

Draft Bacup Neighbourhood Plan 2010 – 2013

Short term – Oct 10 - Oct 11
 Medium Term – Oct 11 - Oct 12
 Long term – Oct 12 onwards

Shaded actions - for inclusion in the 12 month delivery plan

Challenge / key issue	Strategic Priority / Outcome	Suggested action	Lead Responsibility	Timescale	Resource implications	PI / NI
Town Centre						
a) Road safety, traffic management issues / roundabout in centre – poor layout	Residents will agree that Rossendale has clean and well maintained town centres providing the leisure, retail and cultural services they would expect to access locally	Visual audit of town centre – to be conducted by area team and police to look at grot spots, rear of buildings, open cut throughs etc.	<u>RBC Communities Team / Police</u>	<i>Short term</i>	Officer time	NI195 Local
b) Flow of pedestrians - to include <u>all</u> shops – current layout cuts the centre in two		Look at ways to improve visual appearance of the town centre through more planting schemes, hanging baskets	<u>Communities Team / Bacup Consortium / Parks</u>	<i>Short term</i>	Officer time / mainstream funding / Pride funding	
c) Rear of buildings – problem – drugs / anti-social behaviour		Look into the possibility of creating a band stand in Bacup centre.	<u>Community Group – Coconutters?</u>	<i>Long term</i>	External funding	
d) Grot spots in the town centre / derelict buildings		Greater use of Section 215 powers in relation	<u>Communities Team /</u>	<i>Medium term</i>	Officer time	
e) Dependent on external funding e.g. NWDA funding for Positive Squared						

		<p>to empty / derelict buildings - based on an agreed priority list drawn up by the Neighbourhood Forum and through the Empty Property Strategy.</p> <p>Explore options for maintenance and preservation of buildings in town centre - (English Heritage – Bacup example of a preserved Mill Town')</p> <p>Look at options to improve the gateway – e.g. plant up the embankment with flowering shrubs (remove / relocate the birds) – link into Irwell Sculpture Trail consultation.</p>	<p><u>Regeneration</u></p> <p><u>Planning</u></p> <p><u>Communities Team (Culture) / Operations</u></p>	<p><i>Medium term</i></p> <p><i>Medium term</i></p>	<p>Officer time / external funding</p> <p>Officer time / mainstream and external funding</p>	
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Tourism and leisure a) Improve publicity and awareness of the many events that are going on in Bacup b) Maximise potential showcase events - to bring people in e.g. Folk Festival c) Maximise visitor potential of the Adrenaline Gateway	Rossendale will protect and enhance its natural and built heritage which will be recognised as an outstanding resource by visitors and residents We will have doubled the size of our visitor economy by transforming our activity-based leisure, cultural and retail offer.	Develop 'What's On Guide' to include businesses and public buildings and produce on a regular basis	<u>Neighbourhood Forum</u>	<i>Short term</i>	Community members time / community grant funding	Local
		Work with Tourism and Culture to develop Stubblee and Lee Quarry area as a place to visit looking at access for all ages, abilities and incomes	<u>Regeneration</u>	<i>Medium term</i>	Officer time / external funding	
		Support community events	<u>Regeneration / Communities Team</u>	<i>Short term</i>	Officer time / community grant funding	
		Investigate the opportunities for opening up a cycle route from Whitworth to Rawtenstall via Adrenaline gateway.	<u>Regeneration / Culture / LCC</u>	<i>Long term</i>	Officer time / mainstream and external funding	
		Explore ways to develop	<u>Regeneration</u>	<i>Medium term</i>	Officer time / private sector	

		<p>accommodation options in the area including B & B and camping.</p> <p>Maximise visitor potential from Heritage Bus Tour from East Lancs Railway</p> <p>Explore the possibility of developing existing open stretch of the River Irwell as a pleasant place to be – one of Bacup's greatest potentials</p> <p>Develop information about local walking routes and publicise</p> <p>Development of Bacup Market e.g. Art Market and other specialist markets</p>	<p><u>Regeneration</u></p> <p><u>Operations / Culture</u></p> <p><u>Regeneration</u></p> <p><u>Communities Team</u></p>	<p><i>Short term</i></p> <p><i>Long term</i></p> <p><i>Medium term</i></p> <p><i>Short term</i></p>	<p>funding</p> <p>Officer time / mainstream and private sector funding</p> <p>Officer time / mainstream / external funding</p> <p>Officer time / mainstream funding</p> <p>Officer time / mainstream funding</p>	
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<p>Economic Challenges</p> <p>a) Improving transport access is key – people have to travel to where the jobs are</p> <p>b) Need for more and better paid jobs</p> <p>c) Apprenticeships / Work experience – need to provide more</p> <p>d) Promotion of existing training and work experience schemes</p> <p>e) Education is key / Need more training provision in Rossendale</p>	<p>We will have created opportunities for people from all parts of Rossendale to benefit from the Borough's prosperity</p>	<p>Explore the possibility of setting up a Business Forum to look at promotion and development of the retail offer including schemes to promote shopping locally and promotion of a quality retail offer</p> <p>Explore incentives for local traders to stay local and develop links with local community organisations and growing projects e.g. Incredible Edible</p> <p>Invite someone from Hebden Bridge and Todmorden to a Neighbourhood Forum meeting – what can Bacup learn? - examples of</p>	<p><u>Regeneration / Valley at Work</u></p> <p><u>Business Forum / community groups</u></p> <p><u>Communities Team</u></p>	<p><i>Short term</i></p> <p><i>Medium term</i></p> <p><i>Short term</i></p>	<p>Officer time / private sector funding</p> <p>Private sector / community grant funding</p> <p>Officer time</p>	<p>NI 163</p> <p>NI 165</p>

		<p>regenerated mill towns</p> <p>Projects to challenge perceptions about Bacup</p> <p>Look at options to support local enterprise e.g. PEER and community projects supporting people back into work</p>	<p><u>Bacup Consortium</u></p> <p><u>Regeneration</u></p>	<p><i>Medium term</i></p> <p><i>Medium term</i></p>	<p>Community group input</p> <p>External / community grant funding</p>	
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Access / Transport a) Transport is key to many other issues – Local Transport Plan for Lancashire - LCC. Need to get our priorities onto the plan b) Links to Yorkshire via Todmorden – promote more / use more –rail access from to Manchester and Leeds	We will have created opportunities to encourage a shift in transport modes towards a shift in active travel. We will also seek to further improve transport connectivity between the east and west of Rossendale and to our moorland	Work with LCC to ensure local transport issues are included in the Local Transport Plan for Lancashire	<u>LCC</u>	<i>Short term</i>	Officer time	Local
		Explore possibility of improved bus services to Burnley and Todmorden – for a trial period	<u>LCC</u>	<i>Short term</i>	Officer time / private sector funding	
		Explore options to develop cycle route – Bacup – Waterfoot – Rawtenstall via Adrenaline Gateway	<u>LCC</u>	<i>Long term</i>	Officer time / mainstream / external funding	

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Housing a) Need to challenge perceptions about how people perceive Bacup – e.g. as a ‘deprived area’ b) Improvements to housing stock needed c) Provision of a blend of housing including affordable housing	Housing conditions in Rossendale will meet the average levels for Lancashire and the levels of affordable housing will meet the needs of local people	Affordable housing – aim to provide a blend of housing	<u>Regeneration</u>	<i>Medium term</i>	Private sector funding	NI 155
		Look at options to provide more support for vulnerable people - to help them maintain tenancies	<u>Supporting People – Regeneration / Rubicon / Help Direct</u>	<i>Medium term</i>	Officer time / mainstream funding	Local
		Promote help available through organisations e.g. Help Direct	<u>Help Direct</u>	<i>Short term</i>	Officer time	

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Health						
a) Levels of substance misuse – alcohol and drugs particularly by young people	People who live here will experience increased health and mental wellbeing	Support for local community groups e.g. Rubicon to address mental health issues e.g. Grants 4 Growth projects	<u>Rubicon / Neighbourhood health Worker / PCT / Help Direct</u>	<i>Short term</i>	Officer time / external funding	NI 119 NI 39 Local
b) Lack of diversionary activities for young people	Measurable progress on reducing the gaps in health inequalities between the people of Rossendale and the rest of England	Explore options for GP referrals to community projects e.g. Greenhouses – benefits to mental health	<u>PCT</u>	<i>Medium term</i>	Officer time / community grant funding	NI 120 NI 121
c) Poor mental health and high levels of depression – linked into rates of sickness benefit		Increase awareness of services available for adults with drug and alcohol problems	<u>Neighbourhood health Worker / PCT / Inspire / Rubicon</u>	<i>Short term</i>	Officer time / mainstream funding	
d) Suicide prevention – Rossendale has highest prevalence of suicide in East Lancs		Explore how mental health / suicide / and substance misuse services can be better linked	<u>REAL / PCT</u>	<i>Medium term</i>	Officer time	
e) Accessing GP services		Increase awareness of Help Direct and	<u>Help Direct / Neighbourhood</u>	<i>Short term</i>	Officer time	
f) Heart disease – death rates are higher than the national average						

		Citizens Advice Bureau as signposting services e.g. via new STAN bus	<u>health Worker</u>			
		Targeted work with local community groups around heart disease	<u>Neighbourhood health Worker / PCT</u>	<i>Short term</i>	Officer time / mainstream funding	
		Explore options for 'work taster' sessions without affecting benefits	<u>Neighbourhood health Worker / PCT</u>	<i>Medium term</i>	Officer time / private sector funding	
		Health markets and outreach via STAN bus to promote healthy lifestyles and increase awareness of health risks	<u>Neighbourhood health Worker / Communities Team</u>	<i>Short term</i>	Officer time / mainstream funding	

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Community Safety / Anti-Social Behaviour a) Anti social behaviour – particularly in hotspots e.g. Stubblee Park , Cemetery – Stacksteads , Bacup town centre b) Drugs – big problem – heroin c) Police confidence agenda	Rossendale will continue to be one of the safest Boroughs in Lancashire	Support Community Safety Delivery Plan – priorities around anti-social behaviour e.g. through support for Awareness Weeks and Confidence Campaigns	<u>Neighbourhood Forum / Communities Team</u>	<i>Short term</i>	Officer time / mainstream funding	
		Ensure Alcohol Control Zone in town centre is enforced – alcohol causes the anti-social behaviour	<u>Police</u>	<i>Short term</i>	Officer time	
		Increase awareness of services available for young people with drug and alcohol problems	<u>Neighbourhood Health Worker</u>	<i>Short term</i>	Officer time / mainstream funding	

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Young People							
a)Low educational attainment and low expectation	We will create an environment where every adult and child will have the opportunity to achieve their potential in education and employment – being able to access the right level of training and higher education for their own fulfilment	Explore options for an increase in positive diversionary projects for young people and projects aimed at NEETs e.g. Moving On – REAL project	<u>LCC Youth Service / Community Groups</u>	<i>Medium term</i>	Officer time / mainstream / community grant funding	NI 117 Local	
b) High numbers of NEETs (not in education, employment or training)		Explore options for more vocational training	<u>LCC</u>	<i>Medium term</i>	Officer time / mainstream funding		
c) Need for positive role models for young people		Look at options for subsidised travel for young people	<u>LCC</u>	<i>Medium term</i>	Mainstream funding		
d) Public transport – issues for young people around accessibility and cost		Support projects such as Stubbylee Greenhouses where NEETs can gain work experience and get certificates for CV	<u>Neighbourhood Forum</u>	<i>Short term</i>	Community grant funding		
e) Parental support is important							
f) Need to educate young people and parents about drugs and alcohol		Arrange for Job Centre Plus to attend a future Forum meeting with a view to advising on services available	<u>Communities Team</u>	<i>Short term</i>	Officer time		

g) Perceived lack of activities for young people in the area		Look at ways of consulting with young people who wouldn't attend Forum meetings	<u>LCC – Youth Service</u>	<i>Short term</i>	Officer time	
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