

BURY EAST TOWNSHIP FORUM REPORT

MEETING: Bury East Township Forum

DATE: 20 September 2012

SUBJECT: Township Plan

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1. Summary

At the meeting held on 18 July 2012, the Bury East Township Forum considered the Bury East Township Plan, including Equality Analysis.

The Forum agreed the Township Plan and Equality Analysis subject to amendments being made to the Action Plan (2012/13) under the priority outcome 'Improved Employment Opportunities'. The Forum asked for this to be amended in order to reflect the impact and role of the 'Backing Young Bury Scheme' in Bury East.

An updated copy of the Township Plan is attached as Appendix A.

2. Recommendation

The Township Forum is asked to:

- I. Note the amendments made to the Action Plan 2012/13 (of the Township Plan) on page 10, to reflect the impact and role of the 'Backing Young Bury Scheme' (See Appendix A)
- II. As the Action Plan 2012/13 (for the Township Plan) is an evolving document that can be regularly updated and reviewed by the Township Forum, comments or contributions are invited.

3. Background Information

The Township Plan provides an essential focus to the work of the Bury East Township Forum. It has been developed using a combination of local evidence based data and engagement with local stakeholders. This has included round table discussions to develop priority outcomes with Bury East Township Forum members and residents (including ward councillors, Advisory Group members, residents, partners and other council officers). The Plan has also been a regular item on the agenda for this meeting.

4. Purpose of the Bury East Township Plan

As outlined in previous presentations to this Forum, the purpose of the Township Plan is to set and drive local priorities to promote better outcomes for local people. It provides an opportunity for residents to get involved in shaping their local area. It also provides an important tool for monitoring the impact and progress of the Township Forum and the difference it is making to quality of life in the area.

5. Township Plan (2012/15)

A copy of the finalised Township Plan is included in **Appendix A**. It is important to note the following:

- It is a three yearly plan (allowing the Township Forum to monitor the difference it is making over a period of time in relation to agreed priority outcomes)
- Identifies four key priority outcomes for Bury East. These are improved employment opportunities, improved health and wellbeing outcomes, promotion of community safety and community cohesion/integration.
- Includes an Action Plan for 2012/13 which details the projects and initiatives taking to support delivery of the four priority outcomes. This action plan will continue to evolve and change over time, allowing new issues or projects to emerge and be included (to the support overall outcomes identified)
- Shows how the priority outcomes and actions will be monitored and managed. This will involve updated action plans being shared at each of our meetings. A more detailed performance report relating to our four key outcomes, will be shared at our Township Forum meeting twice a year.
- Following our last meeting (under the priority outcome 'Improved Employment Opportunities') the Action Plan (2012/13) has been amended in order to reflect the impact and role of the 'Backing Young Bury Scheme' in Bury East.

6. Conclusion

The Township Plan for Bury East (2012/15) has been amended to reflect the comments made at our last meeting. The amended Plan can be seen in Appendix A. It can be seen that our Township Plan provides our Forum with a work programme of projects and actions to be delivered over the next year.

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