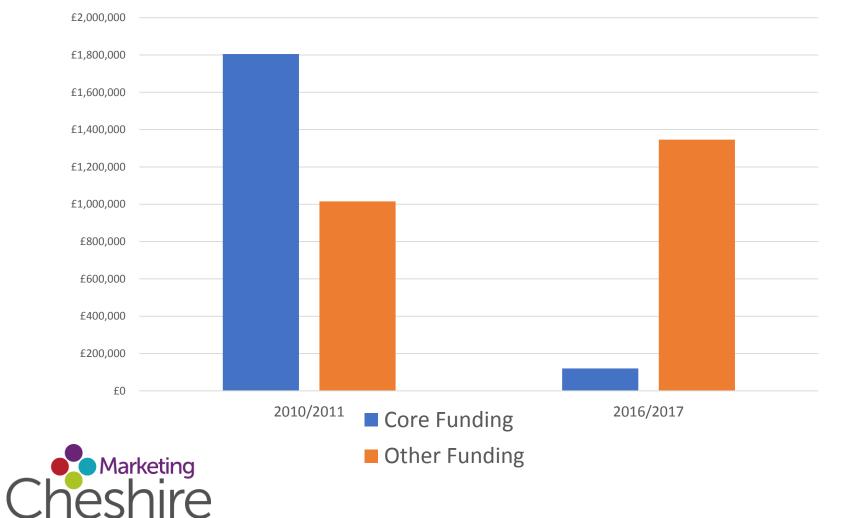
DMO diversification and commercialisation

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Significant changes in revenue sources over the last 6 years



1. Marketing Contracts

- Close relationship with members and partners
- Many attractions lacking in marketing capacity and expertise
- We act as their outsourced marketing operation

Both ongoing (social media, advertising management, whole marketing strategy development and delivery)

And one-off (website development, branding, print & workshops)

• Deliver event management, branding, workshops, website, social media for the LEP also





2. New commercial services for members and partners





3. Funded project management

• Outsourcing staff i.e. to England's Historic Cities or Cheshire Cultural Destinations

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4. Chester Christmas Market





5. Partners funding staff directly







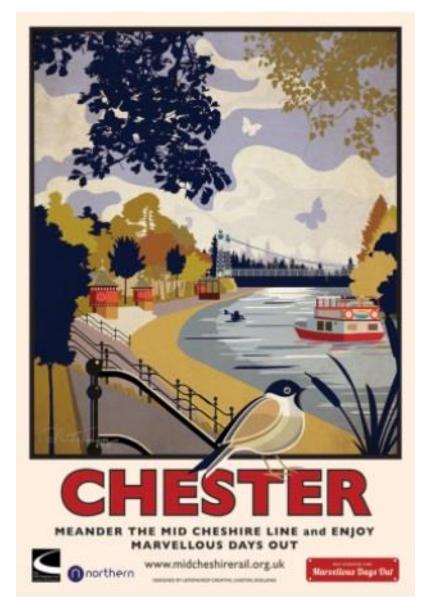
6. Changing our Print Model



- Launched new guide in April 2017 to replace existing monthly print
- Changing from a monthly to quarterly publication has meant less time spent on chasing advertisers & design time plus saving money on print and distribution

7. Ticketing

- Works best where we are exclusive ticketing provider – i.e. attractions doing one off events
- Secured big partners ie Chester Zoo
- Online shop for destination posters





New Revenue sources (2016/2017)

Source	Total Revenue	Contribution
Marketing Contracts	£174,522	£123,850
LEP Marketing services	£144,255	£107,406
Grant project management	£27,269	£24,694
Christmas Market	£161,328	£55,000
Partners funding staff	£50,000	£50,000
Ticketing	£17,232	£4024
TOTAL NEW SOURCES	£574,606	£364,974



2017-2020 Growth Areas;

- Grant Project Management (£130,000 projected 17/18)
- Film (£20,000 projected 17/18)

Investigating;

• Voluntary donation schemes



To recap - our strategy

- 1. Retain a team who are proactive at seeking out opportunities and have the expertise to deliver
- 2. Marketing expertise first, tourism knowledge second!
- 3. Do contracts well to get more work
- 4. Find different ways of getting money out of partners
- 5. Copy other's initiatives!
- 6. Retain a clear USP i.e. place, revenue reinvested into destination

