

**FORMULATING BURY WEST'S AREA PLAN
BURY WEST TOWNSHIP FORUM
Thursday 19th January 2012 (7.00pm start)
Elton High School**

Each table will be numbered and will have a theme. There will be a facilitator for each theme/ table. Discussion time is limited so we would ask that attendees sit at the table they feel they can make the most contribution. There will be the opportunity to contribute towards other table's discussions throughout the course of the meeting.

The information below is only a guideline for discussions, in the hope that it will encourage suggestions about how the Township Forum and its partners identify key priorities for Bury West and contribute to achieving agreed actions. Please consider your own roles as community leaders, representatives, residents or partner agencies and how you could help improve life in Bury West

TABLE 1- EMPLOYMENT/ WORKLESSNESS/ INCOME

Aims- reduce number of benefit claimants

Increase opportunities for work including back to work training

- How can this be done? What works? What isn't / hasn't worked well?
- Do we need workshops? Job fairs? Targeted work? Mentoring schemes and Apprenticeships
- Increased opportunities including back to work training
- Use of schools/ extended services and children's centres, libraries to deliver service
- Job creation

TABLE 2- CRIME

Aims- to reduce anti social behaviour

To tackle issues around drugs and violent crime

- Encourage reporting, promotion of good news stories to provide reassurance, community work alongside police, work with schools and colleges
- Encourage reporting of domestic violence crime- advice and support mechanisms - HOW?
- Increased community engagement via PACT meetings, surgeries use of mobile police station, walkabouts.
- Youth provision to address ASB

TABLE 3- HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Aims- improve health and wellbeing of residents

- Increase number of people taking exercise and number of times they are active - use of health information days? Health walks? Stop smoking service? Health trainers- where should they be?
- Health Prevention – awareness raising, breast, bowel and lung cancer
- Sports Development
- Engagement of local sports clubs, allotments,
- Encourage healthy eating/ growing vegetables / exercise and outdoor activity in schools. In Bury West 9% of reception class children are obese and this rises to 15% of children in year 6.
- Activities for adults, young people and children

TABLE 4 – EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Aims- Assistance to schools

- Ensure more children are “school ready” e.g. basic skills such as language, being able to dress themselves, toilet trained, able to use knife and fork
- Use of children’s centres mother and toddler groups, libraries
- Encourage reading with children and having books at home.
- Promotion of free library service?
- Support for extended school service - Learning opportunities for adults?

TABLE 5 – HOUSING /ENVIRONMENT/ LIVING CONDITIONS

Aims- tackle issues around “signal crime” e.g. estate issues, graffiti, litter, fly tipping and instil pride in Bury West

- How? Education, Work with Six Town Housing, enforcement, working with schools, anti litter campaigns, promotion of street pledge.
- Reporting of housing repairs
- Reporting of issues such as blocked gullies, pot holes, street lighting etc
- Issues around garage colonies, spare and neglected land and housing
- Support for friends of parks groups- promotion and encouragement for membership
- Facilities for young and old
- Access to provisions/ activities for young people

TABLE 6 – COMMUNITY COHESION/ COMMUNITY PRIDE AND BELONGING

Aim - Improve community engagement and involvement

- Encourage involvement of faith groups in the Township Forum area and utilise the wealth of volunteering that faith groups bring.
- Improvements to the environment- community allotment sites.
- Inform and involve people with range of facilities available - parks, allotments, volunteering at youth and older people’s events and clubs.
- Activities for older people and intergenerational work.