

Bury East Township Action Plan

2013/14:

Annual 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 2013/14. 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 5 key thematic priorities contained within the Bury East Action Plan for 2013/14:

- Improved Employment Opportunities
- Improved Educational Attainment (New for 2013/14)
- 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. If you require paper copies of the report please contact David Thomas on 0161253 7455.

IMPROVED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Project Overview (Aims & Outputs)

Project Updates

What We Promised

- Assist young people in Bury East who face barriers to entering into employment through the Connecting Provisions Initiative
- Increase employment availability in Bury East Township
- Raise Aspirations for 16-24yr within Bury East
- Get young people/people ready and into work
- Support a series of interventions in partnership with Bury Employment & Skills Task Group (BEAST)

What We Did

- Pulled together existing and funded provision across the borough into one coordinated activity.
- Focused activity on those who fall under the Supporting Communities Improving Lives criteria.
- Consultation on Bury Publication Core Strategy through the Township Forum
- Developed 12 Bury Council based work placement positions

Successes to Date

- Launched the Connecting Provision Scheme
- Interviews took place August 2013 (Township Coordinator on panel)
- 3 Bury East based young people completed 6 week work placements
- All 3 secured 6 month paid placements within Bury Council
- Latest cohort of young people interviewed January 2014 with 5 Bury East based candidates completing 6 week placement
- 3 have secured 6 month contracts with Bury Council – 2 being assisted into alternative apprenticeships

Areas of Concern/Next Steps

- Need to focus on involving local SME's in Township Forums, potentially through the creation of a localised business group.
- Proactive promotion of the scheme amongst 16-24yr olds in East Bury

IMPROVED HEALTH & WELLBEING

Project Overview (Aims & Objectives)

Project Updates

What We Promised

- Consistent impact on alcohol related A&E admissions of Bury East residents
- Increased participation in physical exercise of 14-25 year olds and across adult population
- To develop a partnership approach to up-skilling families and helping to build confidence regarding health/medical emergencies within Bury East communities
- Reduce fuel poverty and its affects in Bury East

What We Did

- Continued the innovative BEAPS participatory budgeting process for 2013-14
- Developed a new programme of sustained activity aimed at reducing the number of alcohol related A&E admissions in Bury hospitals

Successes to Date

- Second successful BEAPS Participatory Budgeting event held in May 2013 which allocated over £25k to health related partnership projects
- Successful visit from Baroness Newlove for Alcohol Harms Conference at Bury FC in March 2014
- Affordable Warmth Scheme promoted via Township Forum throughout 2013

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)

Project Updates

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

- Continued our participatory budgeting process funded through £1m Alcohol Prospectus Scheme and were championed by Baroness Newlove at the Department for Communities & Local Government (DCLG)
- Worked with key partners to encourage project bids focused on addressing alcohol related anti-social behaviour
- Town Centre Partnership Action Group established to improve partnership response to community safety issues and vulnerable residents

Successes to Date

- Over £40k funding allocated to partners for projects to address alcohol related ASB in East Bury
- Significant and sustained reductions in Juvenile Rowdy Behaviour in Bury East
- Alcohol related ASB reduced by 34% (when comparing March 2013 and March 2014 figures) due to the positive impact of the partner led BEAPS projects
- Bury East Alcohol Prospectus Scheme recognised as an example of best practice by Department for Communities & Local Govt
- Invited to speak to high level delegates at Portman Group's Social Responsibility Conference to showcase BEAPS success.
- Established the North Bury Partnership Action Group to review Anti-Social Behaviour (asb) issues, vulnerable victims and high risk perpetrators of asb.

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

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

- Attendance at Bury East Township Forum increased by 48% from 2012/13 – 2013/14
- 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

IMPROVED EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT	
Project Overview (Aims & Objectives)	Project Updates
<p><u>What We Promised</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved information sharing between local community and central organisations on local learning needs • Mapping of current provision in Bury East • Deliver more learning opportunities in the Bury East community to make learning more accessible <p><u>What We Did</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Learning Partnership (CLP) representative now take Bury East issues to CLP meetings • Identified gaps in learning opportunities within Bury East communities • Identified suitable venues for adult learning facilities 	<p><u>Successes to Date</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful launch of the Community Learning Partnership (CLP) • 2 members of Township Forum involved in CLP meetings • Improved information sharing between local community and central organisations <p><u>Areas of Concern/Next Steps</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further work needs to be completed on linkages between the CLP and members of the Township Forum.

SUMMARY OF TOWNSHIP FORUM 2013/14

Township Area Plan

During the course of 2013/2014 Bury East Township Forum has delivered on a number of outcomes identified in our Township Plan. Successes have been achieved across each of the priority themes identified.

In 2013 Bury East Township Forum refreshed 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 to provide an opportunity for wider community representatives, partner organisations and residents to get involved in agreeing local priorities. This successful process will be repeated for 2014/15.

Advisory Group

Over the course of 2013/14 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.

Meeting Attendance

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

	June 2013	July 2013	Sept 2013	Nov 2013	Jan/Feb 14	March 2014	2013/14 Total	2012/13 Total	% change
Bury East	10	15	5	28	17	14	89	60	+48.33

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.

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