

REPORT FOR DECISION

Agenda Item	
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MEETING: MANAGEMENT BOARD
EXECUTIVE

DATE: 22 OCTOBER 2007
07 NOVEMBER 2007

SUBJECT: NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL STRATEGY 2008-2018

REPORT FROM: COUNCILLOR IAIN GARTSIDE, EXECUTIVE MEMBER
FOR LEARNING, SKILLS AND EMPLOYMENT

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TYPE OF DECISION: Key Decision

REPORT STATUS: For publication

PURPOSE/SUMMARY:

The Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy has been developed to focus attention on analysing and addressing the gaps between local areas in the Borough to tackle the pockets of deprivation that we know exist. A copy of the final draft of the Strategy is available in the Member Information Point.

Bury's previous Regeneration Strategy (2001-2005) outlined pockets of decline for action primarily focussed on attracting external resources to support regeneration of these areas. A more sophisticated approach is now required to meet the challenges of addressing deprivation within mainstream resources and the second generation Local Area Agreement.

OPTIONS AND RECOMMENDED OPTION:

The recommended option is:

To receive the report and to confirm that the Executive agrees:

- The Vision of the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy to ensure that by 2018 "The life chances of Bury residents are not determined by where they live or where they come from."

- The Strategic Objectives of the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy as:
 - Strategic Objective A: Improving Intelligence
 - Strategic Objective B: Engaging with Communities
 - Strategic Objective C: Tackling Complex, Multiple and Severe Deprivation
 - Strategic Objective D: Tackling Small Areas of Severe Deprivation
 - Strategic Objective E: Tackling Thematic Hotspots
- To forward the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy to Team Bury Executive Board for determination of responsibility for the actions included in the Strategy and with a recommendation that it be developed and approved as a partnership document.
- To forward the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy to the meeting of Bury Council on 12 December 2007.

Alternative Options

To not accept the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy and its Vision and Strategic Objectives.

IMPLICATIONS -

Financial Implications and Risk Considerations

The Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy challenges Bury Council and partners to harness the big funds in mainstream budgets to deliver the boost in the target areas.

Risks identified will be assessed within the Partnership Risk Assessment Management System (PRAMS) and the Council's Risk Management System and linked accordingly

Corporate Aims/Policy Framework:

Do the proposals accord with the Policy Framework? Yes

Are there any legal implications? None arising from the report as drawn.

Considered by Monitoring Officer: Yes

Statement by Director of Finance and E-Government:

There are no direct resource implications arising from the report itself. However Bury is unlikely to receive any additional, national, funding to assist with the delivery of the Strategy and therefore it will be necessary to utilise local mainstream, partnership and LAA funding. This will need to take place within the remit of the Council's overall priority-led approach to resource allocation.

Staffing/ICT/Property: None

Wards Affected: All

Scrutiny Interest: Resource and Performance

TRACKING/PROCESS

ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Chief Executive/ Management Board	Executive Member/ Chair	Ward Members	Partners
22 October 2007 13 February 2006			Community Conference 11/06/07 Team Bury Executive 11/07/07 – 25/09/07
Scrutiny Panel	Executive	Committee	Council
	8 March 2006 7 November 2007		

1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 Bury Council’s Management Board and Executive received and agreed reports in 2006 outlining the case for developing a Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy. The Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy is aimed at addressing the existing strategy gap between the borough-wide Community Strategy and the action-focussed Local Community Plans. It provides the strategic analysis and direction to inform the Local Community Plans and completes the strategic framework for:

- Joint funding and mainstreaming discussions with partners
- Local area agreement negotiations
- Neighbourhood management implementation
- Future funding bids.

1.2 Bury Council commissioned CPC Ltd to develop Neighbourhood Intelligence Assessments to provide the intelligence and statistical base for the development of the Strategy. These Assessments were completed in June 2007 and presented to the Community Conference to initiate consultation and debate around the key issues raised.

1.3 The Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy aims to ensure that the achievement of Team Bury’s ambitions are achieved for all Bury residents and its vision is that by 2018 “The life chances of Bury residents are not determined by where they live or where they come from.”

1.4 The NRS has five strategic objectives. These are:

- Strategic Objective A: Improving Intelligence
- Strategic Objective B: Engaging with Communities
- Strategic Objective C: Tackling Complex, Multiple and Severe Deprivation

Strategic Objective D: Tackling Small Areas of Severe Deprivation
Strategic Objective E: Tackling Thematic Hotspots

The last three strategic objectives are aimed at recognising and addressing deprivation in all areas of the borough, including small areas and thematic hotspots in areas of Bury which are generally recognised as being more affluent.

2.0 ISSUES

2.1 RISKS

- 2.1.1 Risks identified will be assessed within the Partnership Risk Assessment Management System (PRAMS) and the Council's Risk Management System and linked accordingly
- 2.1.2 The risk of not adopting a Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy is that the agreed cross-cutting theme of 'reducing inequalities between communities of location and between communities of interest' will be not adequately addressed within a strategic framework.
- 2.1.3 The lack of an NRS would mean future priorities and funding would not be informed by a statistically-valid analysis and prioritisation of the key areas and hotspots that require intervention.

2.2 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

- 2.2.1 The Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy will contribute positively to the provision of equality and diversity by focusing on the borough's priorities, policies, programmes and resources on maximising opportunities and reducing inequalities in all parts of society to contribute to the prosperity and well being of the whole Borough. An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed.

2.3 CONSULTATION

- 2.3.1 Internal and external stakeholders have been consulted during the development of the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy. This has primarily been through the Community Conference which took place in June 2007.
- 2.3.2 The NRS has been considered by the Council's Management Board. It will be considered by Team Bury Executive at its meeting on 28 November 2007 and by Bury Council on 12 December 2007.

3.0 CONCLUSION

- 3.1 The NRS and its vision and strategic objectives have been developed based on a detailed assessment of statistical need. The Strategy sets out clear areas for action by all partners and will deliver action that will address areas of deprivation across the borough.

List of Background Papers:

Enclosures:

Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy (Final Draft)
Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy Statistical Annex

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