







Brierley Hill Area Committee Community Renewal Plan

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Blockages or No Progress 






Strategic driver	Priorities	Where/ localities/ neighbourhoods	Actions/ activities	Partners included	Timescale & progress	Success factors	
ENVIRONMENT MATTERS	Coordination of approach to derelict and abandoned land sites within neighbourhoods especially sites under 0.2 hectares. (Particular sites are found in the abandoned and derelict land sites mapping exercise).	All wards	With partners, identify environmental sites of concern & implement appropriate courses of action	Community Safety Team, DUE Green & Street Care Teams, Housing, Police, Fire Service, Children Services, Groundwork Black Country, local community and voluntary organisations, Private land owners	Ongoing 	Litter free environment. Measured by BV199 More pleasant amenity for local residents. Greater use by local residents leading to a safer environment and healthier living across the neighbourhoods. Increased resident satisfaction with the neighbourhood	
	General comments: Derelict land sites identified and mapped. Discussions being held with appropriate land owners to return land back into use. Action plan for development of Hawbush Community Garden being implemented.						
	Improving street scene and environment to improve community reassurance	All wards	Work with partners to reduce fly tipping, abandoned vehicles and graffiti	Green care and street care (DUE); Police, Youth Offending Service, Juniper Training	Ongoing 	Cleaner safer greener. Increased community reassurance Community pride in environment and neighbourhood	
	General comments: Issues being identified and responded to on a regular basis.						
	Community involvement in improving their environment. - Greater sustainability of local communities	Brierley Hill, Brockmoor & Pensnett	Identify opportunities for community clean ups	Housing, DUE Street Care , local community & voluntary groups, Juniper Training, Youth Offending Service	Ongoing 	As above	
	General comments: Issues being identified and responded to on a regular basis.						
Ensure void and derelict buildings are adequately secure	All wards	Identify buildings and alongside partners, make appropriate arrangements with the respective land owner to secure premises.	Fire Service, Police, Community Safety Team, DUE	Ongoing 	Reduction in arson, vandalism, fly tipping and substance misuse		
General comments - Issues being identified and responded to daily							
	Working with the Youth Service and partners to ensure a youth offer that meets the needs of its communities (which included young people) and Every Child Matters outcomes	All wards	Ensure a coordinated approach to identify gaps and opportunities for better service provision.	Youth Service, Sports Development, Extended School Services, Police, Brierley Hill Project, Hawbush Project, Look Out Project, West Midlands Groundwork,	Ongoing 	Improve health, well being and safety of young people. Ensure young people are actively involved in decision making at all levels. Ensure high quality youth work provision	
	General comments: Range of activity programmes being developed and implemented e.g. Activ Kids, Project Neimo, Hawbush Community Garden, Look Out Project, Hawbush Project, Brierley Hill Project, Youth Offending Service, Princes Trust, Connexions.						

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YOUNG PEOPLE MATTER	Reduce risk of young people aged 14-19 becoming NEET (not in employment, education or training)	Brierley Hill, Brockmoor & Pensnett	Ensure a coordinated approach to identify gaps and opportunities for better service provision.	Connexions, Princes Trust, Brierley Hill Project, NACRO, Dudley College, Job Centre Plus, Juniper Training, Groundwork West Midlands, Brierley Hill Neighbourhood Learning Centre	Ongoing 	Reduce number of young people not in employment, education or training.	
	General comments: Targeted action to be undertaken by the Brierley Hill Neighbourhood Employment & Skills Partnership. Clients also being identified & referred via the Social Responsibility Scheme.						
YOUNG PEOPLE MATTER	Reduce underage drinking and ASB amongst young people	All wards	With the exception of large supermarket chains, ensure all off licence premises are signed up to the Social Responsibility scheme. Identify young people caught or suspected of drinking underage and meet with parents. Provide opportunities for young people and parents to attend alcohol intervention programme	Police, Trading Standards, Connexions, Youth Services, Community Safety Team, Primary Care Trust, Aquarius	Ongoing 	Reduced under age & proxy purchase of alcohol. Reduced levels of ASB amongst young people. Building of social responsibility amongst off licences, young people and parents. Improved reassurance and perception of young people by adults and older people living in the wider community.	
	General comments: Targeted actions being undertaken on a regular basis in hot spot areas.						
	Activities for young people and their engagement in positive activities	All wards	Detailed discussions being held with all interested agencies / young people through the Community Renewal partnership infrastructures	Youth Service , Police, Sports Development, Youth Offending Service, Connexions, Princes Trust, West Midlands Groundwork, Extended School Services, Brierley Hill Project, Look Out Project, Hawbush Project, Juniper Training.	Ongoing 	Engagement and development of young people in various programmes that contribute towards the Every Child Matters outcomes. Improved perception of young people by adults and older people living in the wider community	
General comments: Range of activity programmes being developed and implemented e.g. Activ Kids, Project Neimo, Hawbush Community Garden, Look Out Project, Hawbush Project, Brierley Hill Project, Youth Offending Service, Princes Trust, Connexions.							
YOUNG PEOPLE MATTER	Improved outcomes for young children and their parents in health, employment education and life skills	All wards	With partners, identify causes of concern and implement appropriate courses of action	Extended School Services, Local Schools, Youth Service, Police, Primary Care Trust, Connexions.	Ongoing 	Improved skills and confidence, learning and health opportunities for parents and children, family support and other interventions	
		Brierley Hill, Brockmoor & Pensnett	Ensure adequate childcare provision for families entering into training & employment	Children's Services, Brierley Hill, Brockmoor and Pensnett Neighbourhood Learning Centres	Ongoing 	Improved skills and confidence, learning and health opportunities for parents and children, family support and other interventions	
General comments: Community Information Events and targeted home visits being undertaken in central Brierley Hill, Hawbush, Brockmoor and Pensnett to promote family learning, training and employment opportunities.							

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HEALTHY COMMUNITIES / CARING MATTERS	Reduction in ASB and alcohol associated harm Greater awareness of the effects (short, medium and long terms) of alcohol.	All Wards	With the exception of large supermarket chains, ensure all off licence premises are signed up to the Social Responsibility scheme. Identify young people caught or suspected of drinking underage and arrange meetings with parents. Provide opportunities for young people and parents to attend alcohol intervention	Police, Trading Standards, Connexions, Youth Services, Primary Care Trust, Aquarius.	Ongoing 	Reduction in binge drinking and the effects to health and the community. Increased Community reassurance and civic responsibility Reduced ASB and numbers of young people drinking underage	
		Brierley Hill	Implementation of town centre alcohol free zone		Ongoing 		
	General comments: Targeted actions being undertaken in hot spot areas on a regular basis.						
	Improved nutrition, reduced obesity, learning Social capital.	All wards	Delivery of a Healthy Towns Programme	DUE, Primary Care Trust, Youth Services, Police, Local Community and Voluntary Organisations	Ongoing 	increase in physical activity and reduction in obesity levels. Physical improvements to sites & increase in number of activities.	
		Hawbush	Development of Hawbush Community Garden that will provide crop growing areas, physical activity, health education and training programmes.	West Midlands Groundwork, Hawbush Project, Police, Youth Offending Service, Adult and Family Learning Teams, Hawbush Primary School, Princes Trust, Hawbush & Wells Road Tenant and Resident Associations, Primary Care Trust, Time Step Dance Studio, Youth Services	Ongoing 		
	General comments: Healthy Town consultation events are poorly attended. Physical improvements to the Dell Stadium e.g. outdoor gym have been undertaken. Other improvements e.g. signage to be undertaken in the near future. Issue regards lack of open times for use of the stadiums main facilities by the general public and other service providers.						
	Promote healthy and well being and address causes of health inequality	All wards	Multi agency working group has recently been established to identify and address common causes of health inequality.	Primary Care Trust, Sports Development, Parks Development, Youth Services, Extended Schools Services, Adult & Family Learning, LINK, DCVS, West Midlands Groundwork, Police, Parks Development Team	Ongoing 	Improve opportunities for residents of all ages to enjoy healthier lifestyles.	
	General comments: Group established April 2010. Causes of health inequality being identified and appropriate actions being developed.						
			Progress; dance troupe supported by community volunteers and local school (castle High) Older peoples activities developing also at Sycamore green				
	Access to health prevention of disease and access to drugs intervention	All wards	As part of the social responsibility scheme, refer young people and parents onto drug and alcohol treatment services	Police, Community Safety Team, Youth Services, Primary Care Trust, Connexions, Aquarius, Atlantic House	Ongoing 	Reduce substance and alcohol misuse. Increase awareness and referral to treatment and support services	
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STRONGER COMMUNITIES / LOCAL PEOPLE MATTER	Removing the barriers to work and employment. Creating the conditions with individuals and communities to enable them to take up economic and enterprising opportunities	Brierley Hill, Brockmoor & Pensnett	Deliver Community Information Events to raise awareness and engage local residents in education, training and employment programmes	Neighbourhood Learning Centres, Connexions, Dudley College, Hawbush Project, Brierley Hill Project, Area Learning Workers, Future Skills Dudley, Citizens Advice Bureau, DCVS, Princes Trust, Job Centre Plus, Seetec, Juniper Training, NACRO, Economic Regeneration Team, Extended Schools Services, Travel Wise	Ongoing 	Increase the number of people entering into education, training and employment
			Undertake targeted outreach work to raise awareness and engage local residents in education, training and employment programmes.		Ongoing 	Increase the number of people entering into education, training and employment
			Provide multi agency support for new claimants of Job Seeker Allowance		Ongoing 	Increase the number of people entering into education, training and employment. Reduce the number of people claiming Job Seekers Allowance for over 6 months
			Money management support and advice to reduce debt and maximise income.		Ongoing 	Reduction in financial exclusion and increased money and debt management skills, reduction in rent arrears and repossession.
			Provide a variety of confidence building, life plan life skills courses to underpin individuals in taking up opportunities to learn and work.		Ongoing 	Improved confidence, mental health, social interaction, Platform for further learning, work of social contribution
			Provide pre employment support and training to prepare adults to move to sustained employment		Ongoing 	Numbers of people moving on into training, employment, volunteering. No's attending, Reported Life Impact
			Provide Information, Advice, and Guidance to all clients to help build self-esteem, confidence and develop a personal action plan.		Ongoing 	Impact on life and family. New learners moving on
			Help prepare a Local Economic Assessment as part of the Council's statutory obligation		Mar-11 	Inform future priorities for economic and social regeneration.
			Develop a partnership directory of local education, training and employment services for use amongst front line staff		Aug-10 	Improve client engagement and progression between agencies.
			General comments: Community Information Days and targeted home visits to be undertaken in central Brierley Hill, Hawbush, Brockmoor and Pensnett. Multi agency seminars to support new claimants of Job Seekers Allowance to commence October 2010..			

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SAFER COMMUNITIES / SAFETY MATTERS	Community Development	All wards	Personal and Community development learning - development of groups and individuals	Housing Participation Team, Parks Development, Sports Development, Adult and Community Learning, Dosti, Primary Care Trust, Community Groups, West Midlands Groundwork, Police	Ongoing 	Increased capacity to engage in decision making and influencing services. Development of individuals and groups to participate and learn	
	General comments: Detailed discussions being held to ensure better coordination of effort & explore opportunities for joint working.						
	Community Development	St Thomas's Sledmere Centre	ESOL licensing and taxi legislation. Training links to Health Fayres (63 participants)	Matheison training, NESP			
	Engaging local people in decision making and local problem solving. Social capital development;	All Wards	Neighbourhood partnerships - network of local arrangements coordinated / supported by the Area Community Renewal Officer to engender cohesion, engagement, joint working and problem solving	All public, private, voluntary and community organisations with an interest in the local area.	Ongoing 	Provides local ownership and overview of locality issues; opportunities for coordination, joint problem solving, improved working relationships and accountability of services to one another and communities.	
	General comments: Feedback from partners indicates improved service delivery in response to local issues.						
SAFER COMMUNITIES / SAFETY MATTERS	Democratic and community leadership	All wards	Brierley Hill Township Neighbourhood Services group established that provides a coordination forum for local information share, problem solving, case working and professional support. Also helps address community issues that cannot be resolved at PACT meetings	All service providers in neighbourhoods	Ongoing 	Multi agency working shared intelligence, reduction in duplication, accountability and added value	
		All wards	Regular elected member updates	Area Community Renewal officer	Ongoing 	Elected members informed / local issues / direction / community leadership	
		All wards	Community events targeted at community localities to promote community pride, social interaction and cohesion engender, raise awareness of services and groups	Broad range of partners from public, private, community and voluntary sector	Ongoing 	Community cohesion, civic pride. Voluntary groups working together to plan and deliver a community events and activities	
	Community Centres	All wards	Mapping of current use of buildings and activities. Consultation with community associations and voluntary organisations about the use of the buildings.	Community Associations / Voluntary organisations, Dudley property Consultancy Community Centres officer	Ongoing 	Where appropriate: Improvements to buildings. Greater community use of the centres. Improvements in the management of the buildings. Diversity & cohesion Learning and community needs.	
	Sustainability of community centres	All wards	Develop activities that help sustainment and which reflect the needs of local communities	Community Associations	Ongoing 	Thriving community centres as hubs of social provision and community interaction	
General comments: Activities in place and ongoing							

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	Reduction of criminal damage and vandalism. Reduction in alcohol associated ASB	All wards	Developing and implementing a range of responses to local issues - many outlined above under youth / health/ community development / environment (shown above). Coordinate and focus community and service providers onto local neighbourhood hotspots through neighbourhood working. Local problem solving and solution development Identification and implementation of issues which require a strategic solution	Broad range of partners from public, private, community and voluntary sector	Ongoing 	Joint resident & service provider involvement towards identifying and delivering solutions to address neighbourhood issues.
	Reduction in alcohol related harm including antisocial behaviour, domestic violence, truancy, criminal damage	All wards	Roll out of Social responsibility scheme	Police, Trading Standards, Connexions, Community Safety Team, Youth Services Primary Care Trust	Ongoing 	Reduction in number of hospital admissions due to alcohol related issues, reduction in child neglect, reduction in criminal damage, reduction in under age sales, increase in school attendance, increase in number of people accessing skills and training,
General comments: Activities in place and ongoing						