**RUDHEATH & WITTON TOGETHER COMMUNITY PLAN 2013 -2015**

1. **Summary of Plan**

**The Rudheath & Witton Together (RWT) Community Plan outlines the community engagement undertaken and the resulting first 2 years of activity that RWT aim to support as part of the Big Local programme. The following 2 tables summarise the contents of the community plan. The first is a summary of the process and development of the plan and the second a summary of the first two years proposed actions.**

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| Stages | Partnership Development | Developing a Vision | Area Profile | Defining Issues & Themes | Developing Ideas based on Themes | Prioritising | Selecting projects for inclusion in the 2 Year Action Plan |
| Timescale | Jan 2011 – On-going | March 2011 – April 2013 | Sept 2011 – March 2013 | May 2011 – March 2012 | April – Sept 2012 | Nov & Dec 2012 | Jan – April 2013 |
| Who was Involved | RWT Committee; Local groups; Local residents;Community Reps; CW&C; Big Local; Groundwork Cheshire; Cheshire Community Action | RWT Committee; Thematic Groups; Groundwork Cheshire; Local groups; Local residents; Schools;Youth Council | RWT Committee; CW&C;Groundwork Cheshire;Cheshire Community Action;WVHT; Local residents; Local groups; Schools  | Local residents; Local groups; RWT Committee; Schools; Groundwork Cheshire; Rudheath Community Funday; Cheshire Community Action; CW&C; WVHT | Local residents; Local groups;Thematic groups; RWT committee; Schools; Groundwork Cheshire; Cheshire Community Action; CW&C; WVHT | RWT Committee; Big Local;CW&C; Groundwork Cheshire; Cheshire Community Action | RWT Committee |
| Basic summary | From a group of interested organisations who began to look at how to improve the area, there is now a strong committee of local residents and supporting partners that will oversee the action plan. They are known as Rudheath & Witton Together (RWT). They will appoint a local trusted organisation to manage the Big Local funding and will also appoint a part time worker to support them.They will continue to build relationships with all agencies, groups, organisations and businesses in the area. | Discussions with 100s of individuals helped us define how local people would like Rudheath & Witton to be in 10 years. It will have a more engaged community who are: * Aware of the activities and services in the area
* Contributing to more community led activities that provide support and services for the whole community.
* More able and enthused to secure work, volunteer and work cooperatively for the benefit of their neighbours, manage their finances, lead healthier lifestyles, look after and respect the open spaces and local environment in the area and contribute to decisions about the area.
 | Discussions with local groups and organisations helped us build on statistical information about Rudheath & Witton. As many statistics tend to focus on the negative, we wanted to make sure that a more balanced picture was given in the area which also looked at the assets and positive aspects of the area.This has provided a picture of the assets, groups and key contacts in the area, which is a good starting point for the future actions that RWT will support. | Over 800 people helped us identify the issues in the area. Common themes began to emerge and we were able to discuss the issues under these themes and look at where there were overlaps between themes.The key themes were:* Environment
* Community Facilities & Venues
* Debt & Personal Finance
* Skills & Jobs
* Young People
* Communications
 | Themed group discussions identified over 40 ideas that could contribute to improving some of the issues that had been identified. Some of these ideas were statutory responsibilities and so not something that RWT could support with Big Local funding. After some further investigation some of the other ideas were services that were already being delivered.A key to all the ideas that were put forward was that they should be able to be developed and lead by local people, with support from other organisations if necessary. | A way of prioritising was developed by a sub group of key people to help focus what ideas should be pursued in the first 2 years.The assessment criteria included looking at how many of the themes each idea could meet and what level of support from the wider community there had been.The assessment also looked at whether or not an idea met some core principles:* Financial sustainability
* Potential to increase local capacity and skills
* Making R&W a better place to live
* Making a real impact or difference
* Filling a gap in provision
* Interest and support from local people
 | Following the prioritisation process an application process was developed to reflect the priorities and a call went out to the community for submissions.Applications were submitted and discussed by RWT and the applicants were asked to present their projects ideas. Following their presentations, there was Q&A sessions to clarify any issues. The following discussions resulted in the projects that RWT wished to include in their first 2 year action plan. They also felt that due to discussions held with some potential applicants who were not yet ready to submit applications, it would be wise to include a small grants fund. |

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| Project Name | Pennies & Pounds | Rudheath Social Solar Panels | Rudheath Social Roof and Pitches | RWT Communication Project | Green Doctor Local Champions | Grozone Learning Adventure | Small Grant Fund | RWT Coordination and Community Development |
| Timescale | June 2013 – May 2015 | June – Sept 2013 | June 2013 – Dec 2014 | June 2013 – May 2015 | June 2013 – May 2015 | Sept 2013 – July 2014 | June 2013 – May 2015 | June 2013 – May 2015 |
| What it will do | Train volunteers to give financial advice and support local people through this advice.  | Install solar panels on Rudheath Social Club | Fix part of Rudheath Social Club’s roof, and improve the drainage on St John’s Field sports field  | Support young people to learn skills in media communication, and work with them to keep the RWT website current and make videos and radio recordings about community run activities in the area. | Train volunteers to be able to assist others to reduce their energy bills and pay less for their energy. | Work with young people to develop conservation skills, learn to respect their environment more so that they can contribute to its upkeep. | Provide small grants that local groups could apply for in order to develop their services and provision. | Provide a worker for the area who will help to involve more people in community based activities and in volunteering.Supporting RWT with the overall oversight of the action plan. |
| Who it will benefit | People in financial difficulties.The volunteers who will develop new skills. | Rudheath Social Club, its members and those using or hoping to use the building. | Users of the Club.Local sports clubs using the pitches. | The young people gaining the skills. Local people who will be able to find out more about what is going on in the area and how to get involved. The community projects whose profiles will be raised.  | Those in fuel poverty. | Young people. The wider community through the improvements that they undertake. | Local groups and those using their services etc.  | The RWT committee.All residents who wish to volunteer or get more involved in community activities.  |
| What difference it will make | Help people manage their finances better.Develop a bank of locally based finance and benefits advisors. | Reduce the Social Club’s energy bills, keep their expenditure down and make the venue affordable for those wishing to use it.Make the club more sustainable. | More space at the club available for use for family oriented activity. Better outdoor sports facilities so that more clubs can be set up to use it.Provision for more youth activities. | Local people will be better informed about local community based activities and how they could benefit them. The local projects will be better used and supported.Local young people with skills that will make them more employable.  | More people will be able to heat their homes adequately and use their appliances when needed.More contact between older and other residents in the area.  | Improved outdoor spaces.Less anti-social behaviour.A more financially sustainable Grozone project. | Local groups will be able to meet other needs in the area which more local people can benefit from.  | Ensure that the projects progress well and that an action plan beyond May 2015 will be developed in order to access other Big Local or other funding.  |