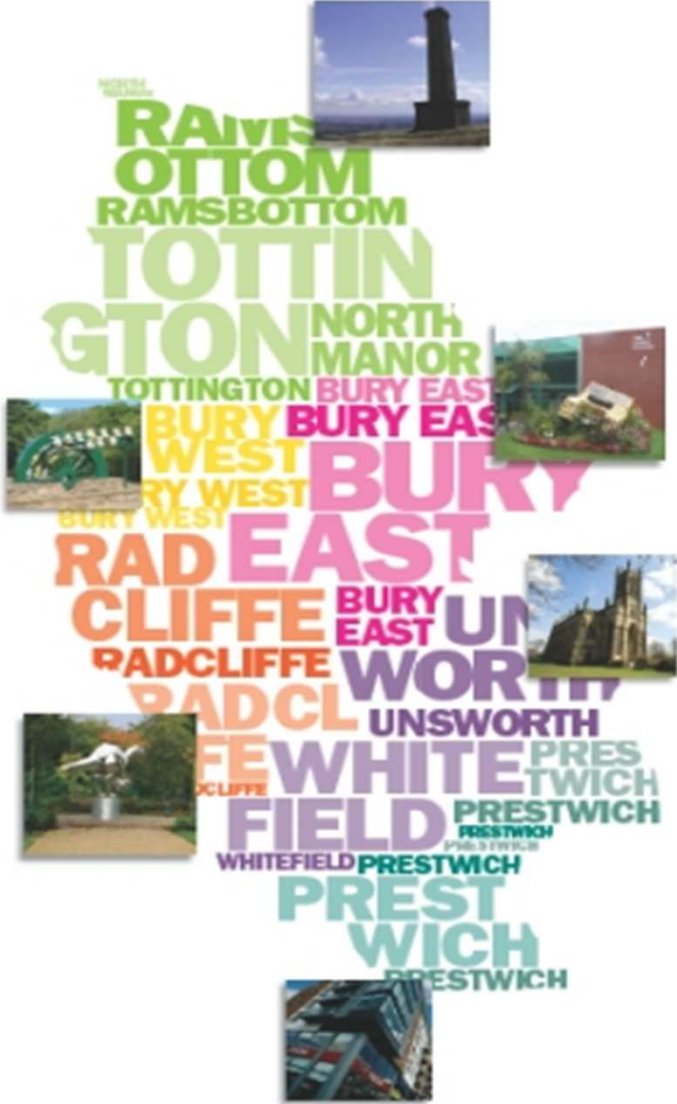


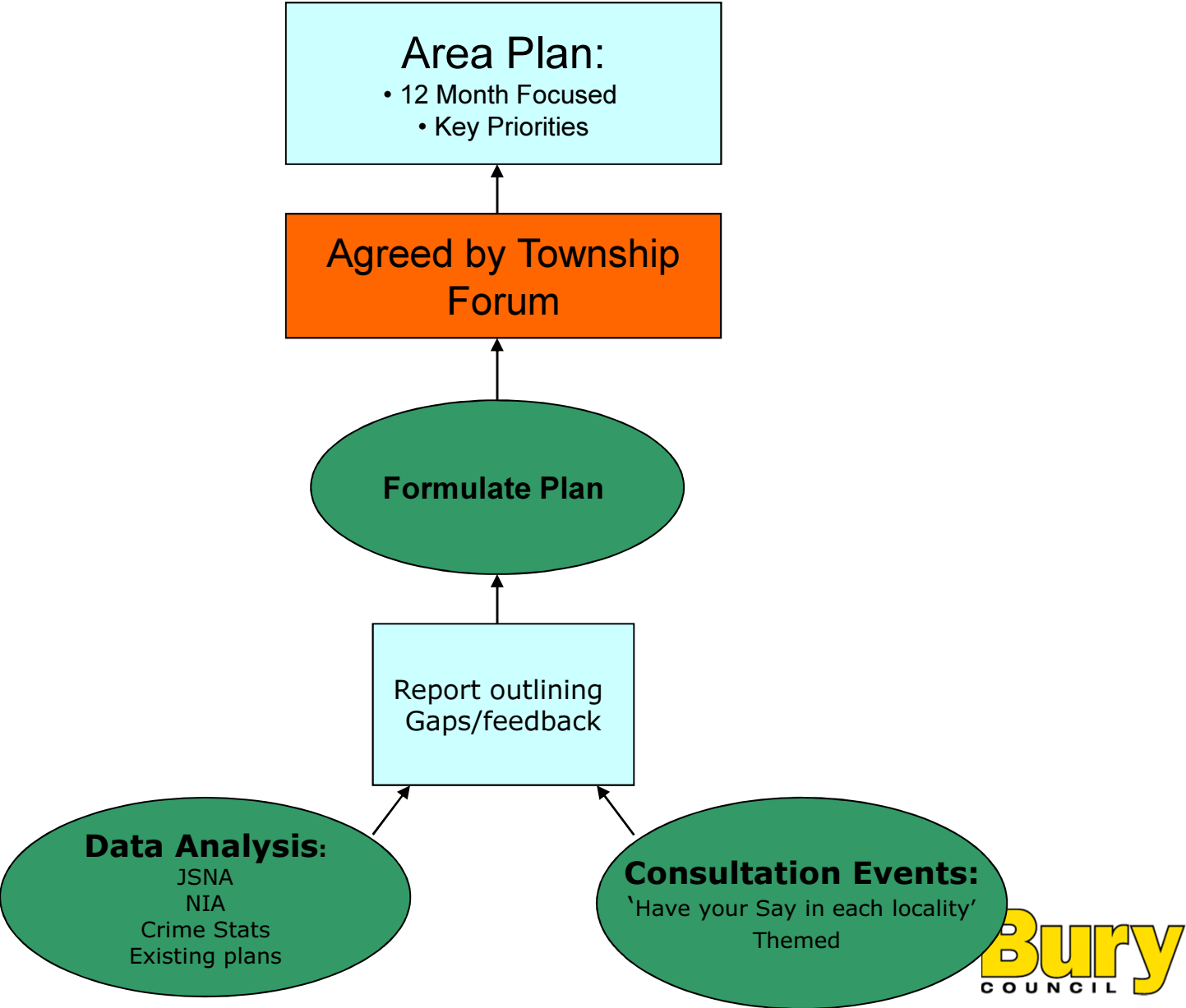
Whitefield and Unsworth Area Plan



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How Did We Form the Area Plan?



KEY OUTCOMES

5 Key outcomes were identified for Whitefield and Unsworth:

- Improved health and Wellbeing
- Employment Opportunities
- Educational Attainment/ Learning
- Community Safety
- Community Pride and Belonging
- Town Centre Regeneration

Improved Health and Wellbeing

AGREED ACTIONS:

- Re-establishment of Whitefield health Group
- Explore pharmacy for Besses Ward
- Support good use of allotment space-eg development of site at Boz park
- Improvement of bus services to Blackford House health centre

IMPROVED HEALTH AND WELLBEING

So Far:

- Discussions with key partners has revealed that the health and inequalities group should be for the whole of Whitefield and Unsworth as there are areas of concern in each ward
- “Whitefield and Unsworth Health and Inequalities” sub group to be set up with key partners, councillor from each ward, and relevant community representation.
- Appeal hearing has been held for pharmacy on Hillock estate and a venue identified in anticipation of a positive result.
- Progress with bus service- Local Link introduced for access to Hollins and Pilsworth Bus service reintroduced by First bus to blackford House and Pilsworth
- Hurdles taking over site at Melrose Close on the Elms Estate, currently derelict, and will be developing allotment space- just waiting for good access to the site off whalley road
- Besses Childrens centre grow their own veg

Employment Opportunities

- Regular and reliable service to Pilsworth
- Encourage new businesses into Pilsworth with job opportunities for local people
- Encourage support for “Backing Young Bury” and other employment programmes
- Explore possibility for Job Clubs/ fairs

Employment opportunities

So Far:

- Local Link service provided by Transport for Greater Manchester for better access to Hollins and Pilsworth
- Negotiations with First Bus re adverse changes to bus services and the impact on local residents
- Job Club operating from Besses Children's Centre Job centre plus on site one day a week on appointment basis only

Educational Attainment/ learning

- See Whitefield and Unsworth Health and Inequalities group
- Identify families in most need
- Encourage reading from an early age
- Improve communication between partner agencies

Educational Attainment/ learning

So far:

- Whitefield and Unsworth health and inequalities Group will be working to address families in need. Also link to employment and training opportunities.
- Ready Steady School project at Besses CC- basic skills such as dressing, potty trained, basic communication, use of knife and fork
- Volunteering opportunities locally- Besses CC have 11 volunteers in the centre
- Victoria youth club now have around 15 volunteers- training provided from Besses CC, youth services

Community Safety

- Regular partner meetings to identify and deal with emerging issues
- Regular reports to Township forums on the actions and successes of partner work locally
- Investigate potential for youth PACT meetings
- Work with volunteers to provide youth activities

Community Safety

- Partner meetings held every month at Whitefield Police station, sharing of information and tasks. Partners from Six Town and Contour housing, Environmental health, youth services, park ranger, police, fire. For example-
- Identifying areas for youth work- New youth and community facility on Victoria Estate. Youth club very well attended (Six Town, Police, youth services)
- Multi agency involvement to tackle anti social behaviour- Operation Treacle. Includes BSafe BCool initiative delivered to all year nine pupils across the Borough (Bury College, Police, Fire, Health, Environmental health, Six Town Housing, ASB teams, Community Cohesion officer, anti bullying co-ordinator, Township Co-ordinator)
- Youth PACT meetings piloted in Whitefield

Community Pride and Belonging

- Positive promotion of Whitefield and Unsworth as a nice place to live
- Increased membership of parks forums- encourage young people's involvement
- Promotion of key events- Boz Park fun day, Halloween Festival
- Holiday activities for young people

Community Pride and Belonging

So far:

- Parks forums thriving. Friends of Whitefield parks established
- Boz park fun day had to be cancelled at last minute due to inclement weather and state of the ground on the park
- Halloween Fest- successful delivery over a number of days