

# **Bury East Township Action Plan**

**2012-13:**

**Performance Report**

## **INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 This report outlines the performance of the Bury East Township Forum and the progress on each of the themes contained within the Bury East Township Action Plan for 2012-13. The information provided has been gathered from a number of qualitative and quantitative sources including Bury Insight, Index of Multiple Deprivation, Area Profile Data and various local community intelligence sources.
- 1.2 There are currently 4 key thematic priorities contained within the Bury East Action Plan for 2012/13:
- Improved Employment Opportunities
  - Improved Health and Wellbeing
  - Improved Community Safety
  - Improved Community Cohesion & Integration

This report provides a summary of the overall performance for each of the themes and the projects which contribute to their delivery. The report clearly outlines the aims for each theme, along with the projects undertaken and the successes of the forum.

- 1.3 Where possible both quantitative and qualitative data sources have been used to demonstrate the progress that has been made by the Township Forum on each theme.
- 1.4 The detail of this performance report can be viewed on the Township Forum web pages at [www.bury.gov.uk/townshipforums](http://www.bury.gov.uk/townshipforums). If you require copies of the report please contact David Thomas on 0161253 7455.

## IMPROVED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Project Overview (Aims & Outputs)

### Project Updates

#### What We Promised

- To raise Aspirations for 16-24yr within Bury East
- Support actions to help get young people into work
- Increase number of Volunteering Opportunities
- Get young people/people ready and into work
- Support a series of interventions in partnership with Bury Employment & Skills Task Group (BEAST)
- Increase number of Volunteering Opportunities

#### What We Did

- Engaged with local businesses to sponsor and support employment programmes such as "Backing Young Bury"
- Engaged with young people in Bury East to promote employment and training opportunities
- Developed a multi-agency approach to increase the number and raise awareness of volunteering opportunities

#### Successes to Date

- Approx 25 young people from Bury East have been supported into employment in partnership with Backing Young Bury.
- 2 new Apprenticeships agreed on the Pimhole Development for 16-24yr olds
- Bury Works advice & guidance centre established and demonstrating real successes
- Backing Young Bury has supported over 100 businesses to help them engage with apprenticeships
- 40 volunteering opportunities developed across Bury

#### Areas of Concern/Next Steps

- The development of a mentoring scheme has been slow in development with no contact with local employees
- Need to focus on involving local SME's in Township Forums, potentially through the creation of a localised business group.

## IMPROVED HEALTH & WELLBEING

### Project Overview (Aims & Objectives)

#### What We Promised

- Consistent reductions in alcohol related A&E admissions of Bury East residents
- To address the lack of physical exercise among young children in partnership with local schools
- To develop a partnership approach to up-skilling families and helping to build confidence regarding health/medical emergencies within Bury East communities

#### What We Did

- Developed a bid for the £1m Alcohol Prospectus Scheme championed by Baroness Newlove at the Department for Communities & Local Government (DCLG)
- Developed a participatory budgeting model to enable the Bury East residents to get actively involved in addressing alcohol misuse
- Developed a programme of sustained activity to reduce the upward trend in alcohol related A&E admissions at Fairfield Hospital

### Project Updates

#### Successes to Date

- £90 funding secured by Township Forum for projects to address alcohol related health issues in Bury East (BEAPS Project)
- Successful Participatory Budgeting event held in Sept 2012 which allocated over £40k to partner projects
- Successful visit from Baroness Newlove in January 2013
- South Asian Mental Health Cluster (SAMH) project established in Bury East
- Successful Mini-Olympics partnership event held at St Marie's Primary School

#### Areas of Concern/Next Steps

- A key priority over the next few months will be to access A&E attendance data – this will help to evidence outcomes from the BEAPS project
- Establish links with Children's Centres to ensure that Township Forum priorities are reflected in service delivery

## IMPROVED COMMUNITY SAFETY

### Project Overview (Aims & Objectives)

#### What We Promised

- Reductions in Alcohol related Anti-Social Behaviour
- Improve Partnership response to community safety issues
- Reduce negative perceptions of anti-social behaviour in Bury East
- Engage with young people to address issues of youth nuisance

#### What We Did

- Developed a bid for the £1m Alcohol Prospectus Scheme championed by Baroness Newlove at the Department for Communities & Local Government (DCLG)
- Formed a project group to develop an innovative Participatory Model to engage the communities of Bury East in the funding decision making process
- Worked with key partners to encourage project bids focused on addressing alcohol related anti-social behaviour
- Bury East Partnership Action Groups established to improve partnership response to community safety issues and vulnerable residents

### Project Updates

#### Successes to Date

- £90 funding secured by Township Forum for projects to address alcohol related Anti-social behaviour in Bury East (BEAPS Project)
- Successful Participatory Budgeting event held in Sept 2012 which allocated over £40k to ASB focused partner projects
- Six groups were awarded funding for projects funded through BEAPS to address alcohol related ASB
- Significant and sustained reductions in Juvenile Rowdy Behaviour in Bury East
- Alcohol related ASB has also reduced due to the positive impact of the partner led BEAPS projects
- Established the North Bury Partnership Action Group to review Anti-Social Behaviour (asb) issues, vulnerable victims and high risk perpetrators of asb.
- An action plan is being developed to manage each of the issues and individuals that will be focused on at each Partnership Action Group Meeting.

#### Areas of Concern/Next Steps

- A&E data proving very difficult to obtain, more work to be completed with New Economy to source outcome evidence
- Continue to develop the North Bury Partnership Action Group

## IMPROVED COMMUNITY COHESION & INTEGRATION

### Project Overview (Aims & Objectives)

### Project Updates

#### What We Promised

- Improve the understanding between members of the community and varying faith groups
- Improve attendance and involvement from BME community at Township Forums
- Promote pride and belonging within Bury East and encourage community to help shape the Bury East area

#### What We Did

- Promoted Township Forum to local Mosques including invitation letter
- Met with users of the Asian Women's Centre to discuss Forum
- Welcome to Bury Booklet made available on Bury Council webpage

#### Successes to Date

- Seen a positive impact on attendance from residents within BME communities
- Work with local partners to promote pride and belonging in Bury East
- Improved communication through use of social media to feed back positive news stories from Bury East communities

#### Areas of Concern/Next Steps

- Further advancement needs to be made on inclusion of faith leaders in the Township Forums
- Discuss 'community champion' initiative with Bury Council Community Cohesion Officer in relation to the Pimhole area

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**SUMMARY & CONCLUSION**

**Township Planning Process**

During 2012/2013 Bury East Township Forum developed and agreed our Township Plan. The plan identified local issues and priorities where, working together with local councillors, community representatives, groups and residents, they can make a difference. The plans are three yearly plans and include an annual action plan. The action plan incorporates the key projects and actions to be delivered over the coming year to contribute towards delivery of the local priority outcomes.

The Township Plans were developed through active engagement and discussions with Township Forum members - including both councillors and Advisory Group members. 'Round table' discussions were held at the beginning of the 2012 municipal year to provide an opportunity for wider community representatives, partner organisations and residents to get involved in agreeing local priorities. The emerging plans have been presented to public meetings of the Township Forums, providing further opportunities for residents to get involved and shape their local area.

**Advisory Group**

Over the course of 2012-13 Bury East Township Forum has been well attended by each advisory group member. The Forum has full membership and has benefitted from active participation from each member in the Township Planning process and the delivery of the outcomes identified for each themed priority. The Advisory Group representatives have taken an active lead in updating forum members on key issues from their areas and the work going on to address them, particularly projects that link in with the projects within the Township Plan for Bury East. The development of the new Township Plans for 2013/14 will involve facilitating

round table discussions and advisory group members will each facilitate a themed discussion group focused on identifying the priorities around the theme for the year ahead.

### **Meeting Attendance**

The table below details the numbers of public attending each Bury East Township Forum over the past year:

<b>Township</b>	<b>June 2012</b>	<b>July 2012</b>	<b>Sept 2012</b>	<b>Nov 2012</b>	<b>Feb 2013</b>	<b>Mar 2013</b>
<b>Bury East</b>	4	16	8	12	10	10

### **Presentations/Consultation with Township Forum**

The value of the Township Forums is recognised in major public consultation exercises. During 2012/13 this has included:

- Plan for Change
- Council Budget
- Presentations on major changes to health services in the borough (Clinical Commissioning Groups and Health and Wellbeing Board)
- Council Tax Support Scheme
- Welfare Reform
- Recycling and waste management updates
- Streetsafe – proposed introduction of 20mph zones



## **Community Fund**

The Council continues to allocate £1,000 per ward each year to support the work of voluntary and community groups. Individual grants to the 'ward fund' are available for a maximum of £250. Additionally, a borough-wide allocation of £13,000 is available for 'cross-ward' applications from third sector organisations, with a maximum individual grant of £750. Small grants funds are also available for grants of up to £12,000.