



Darlaston & Bentley Area Partnership Area Manager Report – updated 25th June 2013

Ongoing Updates on the Actions for Darlaston & Bentley Area Partnership

1. Purpose of the report

This report seeks to inform the elected members of the Darlaston & Bentley Area Partnership of some of the work carried out within the two wards of Darlaston South and Darlaston North & Bentley in line with our local Area Plan.

2. Area Plan Development

The Area Plan for the local Area Partnership has been developed in line with strategic priorities as set out for the Borough through the 'Walsall Plan' and the strategic plans identified by each of the thematic strategic boards. Local intelligence has been adopted to ensure a local delivery plan is adopted that meets the needs, challenges and aspirations of local communities across the partnership area.

3. Children and Young People

Partners Involved – Darlaston Schools Cluster, Grace Academy, Area Family Support Team, Bentley West Children's Centre, Darlaston Sure Start, Walsall Housing Group, WM Police, IYPSS

- 3.1** Deliver 'Early Help' activities and training to local partners to increase the support opportunities for children, young people and families, this will include safeguarding training and signposting for local partnership networks
- 3.2** Developed and introduced a Partnership group including voluntary and community sector organisations to bring together resources to deliver a co-ordinated programme of activities for local children and young people





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- 3.3** Promotion of local sporting opportunities through 'Walsall Get Active' programme
- 3.4** Support to local food banks and crisis packs distribution through local community venues
- 3.5** Development of Moxley Community Hub continues to provide local young people with opportunities for engagement and involvement in physical activities including a Boxclever programme delivered at Moxley Peoples Centre

4. Business and Jobs

Partners involved – Economic Regeneration, Darlaston JET, Welfare Rights Team, Walsall College, Walsall Housing Group, District Centre Management, Caldmore/Accord Housing

- 4.1** Support to Darlaston Business Partnership to deliver local local employer/schools networking events
- 4.2** Support to Grace Academy and other local schools to promote volunteering opportunities for local young people
- 4.3** The delivery of outreach opportunities around jobs, skills and training delivered at local community venues in Darlaston, Bentley and Moxley
- 4.4** Engagement with Walsall College, Walsall Adult Community College and other local providers to increase recruitment to local academic and vocational courses
- 4.5** Deliver outreach 'surgeries' at local community venues to support communities affected by changes under welfare reform

5. Health and Well-Being

Partners involved – Public Health, Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, Healthy Lifestyles Team, Physical Activities Team, Darlaston Sure Start, Walsall Housing Group, Adult Social Care, Reassurance Team, IYPSS, Caldmore/Accord Housing

- 5.1** Support the increased training of local partners in respect of the 'Make Every Contact Count' initiative outlining the five steps to health and well-being





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- 5.2** Introduce local programmes and targeted activity across each of the six 'community' areas identified through local Area Health profiles
- 5.3** Develop Bentley and Darlaston North as a result Health Sport Hub through Black Country in Motion Project
- 5.4** Increase uptake of evidenced based treatment programmes (eg, fun for life) targeting schools with high levels of overweight young people as identified through the National Child Measurement Programme
- 5.5** Delivery of free aqua-natal sessions to local mothers at Darlaston Swimming Pool

6. Safe and Sustainable Communities

Partners Involved – Community Safety Team, IYPSS, WM Police, Walsall Housing Group, Caldmore/Accord Housing, Heantun Housing, Clean and Green Services, Reassurance Team, Adult Social Care, Victim Support, Environmental Health

- 6.1** Continuation of Operation Doorstop and development of 'No Cold Calling' zone in Bentley to reduce incidents of rogue trading and door step crime
- 6.2** Purchase and distribution of crime prevention equipment and devices to reduce levels and fear of crime and anti-social behaviour
- 6.3** Development and support to Darlaston North Neighbourhood Watch group to help reduce fear of crime and asb and to raise awareness of local services
- 6.4** Development and distribution of local community safety newsletters across Darlaston, Bentley and Moxley to support local communities through increased awareness and availability of local services and partners
- 6.5** Develop local 'speedwatch' initiatives at appropriate locations across Darlaston, Bentley and Moxley to help reduce incidents of accidents and congestion
- 6.6** Development of community gardens in Herberts Park Road, Victoria Road and Alexander Road through increased community and partner participation

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