

# REPORT FOR DECISION

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<b>DECISION OF:</b>	<b>Ramsbottom, Tottington &amp; North Manor Township Forum</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>13 September 2012</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Township Plan</b>
<b>REPORT FROM:</b>	<b>David Thomas – Township Coordinator</b>
<b>TYPE OF DECISION:</b>	<b>Approval of Ramsbottom, Tottington &amp; North Manor Township Plan</b>
<b>SUMMARY:</b>	<p>The overall purpose of the Township Forum initiative is to promote better outcomes for the social, health, economic and environmental well being of residents.</p> <p>To achieve this, Ramsbottom, Tottington &amp; North Manor Township Forum has developed a Township Plan which identifies local issues and priorities where, working together with local councillors, community representatives, groups and residents, they can make a difference.</p> <p>This report outlines the priorities agreed for the Township Plan. It also outlines the process followed to develop the plan and the performance management framework in place for ensuring the plan is effectively monitored and implemented.</p> <p>The Township Forum is asked to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Note the priority outcomes agreed within the Ramsbottom, Tottington &amp; North Manor Township Plan</li> <li>(ii) Consider and note the content of the Township Plan</li> <li>(ii) Support the delivery of the priorities within the Plan</li> </ul>
<b>Equality/Diversity implications:</b>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Equality Analysis has been undertaken on the Township Plan; it is concluded that the plans are largely positive by aiming to promote better health, social, economic and environmental wellbeing outcomes for all residents.</p>
<b>Wards Affected:</b>	Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor

## **1.0 BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The Township Plan provides an essential focus to the work of the Township Forum. It captures local priority outcomes which will guide the work of the Township Forum. It is a three yearly plan which includes an annual action plan. This action plan incorporates the key projects and actions which will be delivered over the coming year to contribute towards delivery of our local priority outcomes.
- 1.2 The Township Plan has been developed through active engagement and discussions with Township Forum members - including both elected members and Advisory Group members. Workshops have also been held providing an opportunity for wider community representatives, partner organisations and residents to get involved. The emerging plan has been presented to public meetings of the Township Forum - providing further opportunities for residents to get involved and shape their local area.
- 1.3 The Township Plan provides a local dimension to the Council's priority outcomes contained within the Corporate Plan; reflecting both 'bottom up' priorities and 'top down' objectives. The Township Plan also contributes to Team Bury's vision of making the borough "a great place in which to live, work, visit and study".
- 1.4 This report outlines the purpose and format of the Township Plan. It shows the process followed for developing and agreeing priorities and summarises those agreed by the Township Forum. It also provides details on the performance management framework in place to ensure effective monitoring and delivery.

## **2.0 PURPOSE (OF TOWNSHIP PLAN)**

### **2.1 The Township Plan:**

- Sets and drives local priorities to promote better outcomes for the social, health, economic and environmental well being of residents.
- Provides an opportunity for residents to get involved and shape their local area.
- Brings together various community representatives, councillors and partner organisations at a local level, to work towards identifying ways in which local issues can be addressed.
- Recognises that the Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor Township is unique and has particular local issues, opportunities and challenges to address. It provides a vehicle for local stakeholders to work together to make a difference.

2.2 The Township Plan is a useful tool for everyone who has an interest in improving the local area as it not only provides Township Forum members with a work programme of actions to be addressed, but also ensures that local people have a means of monitoring the impact and progress of the Township Forum and the difference it is making to quality of life in this area.

## **3.0 FORMAT (OF TOWNSHIP PLAN)**

### **3.1 The Township Plan:**

- Is a three yearly plan – corresponding with the Council’s Corporate planning framework and allowing the Township Forum to monitor the difference it is making over a period of time.
- Shows the local ‘priority outcomes’ agreed by the Township Forum to guide its work over the next three years.
- Includes an annual action plan. This details the projects, activities and milestones to support delivery of the ‘priority outcomes’ for the next year. It includes details of who will take responsibility for different projects to ensure accountability for delivery.

3.2 It is important to recognise that the annual action plan will continue to evolve and change over time. This is because it will be reviewed and updated regularly at Township Forum meetings, allowing new issues and projects to emerge and be included. This also allows issues or projects that are included and then completed or resolved - to be taken out of the action plan.

#### 4.0 **PROCESS (FOR DEVELOPING TOWNSHIP PLAN AND PRIORITIES)**

4.1 The Township Plan has been developed using a combination of local evidence based data and engagement with local stakeholders.

4.2 When developing priority outcomes and actions, Township Forum members were encouraged to identify a small and manageable number of areas where, working together, they could ‘make a difference’.

4.3 The process followed included:

1. Accessed various research and demographic information including:
  - National research and intelligence
  - Local Health Data
  - Ward profiles
2. Round table workshops to seek the views and contributions of Township Forum members and residents (including ward councillors, Advisory Group members, residents, partners and other council officers).
3. The Township Plan has been a regular agenda item at meetings of the Township Forum; presentations given on the Township Plan to meetings and discussions encouraged.
4. Draft plans sent to Forum members including Advisory Group members/ward councillors to invite views and comments.
5. Meetings have taken place with Advisory Group members.
6. Meetings with partners to consult on and feed into the plans during their development. Partners include:
  1. Police
  2. Six Town Housing
  3. Council departments
  4. Health/ Public Health
  5. Other local partners

#### 5.0 **TOWNSHIP PLANS 2012-2015**

5.1 Appendix A summarises the priority outcomes agreed by the Township Forum and examples of projects supported by the Township Forum (to support delivery of these priority outcomes).

- 5.2 The Township Plans form an important element of the overall planning framework for the Council. They provide a local dimension to all the Council's priority outcomes and values contained within the Corporate Plan. In particular, to "Make Bury a better place to live" and the Council's key value to "Empower and support our communities".
- 5.3 The Township Plan also contributes to Team Bury's vision of making the borough "a great place in which to live, work, visit and study" and support the ambitions that will help make this vision a reality, in particular "Each township thriving".

## **6.0 PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT**

- 6.1 Priority outcomes and actions (contained within the Township Plan) will be monitored and managed in line with Bury Council's Performance Management Framework. This will involve the following:
- The annual action plan (supporting delivery of the priority outcomes) will be monitored and updated action plans will be shared with the Township Forum.
  - Bi-annual performance reports in relation to the priority outcomes will be shared with the Township Forum.

## **7.0 CONCLUSION**

- 7.1 This report outlines the progress made by the Township Forum towards delivering improved outcomes for local people.
- 7.2 The Township Plans is a useful vehicle for everyone who has an interest in improving their local area. It not only provides Township Forum members with a work programme of projects and actions to be delivered over the next year, but will also ensure that local people have a means of monitoring the progress and impact these make to the quality of life in the area.
- 7.2 The Township Plan forms part of a much wider agenda for improving local services and communities across Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor. It has the potential to influence the work of both the Council and its partners. The plan will focus on local priorities, with local councillors, partners and groups listening to local people. This is our aim as we continue to develop and refine the Township planning and Township Forum initiative.

## Appendix A

### Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor Township Plan - Priority Outcomes

Township Forum Area	Priority Outcomes	Project Examples
<b>Ramsbottom, Tottington and North Manor</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Improved Employment Opportunities</li>   <li>2. Improve Community Safety</li>   <li>3. Address Rural Issues</li>   <li>4. Promote Health and Wellbeing</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promotion of 'Backing Young Bury' locally</li> <li>• Pilot mentoring scheme with local businesses for 16-24 year olds to gain knowledge and advice on employment/training</li> <li>• Work with Groundwork to promote volunteering opportunities (through multi-agency approaches)</li> <li>• Work to promote accredited learning programme (as a pathway to work for young people)</li>   <li>• Discussions with Police to explore opportunities to set up regular partnership meetings (with police and other local partners)</li> <li>• Promotion of positive news stories</li> <li>• Support 'Be Safe Be Cool' initiative (raising awareness of anti-social behaviour amongst school aged children)</li> <li>• Streets of Community Spirit Project (work with Groundwork)</li>   <li>• Township Forum support of Bury Rural Inequalities Forum/residents to access BDUK funding (to address issues around limited Broadband access)</li>   <li>• Promote and support 'Mini-Olympics' initiative</li> <li>• Work with Groundwork to promote accredited Paediatric training courses</li> </ul>

	5. Promote Community Cohesion/Integration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Work with local Children’s Centre to support early intervention projects</li><li>• Explore opportunities to work with local schools</li><li>• Positive promotion of RTNM through Township Forum</li><li>• Work with Groundwork to promote Streets of Community Spirit initiative</li></ul>
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