

Bury West Township Action Plan

2015-16:
Performance Report

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INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report outlines the performance of the Bury West Township Forum and the progress on each of the themes contained within the Bury West Township Action Plan for 2015-16. 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 intelligences.
- 1.2 There are currently 6 key thematic priorities contained within the Bury West Township Action Plan for 2015/16:
- Improved Employment Opportunities
 - Improved Community Safety
 - Improved Health and Wellbeing
 - Improved Educational Attainment/Learning Opportunities
 - Improved Road Safety and Public Transport
 - Improved Community Pride and Belonging

This report provides a summary of the overall performance for each of the themes and the projects which contribute to their delivery.

- 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. If you require copies of the report please contact Christine Maksymowski on 0161 253 7941.

Project Overview (Aims & Outputs)		Project Updates	
<p><u>What We Promised</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the number of apprenticeship for young people in Bury West • Support actions to help get young people into work • Get young people/people ready and into work 		<p><u>Successes to Date</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion of the Bury College Apprenticeship Fair 8th July 2015. Event very well attended • Promotion of Job Clubs and volunteering opportunities • Circulation of weekly apprenticeship vacancies 	
<p><u>What We Did</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engaged with local businesses to sponsor and support employment programmes such as “Backing Young Bury” • Supported the Bury College Apprenticeship Fair • Promotion of Job Clubs and apprenticeship vacancies 		<p><u>Areas of Concern/Next Steps</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued support of “Backing Young Bury” programme • Continue to promote the Job Club and volunteering opportunities and try to get people back to work 	
IMPROVED COMMUNITY SAFETY			

Project Overview (Aims & Objectives)		Project Updates	
<p><u>What We Promised</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proactive work to re-establish the youth club at the Elton Centre • More school visits to address anti social behaviour (ASB) • To look at the possibility of setting up regular partnership meetings to identify and quickly deal with potential offenders • Invite the police to attend Township Forum Meetings <p><u>What We Did</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported the Be Safe Be Cool Initiative • Worked with Local Police Inspector and ASB team to establish partnership meeting to address ASB • In regular contact with the Bury West PC's and PCSO's • Promotion of the Dark Nights Project 	<p><u>Successes to Date</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ROC youth club still up and running • Be Safe Be Cool Initiative delivered to Year 9 pupils in Bury West Schools during October 2015 • TF Co-ordinator attends weekly Joint Engagement Team (JET) meetings to discuss individuals causing ASB • Police regularly attend Township forum meetings to give updates on crime trends • Township Co-ordinator shared information with residents on the Dark Nights Project. Distributed leaflets at the Township Forum meetings <p><u>Areas of Concern/Next Steps</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued support with the ROC Youth club at the Elton Centre • Continue to attend weekly JET meetings to address issues of ASB • Work with Anti Social Behaviour Team on the Safe4Summer/Operation Treacle schemes targeting young people in Bury West 		
IMPROVED HEALTH & WELLBEING			

Project Overview (Aims & Objectives)		Project Updates	
<p><u>What We Promised</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint working with Children’s Centres • Reduction in obesity figures for Bury West children • Promote healthy eating in Bury West area • Support and promotion of the I Will If You Will Scheme <p><u>What We Did</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular visits to Children’s Centres to maintain good working relationships • Analysed obesity figures for children living in Bury West. Worked with Sports and Physical Activities Service (SPAS) to see if a mobile gym and healthy eating initiative could be delivered • Promoted the I Will If You Will campaign in the Bury West area 		<p><u>Successes to Date</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Township Co-ordinator sits on the Advisory Groups for the Bury West Hub Children’s Centre • I Will If You Will activities being delivered across Bury West via the Children Centre’s and other venues. <p><u>Areas of Concern/Next Steps</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued work with the Children’s Centres • Monitor obesity levels in Bury West • Promote healthy eating across Bury West • Continued support of the I Will If You Will scheme until the end Phase 2 	
IMPROVED EDUCATION ATTAINMENT/LEARNING			

Project Overview (Aims & Objectives)		Project Updates	
<p><u>What We Promised</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure children in Bury West are 'school ready' by supporting parents and encouraging reading from an early age • Promote learning opportunities for Bury West Residents <p><u>What We Did</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sent out book start information to people registered on the TF database • Course information shared via Township Forum database 		<p><u>Successes to Date</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reaching Families – work to encourage reading from an early age. Reading materials have been distributed to the identified families in Bury West <p><u>Areas of Concern/Next Steps</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued work to ensure that the children living in Bury West are 'school ready' • Promote learning opportunities for Bury West Residents 	



IMPROVED ROAD SAFETY and PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Project Overview (Aims & Objectives)

Project Updates

What We Promised

- Re establish the Highways Sub Group
- Highlight concerns with the Bury West bus service
- Address traffic issues in Bury West
- Promotion of the Safer School Parking Campaign
- Implementation of the Streetsafe Initiative

What We Did

- Added HSG updates to the Township Forum agenda
- Invited representatives from First Buses to attend the Bury West TF meetings
- Disseminated information on the School Parking Campaign
- Streetsafe initiative presented to the TF Forum

Successes to Date

- Highways Sub Group (HSG) re-established July 2012
- Community representative attends (HSG)
- Regular feedback from (HSG) to TF
- Extra 98 bus put on route to alleviate timing issues from November 2012 ongoing
- 472/474 less frequent in the afternoons to address timing issues
- Red, amber and green advisory banners being displayed outside schools
- Streetsafe 20mph zones implemented across areas of Bury West

Areas of Concern/Next Steps

- Continued work with Highways team and HSG
- Monitor public transport issues
- Future of the Highways Sub Group
- Work with Highways to identify further areas for the Streetsafe initiative
- Parents still parking on the zigzag lines outside school in front of the banners

IMPROVED COMMUNITY PRIDE and BELONGING

Project Overview (Aims & Objectives)

Project Updates

What We Promised

- Promote pride and responsibility a round litter, graffiti and fly tipping to promote Bury West as a nice place to live.
- Identify and report areas of concern
- Promote the positives of Bury West by advertising and supporting events to raise the profile of the areas
- Promote recycling in Bury West to help increase the recycling rate across Bury

What We Did

- Contacted and discussed issued raised by TF members with the Community Payback Team
- Supported groups wanting to put on events in Bury West
- Information shared with all members on the TF database
- Supported the recycling team by sharing information wit the Bury West residents

Successes to Date

- Community Payback Team available to carry out work in the Bury West area as and when required
- TF members supported various events across Bury West both by funding and attending
- Events have been advertised to all Bury West TF members
- Recycling rates across Bury have increased in the past 12 months

Areas of Concern/Next Steps

- Continue to report areas of concern
- Support community groups putting on events
- Promotion of the Bury West area
- Signposting to funding
- Continued promotion of the benefits of recycling

Summary of Township Forum in 2015-16

Area Plan

Over the past year, Bury West Township Forum produced a Township Plan, to identify priorities where, by working together with local councillors, community representatives, residents, local groups, and partner agencies, they can make a difference to improve life for all residents. The Township Plan includes an annual action plan that has been reported on at Township Forum meetings. This action plan includes the key projects and actions to be delivered over the coming year which contribute towards delivery of the over arching local priorities agreed by the Township Forum.

The Township Plans was developed through active engagement and discussions with Township Forum members - including both Councillors and Advisory Group members. 'Round table' discussions were held to provide an opportunity for wider community representatives, partner organisations and residents to get involved in agreeing local priorities.

Attendance

Bury West attendance figures are detailed below.

Bury West	June 2015	July 2015	Sept 2015	Nov 2015	Jan 2016	March 2016	Average
	4	12	4	7	11	7	8

Advisory Group involvement:

Each Township Forum appoints Advisory Group members to contribute and speak on relevant issues. They help to improve the range of knowledge and expertise on the Township Forum and provide an inclusive approach to improving the outcomes for each area. In particular, they champion or lead projects within Township Plans.

Presentations / Consultation with Township forums

The value of the Township Forums is recognised in major public consultation exercises. During 2015/16 this has included:

- Waste Management
- Healthier Together
- The Bury Directory
- Healthwatch Bury
- 2016/17 Budget Consultation
- Children's Centre Consultation
- I Will If You Will Consultation

Community Fund 2016/17

The Council has allocated £8,000 to each Township Forum to be allocated through a sub group of the Township forum four times a year in July, September, January and March. A maximum of £500 individual grant is available for formally constituted organisations.

Additionally, a borough-wide allocation of £8,000 is available for "cross-ward" applications for activity that takes place across more than one ward. The "cross-ward" applications are determined by the Council's Small Grants Panel.