

REPORT FROM: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

TO: BRIERFIELD AND REEDLEY COMMITTEE

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BRIERFIELD STRATEGIC GROUP – FOR INFORMATION

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform the Area Committee about the work undertaken in Brierfield and the end of the Brierfield Strategic Group.

ISSUE

1. Following a number of concerns raised by Elected Members regarding anti-social behaviour in Brierfield, a multi-agency workshop was held in March 2018 to assess the current state of play and identify next steps. A number of Elected Members and partner agencies attended, including the Police, Lancashire Adult Learning, Children and Families Wellbeing Service, Children's Social Care, InSitu and Brierfield Action in the Community amongst others.
2. This led to Brierfield Strategic Group being formed with those partners, and developing an action plan based on three key themes: Parenting, Aspirations and Anti-Social Behaviour (see Appendix 1). Different services were responsible for different actions to ensure a multi-agency approach.
3. The idea was that Brierfield Youth Forum would lead on some of the actions, although it transpired that this approach didn't fit with the remit of the Forum. Nevertheless, responsibility for actions was taken by partners.
4. Brierfield Strategic Group has met quarterly from May 2018 to April 2019. During this time, attendance has been mixed. Nevertheless, key actions have been taken forward (as shown in the last column of the action plan in Appendix 1).

Some of these are:

- LAL Raising Aspirations event
- Pendle 2050 event
- Massey Street PSPO

5. During this time, there have been some changes. For example, Lottery funding for Brierfield Action in the Community ended (at the end of 2018/19) which resulted in staff changes and an

end to Brierfield Youth Forum. Pendle Youth Forum still exists to work across the Borough. At the same time, the activities provided by BFC in the Community have grown at Northlight.

6. It is also recognised that there is a capacity issue for agencies to focus on a single part of Pendle when other, district-wide networks exist. These include the Pendle Community Safety Partnership; Pendle Youth Forum; Burnley and Pendle Exploitation Group and Pendle Genga Panel.
7. With the ongoing work and achievement of actions in the action plan, it was decided at the last meeting of Brierfield Strategic Group on 2nd April, that the group no longer needed to meet, given actions are being progressed by other groups and agencies (see Appendix 1).
8. The workshop, and subsequent group, was established in response to a very specific set of issues in Brierfield around anti-social behaviour. Whilst the importance of a multi-agency response to such issues is recognised to negate the impact; it is also acknowledged that there are existing channels in place which can, and are, utilised to tackle such issues.
9. Pendle Youth Forum is currently supporting a multi-agency response to the well-publicised anti-social behaviour issues around Sainsbury's, McDonalds and KFC car parks in Colne; engaging with young people. There is potential for this kind of targeted work to also take place in Brierfield and other parts of Pendle.
10. It is a credit to the agencies working in and around Brierfield that the work outlined in the action plan (and beyond) has, and continues, to be achieved. This involves effective and ongoing partnership working, through well-established links.
11. It is acknowledged that a lot of work is ongoing across the whole of Pendle to tackle issues not solely relevant in Brierfield. For example, via Pendle Community Safety Partnership and Pendle Youth Forum.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy:	None arising directly from this report
Financial:	None arising directly from this report
Legal:	None arising directly from this report
Risk Management:	None arising directly from this report
Health and Safety:	None arising directly from this report
Sustainability:	None arising directly from this report
Community Safety:	Community Safety will continue to be tackled across Pendle via Pendle Community Safety Partnership (CSP)
Equality and Diversity:	None arising directly from this report

APPENDICES

Brierfield Strategic Group Action Plan (Appendix 1)

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS N/A