

Brighter futures in Banbury Programme 2011/12

	Quarter 1 30/06/2011	Quarter 2 30/09/2011	Comment
Financial & Employment Support			
Improve skill levels and educational attainment	G	G	Business Breakfast event held on 8 July attracting over 100 people and 47 pledges by businesses to engage with young people in a variety of ways (apprenticeships, group visits, taster visits, work trials, etc). Led by Cherwell District Council, the event was hosted by the Oxford & Cherwell Valley College (featuring catering by hospitality apprentices), chaired by Tony Baldry MP and promoted through the CDC Economic Development Team and Banbury Business Breakfast Club network. It was highly successful and resulted in the College and other providers engaging with additional employers. The impact upon individuals will be identified with partners.
Improve employability, focusing particularly on young people	G	G	Job Club 'specials' have been held for young people in both Banbury and Bicester in September 2011, providing additional guidance at this important stage in the academic year by aiming to prevent young people from becoming NEET (not in employment, education or training). Support is particularly important at this time of change for the Connexions service. Since September 1st, Connexions NEET support became the responsibility of the new Early Intervention Hubs being established locally in Banbury and Bicester.
Improve financial situations, addressing debt and financial exclusion	G	G	Progress continues on the new food bank planned to launch in Banbury in October. The new service will be run by the People's Church in partnership with the Trussell Trust Charity and Cherwell District Council. It specifically aims to help feed families whose circumstances have changed but who are not already on benefits, for three days; the time it takes for Social Services support to take effect.
Young People Aspirations & Attainment			
Improve educational attainment through better skills in numeracy / maths and more effective family engagement	A	A	Continued increase in attainment at Banbury secondary schools. Banbury School has increased % 5 A*-C 2009-2011 from 68.5% to 82.2%. North Oxfordshire Academy increased % 5 A*-C grades including English and maths from 25.7% to 50.8%. Highest attaining school is Blessed George Napier with increased % 5 A*-C grades including English and maths from 62.3% to 67.8%. 3 of the 4 Family Learning courses were successfully completed. Many of the participants have re-engaged with education for the first time since leaving school and as well as acquiring skills to support their child's education a significant number progressed onto individual programmes of study. Difficulties in recruitment at Britannia Road meant that this course had to be merged with other Children's Centres
Housing & Environment			
Good quality mixed housing, affordable for all income levels, and set in a well-managed environment	G	G	The allocation of extra care places at Orchard meadows is now complete and preparations are being made for the official launch for the scheme scheduled to take place on October 18th in the presence of HRH Princess Alexandra. The Miller Road young persons scheme is on-track and making excellent progress with 8 of the first cohort of students (previously NEET local young people) now having secured employment, training or apprenticeships. A lettings plan for the scheme has been agreed. The affordable housing development at Dashwood Road Primary school is on site and making excellent progress with delivery scheduled for May 2012. The council has secured investment partner status with the Homes and Communities Agency to take forward Community-Led and Self-Build Housing projects within the district which is intended to be of particular benefit to the potential housing regeneration sites within Brighter Futures in Banbury.

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Good access to amenities, including shops, health centres and leisure facilities		G	Plans for a Foundation Learning Centre are being developed
Health & Wellbeing			
Improve life expectancy with improved overall health and well-being	G	G	Project to identify south Asian women invited for cervical screening who have not attended appointments. Telephone follow up by Health Advocates to support up take. Pilot in one Banbury GP Practice, now extended to second Practice, with a planned roll out. BYHP Community day held in September was supported with funds from Food Festival (and from BFIB funding) Remaining funds to be used for local projects being planned by steering group
Reducing the clear inequality gaps with low life expectancy	R	R	4 out of 5 GP Practices have now submitted data for Cardio Vascular Disease health checks. Of 149 patients offered a health check 100 attended, compared to 58 offered and 19 attended in Q1. 53 smokers were 4 week quitters across the key wards. Q2 pregnant quitters data is due in December. No trend and comparator data available this quarter. Plans are in place for Alcohol Awareness Week in November.
Reducing high rates of teenage pregnancy	G	G	Teenage pregnancy rates have dropped by 16.4% since 1999/2000. Further data will be available in Q4. (annual in arrears).
Safe & Strong Communities			
Build a safer and more connected community, where residents feel socially included	A	G	Overall levels of reported crime and anti-social behaviour are well below the levels recorded the same time last year and are well in excess of the targets set. The only offences which have increased are those in the serious acquisitive category, and this stems from a localised issue of more vehicles being broken into on the Ruscote and Hardwick estates. A comprehensive policing response to this emerging problem is being developed to address this, and the numbers involved are a small proportion of overall crime levels. An open meeting for the local Neighbourhood Action Group attracted several new members and it is hoped that this will improve the capacity of the community to highlight and address issues. In addition, Oxfordshire county council have launched the "hub model" of service delivery which offers the potential for localised service delivery.