

AGENDA FOR

BURY EAST TOWNSHIP FORUM

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To: All Members of Bury East Township Forum

Councillors : D Cassidy, M C Connolly, S Haroon,
T Holt, K Rothwell, J Smith, S Smith, T Tariq and
S Walmsley

Advisory Group Representatives:

Tan Ahmed (ADAB), Tim Boaden (Seedfield TRA), Darren Durham (Freedom Church, Bury) Janet Edwards (Older People's Forum), Becky Mayo (Young Person Representative), Gemma Philburn (Streetwise 2000), Harry Reed (Pimhole Residents' Association) and Lesley Wildeman (Topping Fold TRA, Chair)

Dear Member/Colleague

Bury East Township Forum

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Bury East Township Forum which will be held as follows:-

Date:	Tuesday, 3 February 2015
Place:	St. Paul's CE Primary, Porritt Street, Bury
Time:	7.00 pm
Briefing Facilities:	If Opposition Members and Co-opted Members require briefing on any particular item on the Agenda, the appropriate Director/Senior Officer originating the related report should be contacted.
Notes:	

AGENDA

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of Bury East Township Forum are asked to consider whether they have an interest in any of the matters on the Agenda and, if so, to formally declare that interest.

3 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING *(Pages 1 - 10)*

Minutes and matters arising from the meeting held on 24 November 2014 are attached.

4 HEALTH WATCH BURY

A presentation will be given on the evening.

5 THE BURY DIRECTORY

A presentation will be given on the evening.

6 POLICE UPDATE

An update on local Police issues will be provided at the meeting, subject to the availability of an Officer from Greater Manchester Police.

7 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Questions are invited from members of the public present at the meeting on issues of concern relating to the provision of local services. Approximately 30 minutes will be set aside for Public Question Time if required.

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Any other business which by reason of special circumstances, the Chair agrees may be considered as a matter of urgency.

9 TOWNSHIP AREA PLAN - FOR INFORMATION *(Pages 11 - 32)*

10 FUNDING REPORT - FOR INFORMATION *(Pages 33 - 38)*

11 VENUE, DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Bury East Township Forum is Wednesday 18 March 2015 at Redvales Children's Centre, Bury

Minutes of:	BURY EAST TOWNSHIP FORUM
Date of Meeting:	24 November 2014
Venue:	Mosses Centre, Cecil Street, Bury
Present:	
Councillors:	Councillors: D M Cassidy, M Connolly, S Haroon, T Holt, J Smith, S Smith, T Tariq, S Walmsley
Advisory Group Representatives:	Tan Ahmed (ADAB), Tim Boaden (Seedfield TRA), Janet Edwards (Older People's Forum), Gemma Philburn (Streetwise 2000), Harry Reed (Pimhole Residents' Association) and Lesley Wildeman (Topping Fold TRA, Chair)
Public attendance:	There were 13 members of the public in attendance
Apologies for absence:	Councillor K Rothwell

At the start of the meeting, the Chair, Lesley Wildeman, asked that best wishes be sent to Councillor Rothwell for a speedy recovery.

BETF.459 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Connolly declared an interest as his partner was an employee at Bury Council.

BETF.460 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

Delegated decision:

That the minutes of the last meeting held on 18 September 2014, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

BETF.461 PROPOSED NEW DELIVERY MODEL FOR CHILDREN'S CENTRES

Ian Chambers, Assistant Director of Learning, attended the meeting and gave a presentation on the proposed new delivery model for Children's Centres in Bury.

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The meeting was informed of the key objectives for Bury Children's Centres, which were:

- § To improve the health for under 5's – measured by higher rates of breast feeding, reduced obesity and improved dental hygiene.
- § To improve child development – measured by improved school readiness and an increasing proportion of children achieving a good level of development.
- § Reducing the risk of mistreatment or abuse of under 5's – measured by reductions in the rate of family needs, escalating to a level requiring family intervention.
- § Improving families' economic prospects – measured by reduced numbers of under 5's in households that are on benefits.

It was reported that these objectives will be used to drive resource allocation to specific Centre activities. The Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) rankings will be used to directly allocate overall resources – funding being directly linked to deprivation. The driver will be the number of children within a reach area for a Children's Centre who are under 5 and living in a Lower Super Output Area. These are among the 40% most deprived nationally.

The presentation provided detailed information of the targeted support on offer as part of the objectives in relation to health, school readiness, early help and job readiness. Specific detail was also provided in relation to the proposed Children's Centre Hubs across Bury. The meeting was informed as to how each Hub would work, the staffing changes involved, outreach deployment and of the necessary steps required in order to convert the other sites in order to deliver the 2 year offer in Bury.

It was reported that from September 2014, 40% of 2 year olds should have access to free nursery places (a total of 1,177 children in Bury). There was a current forecast of a shortage of 638 places as at October 2014. The Council propose that Children's Centres which are no longer required as Hubs will be offered as centres for the 2 year old offer.

In relation to service costs, it was reported that the total expenditure on Children's Centres in 2013/14 was £2.875 m. The Council had seen a reduction of the Government's Early Intervention Grant of over £2.8 m since 2012/13. The new proposed model of delivery will cost £1.949 m which will deliver a proposed savings target for the service of £820 k.

Cabinet considered the proposal on 3 September 2014 and agreed that there will be a full 12 week consultation on the proposals with all Children's Centres leaders, staff, users and stakeholders; this has now been extended to 15 December 2014 and a report back to Cabinet in January 2015 with proposals for implementation. If agreed, there will then be a full 30 day consultation with staff and the implementation would begin from 1 April 2015.

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Questions and comments were invited from those present at the meeting and the following issues were raised:

- Councillor Cassidy asked what the response to the consultation had been and whether it was correct that Chesham Fold would stay open in Moorside Ward?

Ian explained there had been a good response. He had been to all the Township Forums, which had been well attended and had received plenty of feedback regarding the proposals. In relation to Chesham Fold, it could be converted to the 2 year old offer.

- Peter Firth, Chief Officer from the Mosses Centre, explained that they have a pre-school at the Centre which is full with 2 year olds which is cost effective. Is this an area that has been considered?

Ian explained that following the Township Forums, alternative venues have been offered, such as Church Halls. Some schools have nurseries but others don't which is more costly and consultations are taking place with the voluntary and private sectors over this.

- Sue Arnall explained that she has already contributed to the consultation but wanted to express that the Children's Centres met the needs of Parents, especially new Mothers and it was a great shame to lose them. Although the number of outreach workers would increase there would be a reduction of support staff which could prove challenging if there was not the professional support available.
- Tan Ahmed (ADAB) asked about the Universal Provision and if there was any information available on the pilot which had taken place in Radcliffe.

Ian reported that the Hubs will co-ordinate the delivery of targeted services across their area and provide some Universal Provision, eg stay and play and host universal services from other partners and sign post where activities are taking place for families to access these services. In relation to the pilot in Radcliffe, Ian stated that he would make the information available.

It was agreed:

That Ian Chambers be thanked for his presentation.

BETF.462 PLAN FOR CHANGE BUDGET PROPOSALS 2015/16

Councillor Mike Connolly, Leader of the Council and Mike Owen, Director of Resources and Regulation, gave a presentation detailing the key financial issues facing the Authority and subsequent efficiency savings to be made for Bury Council's 2015/16 budget. Councillor Connolly explained that the scale of the cuts and the impact on the Council was an incredibly challenging task and paid

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tribute to the Cabinet and Deputy Cabinet Members and Officers for their assistance in helping to provide a balanced, legal budget.

The following key facts were presented:

- § For 2015/16, £16 million will be cut from budgets. This equates to a loss of £54m (50%) of the budget in 5 years.
- § This means the Council will need to prioritise key services at a time when residents' needs and expectations are changing and demand for services is increasing.
- § In order to do this, the Council are exploring alternative ways of delivering services and reviewing organisational structures.
- § For 2015/16 the Council have received 1 year's funding settlement information from the Government, which has yet to be confirmed.
- § The Council's core funding from the Government is likely to be cut by 13%, which is to be confirmed.
- § The Council will also face cuts to a number of grants received from the Government, for example, Early Intervention and Education Services Grants. This is in addition to pressures from levies from other bodies and uncertainty following the localisation of Business Rates.

The meeting was informed of the following key measures to address the cuts:

- Alternative Service Delivery Models - £3.420m
- Third Sector - £0.200m
- Income generations - £2.012m
- Better use of external funding - £3.376m
- Savings from the way the Council buys things - £1.320m
- Managing Assets - £0.726m
- T & C's, restructuring and vacant posts - £3.229m
- Improved recycling - £0.862m
- Reduction in provision of services - £0.662m

Bury residents were being informed of the financial issues facing the authority as part of a consultation process for the 2015/16 budget and were being asked to consider changing expectations about service delivery; working more closely with individuals and communities to deliver services, ie volunteering/self management; a stronger focus on demand reduction such as self care/early intervention/personal responsibility; examining alternative ways of delivering remaining Council services and changing the way residents access services – "digital by default".

In terms of the next steps, it was reported that from 7 November 2014 to 9 January 2015, the Council will be consulting residents and stakeholders on the package of cuts needed for 2015/16. This will be followed by a review of the consultation feedback which will be fed into the budget setting process for 2015/16. The Council will debate the 2015/16 budget and formally approve a package of cuts. Residents were informed of the various ways they can contact the consultation team and leave comments by 9 January 2015.

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Questions and comments were invited and the following issues were raised:

- Mick Ainsworth asked about the cost of Unions to residents and the Council?
Councillor Connolly explained that Unions serve the work force and the facilities time was in line with the National average and that Union representatives were given time off work to undertake Union duties.
- Andy Lyons asked about 'digital by default' and if some services were only available online? In some deprived areas this could create problems. Mike Owen stated that it was recognised that some residents can't access online facilities and it was acknowledged that it could never be 100% digital by default.
Councillor Holt stated that as digital champion, he noted it was a huge task to get all people to use online facilities but there were such benefits in doing so. Mike Owen stated that Hubs were available for the public to use the internet.
- Tim Boaden (Seedfield TRA) asked about the economy in Bury and also devolution since the Scottish referendum.
Councillor Connolly stated he met regularly and worked very closely with Bury businesses and had recently attended Bury business awards where the president of the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce was a guest. Bury business was booming.

In relation to devolution, Councillor Connolly stated that the 10 Councils, including Bury, that make up the Association of Greater Manchester Councils (AGMA) have now all agreed to a devolution deal with George Osborne to get its own directly elected Mayor with new powers and funding for transport, housing, planning etc. which should be used to benefit everybody right across the Greater Manchester area.

- Tan Ahmed (ADAB) asked how Bury compared to other authorities in the amount of grant funding received.
Mike Owen explained Bury doesn't receive as much grant funding as it is not considered to have the same levels of deprivation as other authorities, however, issues around deprivation are passed over to Bury from other authorities with no additional or following funding.

It was agreed:

That the information be noted and Councillor Connolly and Mike Owen be thanked for their presentation.

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BETF.463 BURY EAST TOWNSHIP PLAN

Bury East Township Co-ordinator, Dave Thomas, had submitted the Town Plan to members for information which provided an update on the progress of the themes contained within the Action Plan for 2012 -15.

It was agreed:

That the report be noted.

BETF.464 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- Jimmy Hill highlighted previous concerns in relation to parking on pavements dating back to 2013 around Cook Street and Heywood Street and that he felt that nothing was being done to address these issues by the Police. Lesley Wildeman stated that it would be requested for the Police to attend the next meeting of the Township Forum.
- A local resident stated that the 494 bus service has been stopped due to the bus being unable to access certain streets due to the parked vehicles. This was very disappointing as a lot of vulnerable people used this bus service.
Councillor Walmsley explained that with the number of terraced houses in these areas of Bury and with many houses having more than one vehicle, the Police did tend to turn a blind eye over residents and the public parking on pavements as it allowed the traffic to still flow. Councillor Walmsley acknowledged that this was not ideal but it was a difficult issue to address. Andy Lyons stated that he had complained to the Police of a similar problem and they had acted by issuing parking tickets.
- Victor Hagan stated that with a number of Children's Centres closing, this would affect many vulnerable people.
Councillor Connolly stated that as had been explained in the presentations this evening in relation to the Children's Centres and the Budget Proposals, the Council had seen a reduction of the Government's Early Intervention Grant of over £2.8m and the proposed new model of delivery would save the service £820k and would provide targeted services to those most vulnerable and in the most deprived areas.
- Victor Hagan stated that Six Town Housing was 'not fit for purpose' and that vulnerable people were living in squalor. Mr Hagan reported that there were 65 outstanding cases of people living in houses of disrepair, which were currently being investigated by Solicitors.
Councillor Connolly stated that if Mr Hagan could provide this information then he would personally liaise with Six Town Housing and investigate this matter.

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Councillor Walmsley explained that the Ward Councillors spend a lot of time visiting residents in all areas of Bury East including those in deprived areas and living in Six Town Housing accommodation. Councillor Walmsley stated that she was not aware of any such complaints and would be greatly concerned if this information from Mr Hagan was factually correct.

- Mick Ainsworth asked if information he had heard recently on the news about Bury being in the frame for covering up grooming of children was correct.
Councillor Connolly stated that Bury was part of Greater Manchester and there was a lot of work taking place with the Police currently over this and Bury was absolutely not involved in any kind of cover up.
- Mick Ainsworth asked about whether the Council had a mobile air quality monitor.
Councillor Connolly informed Mr Ainsworth that there was a mobile monitor.

BETF.465 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Tim Boaden wished to pass on thanks from the Street Pastors after they received the Best of Bury Community Impact Award, which was awarded for the recognition of the hard work they carried out at night in Bury Town Centre.

BETF.466 FUNDING REPORT

Harry Reed (Pimhole Residents' Association) informed the Township Forum that Openshaw Management had received a grant of £250 for equipment to landscape a small plot inside Openshaw Park, which had now been completed and also a grant towards the Maintenance of the Bowling Greens.

BETF.467 VENUE, DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Bury East Township Forum would be held at St. Paul's Primary School, Porritt Street on Tuesday 3 February 2015.

LESLEY WILDEMAN
(Chair)

(Note: The meeting started at 7.00 pm and finished at 9.05pm)

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**BURY EAST TOWNSHIP FORUM
ITEMS RAISED IN OPEN FORUM: 24th November 2014**

	Raised by	ITEM RAISED AT OPEN FORUM	Action by	Action
1	Jimmy Hill	Highlighted previous concerns in relation to parking on pavements dating back to 2013 around Cook Street and Heywood Street and that he felt that nothing was being done to address these issues by the Police. Lesley Wildeman stated that it would be requested for the Police to attend the next meeting of the Township Forum.	Township Coordinator	Township Co-ordinator has requested attendance by a member of the neighbourhood policing team at the next Township Forum.
2	Resident	Stated that the 494 bus service has been stopped due to the bus being unable to access certain streets due to the parked vehicles. This was very disappointing as a lot of vulnerable people used this bus service.	Cllr Walmsley	Councillor Walmsley explained that with the number of terraced houses in these areas of Bury and with many houses having more than one vehicle, the Police did tend to turn relax enforcement on residents and the public parking on pavements as it allowed the traffic to still flow. Councillor Walmsley acknowledged that this was not ideal but it was a difficult issue to address. Andy Lyons stated that he had complained to the Police of a similar problem and they had acted by issuing parking tickets. Request made for Police to attend the next Township Forum.
3	Victor Hagan	Stated that the number of Children's Centres that are closing would affect many vulnerable people.	Cllr Connolly	Councillor Connolly stated that as had been explained in the presentations in relation to the Children's Centres and the Budget Proposals, the Council had seen a reduction of the Government's Early Intervention Grant of over £2.8m and the proposed new model of delivery would save the service £820k whilst providing targeted services to the

				most vulnerable and in the most deprived areas.
4	Victor Hagan	Stated that Six Town Housing was 'not fit for purpose' and that vulnerable people were living in squalor. Mr Hagan reported that there were 65 outstanding cases of people living in houses of disrepair, which were currently being investigated by Solicitors.	Cllr Connolly/Cllr Walmsley	<p>Councillor Connolly stated that if Mr Hagan could provide this information then he would personally liaise with Six Town Housing and investigate this matter.</p> <p>Councillor Walmsley explained that the Ward Councillors spend a lot of time visiting residents in all areas of Bury East including those in deprived areas and living in Six Town Housing accommodation. She also stated that she was not aware of any such complaints and would be greatly concerned if this information from Mr Hagan was factually correct.</p>
5	Mick Ainsworth	Asked if information he had heard recently on the news about Bury being in the frame for covering up the grooming of children was correct.	Cllr Connolly	Councillor Connolly stated that Bury was part of Greater Manchester and there was a lot of work taking place with the Police currently over this and Bury was absolutely not involved in any kind of cover up.
6	Mick Ainsworth	Requested to know if Bury Council had a mobile air quality monitor.	Cllr Connolly	Councillor Connolly informed Mr Ainsworth that there was a mobile monitor.

Bury East Town Plan

2012 - 2015



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Welcome to Bury East Township Plan

Thank you for taking the time to read the Bury East Township Plan. This document provides details on how we plan to tackle some of the local issues we face as a community.

Over the past few months we have held round table discussions at Township Forum meetings where Councillors, Community representatives and other members of the public were present and able to give us their views and share ideas. From this and other statistical information, we have been able to identify our priority areas for inclusion in our action plan for 2014/15.

This plan outlines how we will continue to make progress towards the vision for our Township to promote better outcomes for the social, health, economic, and environmental well being of people within our community.

Despite the challenging economic climate we continue to strive for improvement, working together with our communities and partner agencies such as the Council, Police and Fire service, health services, faith groups and so on. We have a strong, dedicated, skilled and committed partnership that is working on a range of projects to help us deliver our priorities and improve the quality of life for residents in our community.

Bury Council has a number of key outcomes that underpin its work; delivery of this plan will support these outcomes.

- Reducing poverty and its effects
- Supporting our most vulnerable residents
- Making Bury a better place to live
- One Council, One success together

We would like to thank all our partners and residents for their continued efforts in supporting the Township Forum and the important work it does for the community of Bury East.

Lesley Wildeman
Chair,
Bury East
Township Forum

Who we are and what we do

Bury East Township Forum welcomes those who live, work, or have an interest in the area. The Forum meets at local venues such as community centres and schools. These meetings are public meetings and we strongly encourage everyone to come along. Discussions are fed back to Bury Council and its partners for appropriate action.

Bury East Township Forum is a constituted council committee consisting of all the elected members representing our area and a co-opted advisory group of local representatives from the business community, voluntary organisations and community groups. There are up to nine members on each Advisory Group and a place is also reserved for a young person's representative.

The forum empowers our communities, promotes the debate of local issues and brings decision making closer to our residents. It seeks to harness the many strengths and assets we have in place here in Bury East, including local groups, strong community networks, talented young people, charities and voluntary groups, to work through these issues as a strong and committed partnership.

For further information about your Township Forum please visit [Township Forums](#) or contact David Thomas, Township Co-ordinator on 0161 253 7455, or by email at d.thomas@bury.gov.uk



Some facts about Bury East



Demography: Bury has a population of 186,500. Of these, approximately 34,047 live in Bury East. Of the population of Bury East 57.1% are Christian, 17.8% are Muslim and 17.8% have no religion or do not say what religion they are.

Deprivation: In terms of measuring deprivation, England is split into small areas called super output areas (LSOA). Each LSOA represents approximately 1500 residents. Deprivation is measured over 7 domains: income, employment, health, disability, education and training, barriers to housing and services, living environment and crime. In England there are 32,482 LSOAs. In the borough of Bury there are 120 LSOAs. Each LSOA is given a ranking, with 1 being most deprived.

Many areas of Bury East are consistently in the 20% most deprived super output areas in the country (52.3%). Bury East has 5 LSOA's in the top 10% of most deprived LSOA's in Bury and 4 in the top 10% of most deprived in England. Chesham Fold is in the 1% most deprived nationally.

Closing the gap: Deprivation levels are a major concern to us and recent data shows conclusively that Bury East suffers higher than average levels of health inequalities compared with the other Townships in Bury. Inequalities between our neighbourhoods mean poorer health, lower levels of education and skills, higher crime and unemployment for people living in Bury East. Our Township Plan aims to close the gap so that the lives of those in the most deprived areas are improved.

Our Assets: Bury East has much to be proud of, it is a popular place to live; it has some beautiful parks and green spaces such as Openshaw Park and active and enthusiastic Friends Groups. The area is diverse and different religions and cultures are celebrated. The area has also seen significant levels of investment in recent times, in particular around the Pimhole area.

We seek to harness the many strengths and assets we have in place here in Bury East, including local groups, strong community networks, talented young people, charities, voluntary groups and community buildings, so that together we can work as a strong and committed partnership.

Together we can achieve more!

Bury East Township Forum aims to promote better outcomes for the social, health, economic, and environmental well being of people within our community.

We can achieve this by working together to achieve a number of key outcomes:

Key Outcomes:

Our Plan will contribute to the following outcomes:

Improved Employment Opportunities

Key Issues identified: The need for more apprenticeships and improved pathways to work for younger residents (16-24yr olds).

Current Position: June 2014 figures show there are 960 JSA claimants in Bury East, accounting for 31% of the total claimants in Bury.

Bury East has the highest number of youth (JSA) claimants (285)

Educational Attainment/Learning

Key Issues identified: The need to ensure that children are school ready.

Current Position: Some Nursery School Children are well below the expected standards and have poor communication skills.

Improved Health and Wellbeing

Key Issues identified: Main issues identified focus on Town Centre alcohol issues and hospital admissions related to alcohol. Areas of concern also exist around mental health and the impact of worklessness on this issue.

Current Position: Bury East has the highest number of alcohol related hospital admissions within the borough (975). East ward has the highest proportion of ESA claimants in the borough and figures show that 43% of ESA claims are due to mental health issues.

Improved Community Safety

In Bury East significant issues exist around alcohol related anti-social behaviour (ASB), with the main concentration around the Town Centre. Perceptions of crime continue to be relatively high which indicates that more needs to be done to reassure people.

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Community Pride & Belonging

In Bury East we have a diverse community with residents from different cultures and religions.

The Bury Council Community Cohesion Plan has now been agreed and published. We have limited representation in the Township Forum from the different faith groups in Bury East.

Making a difference

We will measure our performance as follows:

- We will monitor the action plan which will support delivery of these outcomes (an updated action plan will be shared at each Township Forum meeting)
- Bi-annual performance reports in relation to the above outcomes (presented to our Township Forum)

Everybody's Involved

Our Township Plan has been drawn together in a number of ways. We have used our knowledge of local people's priorities to focus on those issues which matter most to local people.

Key Group	How have they influenced the Township Area Plan?
Residents & Community Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation activities • Township Forums- open forum issues and round table discussions • PACT meetings
Councillors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct involvement in the development of the objectives for this plan • Consultation activities • Township Forums
Research and Demographic Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National research and intelligence • Local Health Data • Ward profiles • Intelligence gathering
Partner Organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police and partner meetings • Six Town Housing (Engagement) • Council departments (Views & Input) • Primary Care Trust/ health authority • Other Partners (Views & Input)

There will be further opportunities for you to **get involved** and **have your say** on a range of issues. Your views are really important to us so make sure you take part. Please come along to our Township meetings- you will be made very welcome.

Bury East Township Forum

**Our Township Plan:
2012-15**

(September 2014 Update)

Outcome: Improved Employment Opportunities

In June 2014 there were 960 job seekers allowance claimants in Bury East, which accounts for 31% of the borough total. Bury East also has the highest number of youth (JSA) claimants in the borough (285), 32% of the borough total.

ISSUE – What needs to be achieved	ACTIONS/OUTPUTS – How can we work towards addressing this issue?	LEAD AGENCY- Who should take responsibility?	MILESTONES	By When?
<p>Assist those young people who face barriers to entering into employment through Connecting Provisions Initiative</p>	<p>Pull together existing and funded provision across the borough into one coordinated activity.</p> <p>Focused activity on those who fall under the Supporting Communities Improving Lives criteria.</p> <p>6 weeks work placements, individuals will be offered a temporary job with training and/or a guaranteed interview should internal apprenticeships arise.</p> <p>At the end of 6 months assistance will be given to move them onto an apprenticeship.</p>	<p>Economic, employment & Skills Lead</p> <p>Bury Employment & Skills Task Group</p> <p>With Support From:</p> <p>Township Co-ordinator</p>	<p>Connecting Provision on hold until Oct 2014</p>	<p>October 2014</p>

<p>Increased number of Volunteering Opportunities</p>	<p>Multi Agency Approach to increase the number and raise awareness of volunteering opportunities</p>	<p>Groundwork With Support From: B3SDA Sports Development Communities Team</p>	<p>Bury East area number to be increased by agreed amount. Awaiting a list of area specific projects from Groundwork</p>	<p>End March 2015</p>
<p>Increased number of Apprenticeships for Young People In Bury East</p>	<p>Raise awareness amongst local business of the "Backing Young Bury" Scheme Township Forum Members to put forward details of young people from the East Bury area with their agreement</p>	<p>Economic Development Team With Support From: Township Co-ordinator Bury Businesses Training Providers Bury Connexions Job Centre Plus Councillors Members of the Township Forum</p>	<p>Names of Bury East based young people to be submitted for consideration for the scheme Confirm number of young people from Bury East accepted on the Backing Young Bury Apprentice Scheme Confirm number at the end of March 2015</p>	<p>October 2014 then ongoing End March 2015 Ongoing</p>
<p>Get young Bury East residents work ready and into work</p>	<p>Explore possibilities for Job Fairs/ Job Clubs and ways to help prepare people to get into work.</p>	<p>Economic Development B.E.A.S.T Group With Support From: Township Coordinator</p>	<p>Hold a Backing Young Bury Careers and Skills Event</p>	<p>2nd December 2014</p>

Township Forum to support a series of interventions developed by Bury Employment & Skills Task Group	Township Forum to have representation on Bury Employment & Skills Task Group	Township Coordinator	Township Coordinator attending regular Bury Employment & Skills Task group.	Ongoing 2013/14
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Outcome: Educational Attainment / Learning

A particularly high proportion of the population of Bury East have no qualifications (30%), and a comparatively low proportion are qualified to degree level or above (Level 4 and above).

ISSUE – What needs to be achieved	ACTIONS/OUTPUTS – How can we work towards addressing this issue?	LEAD AGENCY- Who should take responsibility?	MILESTONES	BY WHEN?
Improve information sharing between local community and central organizations re learning needs locally	Community Learning Partnership representative to take Bury East issues to CLP meetings	Township Forum members With Support From: Adult learning	A range of learning opportunities developed that respond to local needs and reflect the views of local people	November 2014
Mapping of current provision In Bury East	Identify gaps in learning opportunities	Adult learning With Support From: Township Forum	Increase participation in adult learning locally	November 2014
Deliver more learning opportunities in the Bury East community to make learning more accessible	Identify suitable venues for adult learning facilities Offer taster courses	Six Town Housing	Increase in number of learning venues in communities	September 2014
Ensure children are “school ready” Encourage reading	Book start programme for 2-3 year olds BOO project for nursery children-transition stages	Children’s Centres	Delivery of projects via the Children’s centres and updates on progress to township Forum	September 2014

Food sleep lifestyle and exercise all contribute to being fit and ready to learn	Engage women and teenage girls in sport and fitness	Sports Partnership Activity Alliance SAPAS	More women and girls taking part in regular physical activity	September 2014
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Outcome: Improved Health and Wellbeing

Key Issues identified: Areas of concern exist around mental health and the impact of worklessness on this issue. Bury East has the highest number of alcohol related hospital admissions within the borough (975).

ISSUE – What needs to be achieved	ACTIONS/OUTPUTS – How can we work towards addressing this issue?	LEAD AGENCY- Who should take responsibility?	MILESTONES	BY WHEN?
Consistent reductions in alcohol related health inequalities for Bury East residents	Develop a programme of activity aimed at reducing alcohol related hospital admissions	Township Forum With Support From: Community Alcohol Partnerships DAAT Home Office Drug & Alcohol Team	Meeting scheduled with colleagues from Community Alcohol Partnerships and the Home Office Drug & Alcohol Unit	October 2014 Ongoing
Reduce Fuel Bills for those most in need	Assist with meeting target of 140 Little Bill installs by promoting the scheme to community groups and at various locations/events.	Energy Officer With Support From: Township Forum	To be agreed	March 2015
Reduce fuel poverty and its affects in Bury East	Promote “ECO Toasty 2013” to enable Bury East residents to access energy efficiency measures	Awardable Warmth Team Referrals to GM energy Advice Service 0800 009 3363 or via getmetoasty@manchester.gov.uk With Support From: Township Co-ordinator Township Forum	Results at end of financial year re number of measures and savings	April 2014
A growth in participation	Deliver activities which engage	Sports and Physical Activity	Applications submitted	June 2014

14-25 year olds in Bury East and across adult population	with Bury East communities and attract more residents into regular physical activity	Service (SPAS) With Support From: Township Co-ordinator Township Forum	for Sportivate funding Community Sports Activation Funding (CSAF) external funding I Will If You Will	ongoing
Help promote understanding and awareness Welfare Reform	Support the work of Bury's Welfare Reform Board, including implementation of the Borough's Poverty Strategy. Invite relevant speakers to talk to township forum on key aspects of the reform agenda	Bury Welfare Reform Board With Support From: Township Co-ordinator Township Forum	Members of the Team attend Welfare Reform Board Meetings	April 2014 ongoing
To reduce the number of children suffering Childhood Obesity in Bury East	Deliver activities which engage with young children to get them more active	Children's Centre Leads With Support From: Township Co-ordinator Township Forum	Events being delivered in conjunction with Children's Centres	June 2014 Ongoing

Outcome: Improved Community Safety

Key Issues identified: We have seen significant reductions in anti-social behaviour across all 3 wards over the last 12 months, but there is still work to be done. Perceptions of crime continue to be relatively high which indicates that more needs to be done to reassure residents.

Issue – What needs to be achieved	ACTIONS/OUTPUTS – How can we work towards addressing this issue?	LEAD AGENCY- Who should take responsibility?	MILESTONES	By when?
Consistent reductions in alcohol related anti-social in Bury East communities	Develop a programme of activity aimed at reducing alcohol related ASB in identified hotspots	Township Forum With Support From: Joint Enforcement Team (JET) Community Alcohol Partnerships DAAT Home Office Drug & Alcohol Team	Share learning from BEAPS project through the end of project evaluation report Meeting scheduled with colleagues from Community Alcohol Partnerships and the Home Office Drug & Alcohol Unit	September 2014 October 2014 Ongoing
Reduce Anti Social Behaviour by Early Intervention	Weekly Joint Enforcement Team (JET) meetings established to identify and quickly deal with potential offenders. Report to Bury East Township Forum re actions and successes.	Police With Support From: Anti Social Behaviour team Youth Services/Education Six Town Housing Township Co-ordinator	Monthly Partnership Action Group Meetings replaced by weekly JET Meetings July 2014 Township Co-ordinators invited to join the group	1 st full meeting held 2 nd July 2014. Attended 06/08/2014 ongoing

Ensure Bury Town Centre is a safe, vibrant, appealing and well managed place to visit	Achieve 'Purple Flag' accreditation for Bury town Centre.	Purple Flag Board With Support From: Township Coordinator New Economy Home Office Drug & Alcohol Unit	A Bury "Purple Flag" workshop was held on 29th January 2014 to gauge the level of support Bury's Purple Flag application was registered on 31 st March with the ATCM (Association of Town Centre Management) Overnight self assessment of Bury Town Centre took place on Friday 18 th July covering the period 5pm to 5am Full application to be submitted to ATCM.	January 2014 March 2014 July 2014 September (12 th) 2014
Reduce negative perceptions of anti-social behaviour in Bury East	Develop regular communication of good news stories through Township Forum website and other media	Neighbourhood Policing Team With Support From: Township Coordinator Communications	Regular attendance at forum meetings established.	July 2014 Ongoing
Raise awareness of ASB/ personal safety/ crime/ drugs etc amongst school age children	BSafe BCool project to be delivered to year 9 pupils in Bury East Schools	Police With support from: Bury Council officers Schools Bury College Six Town Housing	Next round of workshops due to commence in mid October.	October 2014

Address issue of speeding traffic in residential areas of East Bury	Work with schools and local communities to endorse and assist in implementation of Streetsafe 20mph in	Highways With Support From: Township Co-ordinator Road Safety Teams Township Forum Members	Successful implementation of 20mph schemes Banners now being displayed outside schools	2013-2015 ongoing January 2014 and ongoing
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Outcome: Community Pride and belonging in East Bury

Key Issues identified: There is a desire from residents to see Bury East promoted as a vibrant place to work and live. Bury East has a diverse community with residents from different cultures and religions (57% of the population are Christian, 17.8% are Muslim and 17.8% have no religion). This diversity should be celebrated and promoted.

ISSUE – What needs to be achieved	ACTIONS/OUTPUTS – How can we work towards addressing this issue?	LEAD AGENCY- Who should take responsibility?	MILESTONES	By When?
Promote Bury East as a positive place to live, work and visit	A range of Positive Activities taking place in Bury East (i.e. Party in The Park) Active promotion of activities and groups	Bury East Township Forum Members With Support From: Various Community Groups	Advisory Group members to give regular updates at the forum meetings to promote new projects and events Additional promotion via social media (Township Coordinator)	Ongoing 2014/15 Ongoing 2014/15
Increase attendance and involvement from BME community at Township Forum meetings	Meet with leaders of Mosques within Bury East to promote dates and explore agenda items	Township Coordinator With Support From: ADAB Township Forum Members Communications Team	Formal invitation sent to Bury East Mosques Arrange suitable dates for visits with faith leaders.	May 2013 Ongoing 2014
Improve engagement of young people on key issues	Increase number of young people attending forum meetings	Township forum members With Support From:	Increased numbers of young Bury East residents attending township forum	July 2014 Ongoing

		Schools/Colleges Partner Agencies		
Encourage community to help shape the Bury East area	Develop a series of thematic groups to manage delivery of key outcomes within Township Plan	Township Coordinator With Support From: Advisory Group Members Councillors Residents	Initial discussion held with key Advisory Group members regarding their involvement	November 2014

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1.0 Introduction

The Council has allocated £1,000 per ward to support the work of voluntary and community groups. The application funding decisions will be made by the relevant ward councillors. Individual grants to the **"ward" fund** are available for a maximum of £250. Additionally, a borough-wide allocation of £13,000 is available for **"cross-ward"** applications from third sector organisations, with a maximum individual grant of £750.

2.0 Ward Funding 2014/15

East

Group	Details	Allocated
Openshaw Management	Landscape small plot inside park	£ 250.00
Pimhole Residents Assoc	Newsletter costs	£ 250.00
Pimhole Residents Assoc	Running cost (in lieu of duplication)	£ 250.00
Openshaw Park	Maintenance of Bowling Greens	£ 250.00
Fund Remaining		£ 900.00

Moorside

Group	Details	Allocated
Chesham Fold TRA	Big Lunch Day	£ 250.00
Openshaw Park	Maintenance of Bowling Greens	£ 250.00
Chesham Fold Youth Club	Christmas Disco & activities	£ 200.00
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Fund Remaining		£ 1000.00

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Group	Details	Allocated
New Springs Community	Guest speakers for events	£ 250.00
Little Britain Anglers(adv B3SD	Tools to repair areas of River	£ 250.00
New Springs NSCPG - Trip	Excursion to Blackpool Lights	£ 250.00
New Springs NSCPG - Awards	Community Awards event	£ 250.00
Fund Remaining		£ 900.00

3.0 Cross Ward Funding 2014/15

Group	Details	Allocated
PUPILS	Encourage Independent living trip	£ 750.00
Making Space	Further Develop Choir	£ 750.00
Bury Society for Blind	Develop a sensory garden	£ 703.06
Hard of Hearing	Tutor classes	£ 750.00
Bury Dragons Diving Club	Diving Event	£ 750.00
The Enterprise Centre	Purchase stone & hire of tractor & labour	£ 500.00
Unsworth South Social Club	Signage and posters	£ 723.00
Bury District Angling Society	Plywood sheets & roofing sheets	£ 250.00
23 rd Prestwich & Whitefield Scouts	Tents, benches, pans & utensils	£ 750.00
Tottington Sports Club	Tottington Big Day Out Event	£ 750.00
Langley Gardening Club	Replace weather boards of shop	£ 470.00
Churches Together	Family fun day in Whitehead Park	£ 750.00
Brandlesholme Scarecrow Festival	Scarecrow Festival & Harvest family fun day	£ 750.00
Bury Parents Forum Ltd	Run seminars to empower Parents who have children with additional needs.	£ 750.00
Prestwich & Whitefield Heritage Society	Restore Memorial Stone	£ 450.00
Prestwich Carnival Comm (Xmas Fair)	To put on a Christmas Fair & Santa's Grotto	£ 750.00
Whitefield Horticultural Society	Folding display tables for horticultural events	£ 750.00
Home Watch Conference	Hire of Elizabethan Suite	£ 600.00
Friends of Bury Young Carers	Youth event	£ 750.00
Bury Voluntary Rangers	To apply for planning permission to place storage container.	£ 158.95
Fund Remaining		£ 00.00

4.0 Small Grants Panel 2014/15

Bury Council has an annual allocation of £46,200 for the Small Grant's Fund. The current funding priority is to encourage and support grass-root community activity. This means small, community-based and locally controlled groups that manage themselves, encourage active participation from volunteers, and have minimal cash reserves and limited access to funding support.

The next round of funding for this financial year closes on 13th January and the Panel will meet on 3rd February. Application forms for the new round of funding are available from Liz Saunders 0161 253 6357 or e.saunders@bury.gov.uk

Applicant	Project	Requested	Decision
New Springs Community Group	Development of Community garden	£ 3,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Tottington Holiday Play scheme	Summer holiday playscheme	£ 3,000.00	£ 1,500.00
First Light Training	Intergenerational film and photography project	£ 4,806.30	£ -
South Royd Street Allotment Assoc	Rebuilding of access path	£ 3,107.44	£ -
Chesham Fold TRA – Youth Club	Six Week playscheme	£ 1,925.00	£ 500.00
Abbey Close TRA	Weekend trip to Blackpool	£ 4,227.00	£ 500.00
The Enterprise Centre	Establish and Naturally Enterprising Centre	£ 4,500.00	£ 2,000.00
Radcliffe District Scout Council	Replacement windows	£ 5,000.00	£ 1,000.00
Five Stars Appeal	Sessional workers to support volunteers	£ 5,000.00	£ -
Relate	Provision of bursary fund for low cost counselling	£ 5,000.00	£ 2,000.00
Simister Village Community Association	Information boards and bench	£ 4,300.00	£ -
APNA Health	Meeting health needs of BME in East Bury	£ 5,000.00	£ -
Ramsbottom Young People	Youth provision in Nutall park	£ 1,613.00	£ 1,000.00
Unsworth South Social Club	Chairs and tables for community hub	£ 5,000.00	£ 1,000.00
			£ 11,500.00
Bury Diabetic Support Goup	Running costs for the support group	£ 1,500.00	£ 1,000.00
Its Time 4 Change	Twice weekly homeless breakfast club	£ 5,000.00	£ 5,000.00
Rotary Club of Radcliffe	Over 70's Christmas Party	£ 2,550.00	£ 1,500.00
Bury Groups of Advanced Motorists	Driving skills for life course	£ 2,500.00	£ -
Outwood TRA	Running costs for youth club	£ 2,492.00	£ 1,500.00
ADAB	Disability inclusion course	£ 5,000.00	£ -

Bury Cricket Club	Cricket net system	£ 5,000.00	£ -
Bury Parents Forum	Special Educational needs and disability training	£ 4,275.00	£ -
Bloco Ashe Samba Group	Samba Group workshops	£ 4,690.00	£ 750.00
Besses Oth Barn URC	Replacement of floor covering	£ 2,653.00	£ -
Speakeasy	To update the ICT of the group	£ 4,068.00	£ 2,000.00
Holy Law Ladies for Bury	New kitchen to run nutrition course	£ 5,000.00	£ -
			£ 11,750.00

5.0 Community First

The fund, **Community First** aims to help groups improve their area and is intended to maximize community involvement in the process whilst expecting neighbourhood groups to match funds with either money or time.

The two eligible wards have set up Panels whose principal role is to identify local priorities for funding and make recommendations relating to projects to be supported.

East Bury Panel - eastward.bury@yahoo.co.uk

Organisation	Activity	Allocated
Holly Court Social Club	Gardening Project - required storage for tools and equipment.	£250.00
B:eastie's Junior Youth Club	Breakfast Club, and variety of activities for summer holidays	£1,247.00
Eagles Wing	A package of support and practical assistance to meet some of the identified needs of local people	£2,184.00
Topping Fold Community	Gardening project - equipment required	£1,467.54
Making Space	Development of pop-up cafes	£1,714.46
Rebuild	Provide basic IT training to residents	£500.00
Bury Asian Women's Centre	Health and Wellbeing event with local volunteers	£600.00
Bury Blind Society	Befriending project	£850.00
The Met	Dance Workshops	£800.00

The Met	Recording Studio Workshops	£800.00
Beasties Youth Club	Youth club equipment	£1,100.00
Friends of Openshaw Park	Marquees for event in the park	£200.00
Bury FC Community Trust	Cricket	£2,350.00
		£14,063.00

Moorside Panel - moorsideward.bury@yahoo.co.uk

Organisation	Activity	Amount
Seedfield Tenants and Residents Association	Setting up and running of a fortnightly luncheon club	£2,500.00
Seedfield Tenants and Residents Association	Day trip to Blackpool	£750.00
Seedfield Tenants and Residents Association	Weekly luncheon club for elderly	£1,250.00
Seedfield Tenants and Residents Association	Trip to Tattan park	£1,008.00
Friends of Chesham Woods	Promote the local nature reserve to pupils and staff	£1,275.00
Cartwheel Arts	Creative writing workshop once a month	£400.00
Chesham Fold TRA/Community Centre	Continue running of two junior clubs, and gardening for elderly	£430.00
Making Space	Development of pop-up cafes	£2,500.00
Ramsbottom Angling Association	Offer junior tuition and disabled angling provision	£2,500.00
Friends of Chesham Woods Nature Reserve	Funding for First Aid Training, insurance cover, tools, equipment and materials	£1,500.00
		£14,113.00

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