

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

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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.