

Brighter Futures in Banbury Programme 2011/12 : Quarter 4 / Year End

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Employment Support & Skills				
Improve skill levels and educational attainment	G	G	G	The theme-leads for the Brighter Futures in Banbury programme have changed and new projects are being developed in association with partners in Cherwell and with the Oxfordshire Skills Board.
Improve employability, focusing particularly on young people	G	G	G	Young People's Expo event attracted 175 young people to Banbury College in December, helping with CV writing, training courses and other support including the Prince's Trust and Talking Space. Employers seeking to recruit included Paintbox, Wilkinsons, the Army and the Fire Service. Feedback from the youngsters was mixed but on the whole good. More employers & recruitment agencies would have been welcomed, especially as the feedback from all those with stands was very positive. A Job Fair in Bicester on 16 February 2012 attracted around 100 job seekers, many of whom also benefitted from training advice. Further events with Job Centre Plus and other partners are being developed
Early Years, Community Learning & Young Peoples Attainment				
Improve educational attainment through better skills in numeracy / maths and more effective family engagement	A	A	A	Recent change in Theme Lead - details to be provided in Year End Report due in May
Financial Inclusion & Housing				
Improve financial situations, addressing debt and financial exclusion	G	G	G	The commissioning of strategically relevant advice services and volunteer car driving was completed so that the new arrangements could begin on 1st April 2012.
Good quality mixed housing, affordable for all income levels, and set in a well-managed environment	G	G	G	83 affordable homes were delivered in March bringing the total completed during 2012/13 to 213, the highest level of delivery ever recorded in Cherwell. The year was very notable for a number of key successes including the completion of the Miller Road Young Person's Housing project, the delivery of the largest Extra Care scheme in Oxfordshire at Stanbridge Hall, further rural housing in Arcott, Bloxham and Hornton, excellent progress on SW Bicester which has seen the completion of the first shared ownership units and the delivery of units under the new First Time Buyer initiative, and the completion of the Cassington Road site Yarnton. Building blocks have been developed for securing affordable housing delivery in future years given the changing context in which affordable homes will be delivered.
Good access to amenities, including shops, health centres and leisure facilities	G	G	G	The completion of a shared management team for Cherwell and South Northamptonshire Councils has brought forward a new service responsible for regeneration and housing. Regeneration work is being more closely aligned with planning policy and specific work is underway to ensure there is a programme approach to regeneration activities with an emphasis on delivery.

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Health & Wellbeing				
Improve life expectancy with improved overall health and well-being	G	G	G	Several programmes in place to improve health & well being: NHS Health Checks; Smoking Cessation initiatives; alcohol initiatives; support for carers; benefits advice; NHS cancer screening services; support for Black Minority Ethnic (BME) communities.
Reducing high rates of teenage pregnancy	A	A	A	Current data indicate that the numbers are lower, but there are still annual anomalies. Consecutive decreasing yearly rates would affirm a green status.
Safe & Strong Communities				
Build a safer and more connected community, where residents feel socially included	A	G	G	There has been a pleasing reduction throughout the year in levels of overall crime and disorder within the Brighter Futures neighbourhoods. The rise in serious acquisitive crime seen earlier in the year has been reversed and a number of successful engagement activities have been undertaken. Funding has been secured for delivering "Community Noticeboards", focused primarily on these wards and the range of youth activities provided by different groups continues to expand.
Family Support & NEETS				
Provide support to families and young people not in employment education or training	G	G	G	New Theme Lead (Banbury Hub Manager) appointed. Hub actions underway and full update will be provided in Year End report in May
Performance & Community Engagement				
Provide performance reports and Connecting Communities events	A	G	G	Connecting communities events undertaken throughout the year. Events held throughout the Brighter Futures wards and with good attendance from partners and community members.