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RAMSBOTTOM, TOTTINGTON AND NORTH MANOR TOWNSHIP FORUM

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To: All Members of Ramsbottom, Tottington and North Manor Township Forum

Councillors : I Bevan, S Carter, J Daly, L Fitzwalter, I Gartside, D Gunther, R Hodkinson, K Hussain and Y Wright

Advisory Group Representatives:

Gina Ball – Ramsbottom Business Group
Dr Falmai Binns – The Holcombe Society/BRIF
Keith Conley – Rotary Club of Ramsbottom
Emily Kay – Youth Cabinet
Rev Steve Openshaw – RETM/CTIR
Alistair Waddell – Greenmount Village Community Group
Peter Winsche - Summerseat Village Community Group

Dear Member/Colleague

Ramsbottom, Tottington and North Manor Township Forum

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Ramsbottom, Tottington and North Manor Township Forum which will be held as follows:-

Date:	Thursday, 27 March 2014
Place:	Christ Church, Great Eaves Road, Ramsbottom
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:	

The Agenda is attached.

Reports are enclosed only for those attending the meeting and for those without access to the Council's Intranet or Website.

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AGENDA

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of the 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 OF THE LAST MEETING *(Pages 1 - 6)*

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2014 are attached.

4 MATTERS ARISING

5 WELCOME TO COUNCILLOR HODKINSON

Following the by – election in Ramsbottom which was held on 6 March 2014, Councillor Robert Hodkinson was the successful candidate elected to represent Ramsbottom.

6 INTRODUCTION FROM INSPECTOR JASON EDDISON

Inspector Eddison will give a verbal update at the meeting.

7 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members of the public present are invited to ask questions or raise issues of concern relating to the provision of local services.

8 BURY'S JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The Director of Public Health will attend the Meeting to give a presentation.

9 HEALTHIER TOGETHER

Your Health, Your Care, Your Say. A presentation on transforming Health and Care Services will be given at the meeting.

10 URGENT BUSINESS

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

11 FUNDING REPORT *(Pages 7 - 10)*

The Funding Report is attached for information.

12 RAMSBOTTOM, TOTTINGTON AND NORTH MANOR TOWNSHIP PLAN *(Pages 11 - 34)*

The Ramsbottom, Tottington and North Manor Township Plan is attached for information.

Agenda Item 3

Minutes of: RAMSBOTTOM, TOTTINGTON AND NORTH MANOR
TOWNSHIP FORUM

Date of Meeting: 16 January 2014

Present: Councillor (in the Chair)
Councillors I Bevan, S Carter, J Daly, L Fitzwalter, I Gartside,
D Gunther, K Hussain and Y Wright.

Gina Ball – Ramsbottom Traders’ Association
Dr F Binns - The Holcombe Society/BRIF
K Conley - Rotary Club of Ramsbottom
Rev S Openshaw - Ramsbottom & Edenfield Team
Ministry/Churches together in Ramsbottom
A Waddell - Greenmount Village Community Group

Also in attendance: Scott Alker - Bury Carers Centre
Inspector Lorraine Crossman - Greater Manchester Police

Public Attendance: There were 5 members of the public were present at the meeting.

Apologies for Absence:Councillor J Columbine

RTNM.676 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

RTNM.677 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was agreed:

That the Minutes of the last Meeting of the Township Forum held on 14 November 2013 be approved as a correct record.

RTNM.678 MATTERS ARISING

It was agreed:

Councillor Bevan referred to Minute RTNM.520 - Matters Arising and explained that response he had received from Chief Superintendent Forber at Bury Division of GMP had been circulated at the meeting this evening.

Dave Thomas referred to RTNM.524 - Public Question Time and the question that had been raised by Mr Booth regarding the future of the Council's sponsorship of Bury Football Club.

Dave explained that he had raised this question with Council Officers and had been told that the sponsorship was currently in the final season and to date, no decision had been made on whether sponsorship would continue going forward.

RTNM.679 ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERSHIP

It was reported that since the last Township Forum Meeting in November 2013, there had been an application made to become a member of the Advisory Group from Reverend Steve Openshaw.

It was explained that the application form had been circulated to all councillors and the application had been approved.

Reverend Openshaw introduced himself to the forum and explained that he was representing Ramsbottom & Edenfield Team Ministry and Churches together in Ramsbottom.

It was agreed:

That Reverend Openshaw be welcomed as a member of the Township Forum Advisory Group.

RTNM.680 BURY CARERS CENTRE

Scott Alker from Bury Carers Centre attended the meeting to introduce the work of the Carers Centre to the Forum.

Scott explained that the centre worked with unpaid carers who were described as a family member, friend or neighbour who offered support to somebody that needed it. It could be a husband caring for a wife 24 hours a day or a neighbour who visits to help with getting up and bathing etc.

Many unpaid carers didn't identify with the fact that they were carers as they felt that was something that they would just do.

It was explained that there were currently an estimated 7 million unpaid carers in the UK saving the country an estimated £87 billion in caring costs.

In Bury, the 2011 census showed that there were just under 20 000 unpaid carers but of this figure just 2950 were registered with the Carers Centre.

The Carers Centre is a charity which is funded by Bury Council, the Clinical Commissioning Group and from regular fundraising and the purpose of the centre was to offer support to carers across the borough.

The centre provides activities, advice, support networks, training courses, help with benefit forms and legal advice, days away and more and carries out work both at the Centre in Bury Town Centre and in locations across the borough so that the work undertaken can be accessed easily. It was also explained that they had recently started providing support at Fairfield General Hospital so that carers who were visiting the people they cared for could be introduced to the Carers Centre.

Scott asked that all those present at the meeting took away a leaflet so that they could pass on the details of the Carers Centre to anybody who may benefit from it and also to promote the services as widely as possible. The Centre was looking for

any opportunity to raise its profile in order that as many people as possible were aware of the support and services provided.

Those present were given the opportunity to ask questions or make comments and the following points were raised:-

- Councillor Daly explained that he was the Chairman of the Bury Relief and Sickness Fund who provided donations to carers to assist them to take much needed breaks and stated that he should meet with Scott to discuss how they could work together in this area.
- A Member of the public present asked how people would find out about the Centre and the services it provides.

Scott explained that there were a number of ways that a person would be referred through Adult Care Services, other carers, other agencies, from leaflets in public places, website and word of mouth.

- Judith Kelly asked whether the cared for could access the service.

Scott explained that the Carers Centre role was to support carers but, there were a few events where carers could attend with the people they cared for such as coffee mornings.

- Councillor Fitzwalter asked whether the centre worked with other organisations such as cancer care.

Scott explained that the Carers Centre worked with as many other organisations as possible in order to promote their services to as many people as possible.

- Mr Conley from Rotary Club of Ramsbottom explained that they had started to provide excursions for carers and suggested that there was an opportunity to work alongside each other in promoting services.
- Councillor Wright referred to a specific case that she was aware of where a lady who cared for her husband had to pay an agency to look after him if she wanted to go out for the evening and this was proving expensive as it was around £14 per hour. Councillor Wright asked if the Centre would be able to provide any help with this.

Scott explained that there was funding available for this sort of service and suggested that the lady concerned contacted the centre as they would be able to help her to apply for the support.

- Councillor Carter referred to the support group that was held in Ramsbottom Library once a month and asked if something similar was carried out in Tottington.

Scott explained that a group had been held at Tottington Library but wasn't well attended. It would be revisited in the future.

It was agreed:

That Scott be thanked for his presentation.

RTNM.681 POLICE UPDATE

Inspector Lorraine Crossman attended the meeting to introduce herself to the Forum and to answer any questions that those present may have.

Lorraine explained that she had taken over from Inspector Williams and had been in post for a month. Prior to this position Lorraine had worked in other areas of Bury and also in Manchester City Centre and areas around there such as Gorton and Blackley.

Those present were given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments and the following points were raised:-

- Mr Booth, a resident from Ramsbottom explained that there had been ongoing issues with vandalism of local properties and anti social behaviour by some of the pupils at Summerseat Pupil Learning Centre. Mr Booth asked that the police carry out some work in this area.

Inspector Crossman explained that she would gather more information from Mr Booth on the incidents he was referring to and then decide how to move forward. There would be a number of options that could be considered and these would be reviewed.

Councillor Daly reported that he had visited the school with Councillor Hussain to discuss areas of concern. One of the issues discussed was the behaviour of some of the pupils when accessing and leaving the premises and the possibility of a teacher chaperoning them to and from the bus stop.

- Councillor Fitzwalter explained that she had attended the Ramsbottom Business Group meeting prior to the Township Forum and one of the areas of concern raised had been the question of who was policing Ramsbottom Centre.

Inspector Crossman explained that one of her first jobs once in post had been to review policing of all areas and make any changes that were required. A PCSO had been identified for the area and was due to commence working in Ramsbottom in mid February and beat officers would have a weekend presence in Ramsbottom at weekend evening through to 3am.

- Councillor Fitzwalter also referred to the lack of any PACT meetings for the previous 6 months and asked that this be rectified as soon as possible.
- Councillor Gunther explained that she had been informed that there was an issue with people dealing drugs from the Waterside car park in Summerseat and asked that this be investigated.

Inspector Crossman asked that any incidents such as these are reported to the local police and that she would take this information back with her.

- Dr Binns explained that there were ongoing issues in both Affetside and Holcombe Villages with speeding vehicles. There had been the promise of a speeding exercise being carried out by the police in both villages but this hadn't happened as yet. Dr Binns asked if this could be done soon.
- Mr Graham, a resident of Tottington explained that he had attended the meeting specifically to ask that the practice of vehicles parking on the double white lines on the bend of Chapel Street in Tottington is stopped. This was a danger to other road users and had been the cause of a number of accidents in the area. Most vehicles were parked by people visiting Carmelo's Restaurant, the church and keep fit classes. Mr Graham explained that he had had a number of conversations about the issue and suggestions had been made to extend the double yellow lines - this had exacerbated the problem. Mr Graham asked that he police took a harder stance with it and started to enforce.

Inspector Crossman explained that she would speak with the officers concerned to see if something more could be done.

It was agreed

1. That Inspector Crossman be welcomed to the area.
2. That Inspector Crossman be thanked for attending the Forum meeting.

RTNM.682 TOWNSHIP PLAN UPDATE

Dave Thomas, the Township Co-ordinator gave an update on the work that had been carried out and the achievements made since the round table event that had been undertaken by the Township Forum at its first meeting of the Municipal Year in June 2013.

The priorities that the plan had focussed on were set out and Dave explained what had been carried out within each of these.

There had been a number of apprentices taken on within the Council, two of which were from the Township Forum areas and there were due to be another cohort starting within the next few weeks, Interviews were due to be held within the next few weeks and Dave was aware that 6 of the applicants were from the Township areas.

The Bury North Partnership Action Group had been launched alongside the Council and the Police as well as other organisations. This had now been established for 6 months and had been very successful to date.

The Be Safe, Be Cool campaign that visited schools to talk about the impact of anti social behaviour was due to start visiting schools again soon due to the success of the previous campaign.

A mapping exercise was in the process of being produced by the community learning partnership to identify learning needs across the townships.

Dave explained that he would be setting up some task and finish groups in the near future to expand on the work already undertaken and he would be in touch with the advisory group members about this.

It was agreed:-

That Dave be thanked for his update

RTNM.683 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- Dr Binns explained that Holcombe Village had requested installation of a mirror at the top of The Rake in the Village. Highways had been to inspect the area but had explained that it would need to be installed on private land and they would not be able to fund this. Dr Binns asked if Holcombe Society could apply for funding.

Dave stated that he would take this request back to the relevant officer.

- Outside of the meeting, a member of the public asked that the double yellow lines on School Lane in Walmersley be reinstated as they had worn away and the vehicles parking on the lane were causing difficulties to local residents and issues with traffic entering the lane from the main road.

RTNM.684 CORE STRATEGY

Councillor Bevan referred to the Core Strategy that had recently been produced and consulted on. There was a public meeting due to be with the Planning Inspectorate on 25 February in the Elizabethan Suite at Bury Town Hall. Councillor Bevan asked that if anybody was interested in attending this meeting he would be able to provide them with the details.

(**Note:** This item which did not appear on the agenda was allowed by the Chair to be considered as a matter of urgency in order to make people aware of the public meeting with the Planning Inspectorate at the earliest opportunity)

**COUNCILLOR
Chair**

(Note: The meeting started at 7.00pm and ended at 8.20pm)

Title:	Community Funding Report
To:	Ramsbottom, Tottington and North Manor Township Forum
Date:	27 th March 2014
Contact Officer	Liz Saunders Bury Council Programme Support Officer 0161 253 6357 e.saunders@bury.gov.uk

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 2013/14

North Manor

<i>Group</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Allocated</i>
Tottington Holiday Playscheme	To continue the holiday playscheme	£ 250.00
Greenmount Village Comm	Improve War Memorial ,erect flower baskets	£ 250.00
Ramsbottom Business Grp	Marquee & power	£ 250.00
Hawkshaw Methodist	Hire of hall and talkers	£ 250.00
Sumerseat Village Community	Gardening equipment	£ 250.00
Fund Remaining		£ 16.67

Ramsbottom

<i>Group</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Allocated</i>
Greenmount Village Comm	Improve War Memorial, erect flower baskets	£ 250.00
Old Hall PTA	New equipment/games	£ 325.00
Ramsbottom Business Grp	Marquee & power	£ 250.00
Fund Remaining		£ 441.67

Tottington

<i>Group</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Allocated</i>
Tottington Holiday Playscheme	To continue the holiday playscheme	£ 250.00
Affetside Choir	To buy a keyboard case	£ 250.00
Friends of St Johns Tottington	Asbestos testing	£ 250.00
Tottington Park Bowling	extend existing shelter	£ 250.00
Ramsbottom Business Grp	Marquee & Power	£ 250.00
Fund Remaining		£ 16.67

3.0 Cross Ward Funding 2013/14

<i>Group</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Allocated</i>
Eden Garden Allotment Association	To purchase a garden shed for the allotment	£ 750.00
Prestwich Carnival	To organise the carnival	£ 750.00
Bury Society for Deaf	To purchase a baby changing unit	£ 750.00
Girlguiding Whitefield and Radcliffe	To purchase a projector	£ 750.00
Redeeming Our Communities	To purchase refreshments for a course	£ 750.00
Radcliffe Traders	To organise the Radcliffe Dance off	£ 750.00
Iranian Education and Culture Group	To pay for room hire	£ 750.00
The Mosses Thursday Group	To pay for room hire	£ 750.00
Whitefield Business Group	cost towards Halloween festival	£ 750.00
Rotary Club of Ramsbottom	fund a laptop and printer	£ 750.00
Events by us	3 Day charity event at Burrs	£ 750.00
Prestwich Clough Centenary Group	Bands for Prestwich Clough	£ 750.00
Prestwich Clough Centenary Group	Marquee for Prestwich Clough	£ 750.00
Prestwich British Legion	To revamp one of the community rooms	£ 750.00
Unsworth Football club	Football Goal posts	£ 750.00
Whitehead Park Community Café	To update the Whitehead Park Pavilion	£ 750.00
25th Prestwich and Whitefield Scouts	To upgrade building security	£ 750.00
Bury Fair Trade	Bury Fair Trade Fortnight	£ 250.00
Fund Remaining		£ 0.00

4.0 Small Grants Panel 2013/14

Bury Council has an annual allocation of £84,100 plus any residual funding from the previous years Community Fund (for 2012/13 £4,646.41) 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.

Application forms for the new round of funding in May are available from Liz Saunders 0161 253 6357 or e.saunders@bury.gov.uk

Small Grants Fund

Applicant		Requested	Decision
Tottington Holiday Club	To run a holiday play scheme	£ 3,000.00	£ 1,000
Chesham Fold	Running costs for the TRA	£ 5,563.52	£ -
Openshaw Park Green	For double glazing on the Pavilion	£ 4,200.00	£ 1,400
The Attic	To run 2 work programmes in The Attic	£ 9,000.00	£ -
Deaf Society	To provide a disabled toilet	£ 12,000.00	£ 4,000
Relate	To provide a bursary to subsidise those using the service	£ 12,000.00	£ 6,000
Eagles Wing	Core funding for Solidarity	£ 12,000.00	£ 6,000
Inspire 1	Midsummer Sing 2013	£ 6,075.00	£ -
Inspire 2	To fund the first year of the new Community Choir	£ 2,297.95	£ 1,800
Evolve	To fund an eco stage at the Ramsbottom Festival	£ 12,000.00	£ -
Project 29	To provide basic level training on film making	£ 12,000.00	£ -
Culture Well	To offer creative activities for health and wellbeing	£ 3,355.00	£ -
Topping Fold TRA	To organise various community trips	£ 7,604.80	£ 2,500
ADAB	To run an employment and training course	£ 11,874.48	£ 4,000
Prestwich and Whitefield Heritage	To fund the heritage museum in Prestwich library	£ 3,500.00	£ 1,000
Radcliffe Traders Group	To organise Radcliffe Dance Off	£ 1,816.90	£ 900
Rotary Club of Radcliffe	Organise the over 70's Christmas party	£ 2,000.00	£ 2,000.00
B-Muzik	Holiday teenage project to reduce ASB	£ 11,857.00	£ 5,928.50
Whitefield Business Group	Whitefield Halloween Festival	£ 10,000.00	£ -

Higher Road Allotment	Install drainage and remove trees	£ 11,500.00	£ 4,185.50
Chesham Road Community Centre	Running costs for the Centre	£ 3,000.00	£ 3,000.00
Super Mum Project	Office rental and miscellaneous items	£ 11,947.00	£ -
Diabetic Support Group	Run information sessions	£ 6,000.00	£ 3,000.00
Victoria TRA	Mortgage payments	£ 10,000.00	£ -
Outwood TRA	General equipment and insurance for the youth club	£ 3,519.00	£ 3,519.00
Chapelfield Grow Your Own	Expand the Grow Your Own initiative	£ 4,335.00	£ 4,335.00
Community Café for Bury	Restoration of Whitehead Park Pavilion	£ 12,000.00	£ -
Healthier Communities Project	Health education and promotion activities	£ 12,000.00	£ -
Local In Prestwich	Ongoing LIP promotion	£ 12,000.00	£ -
Well Arty	Website design and BIG Social event	£ 4,032.00	£ 4,032.00
Withins Community Association	To improve and maintain Withins Brook	£ 3,500.00	£ -
Summerseat Village Community	To improve and maintain Summerseat Island	£ 12,000.00	£ -
Hunters Hill TRA	To help fund a play area	£ 12,000	£ 3,354.00
Victoria TRA	Running costs	£ 8,170	£ 3,354.00
Hard of Hearing Support Group	To fund weekly meetings for hard of hearing	£ 1,298	£ 1,298.00
Radcliffe Town FC	To compete improvements to the club house	£ 1,000	£ 1,000.00
Solidarity	To continue monthly activities and social events	£ 12,000	£ 3,354.00
Azamran Youth Club	Easter and summer play schemes	£ 9,538	£ 4,769.00
Jitahidi	To develop the group with meetings and events	£ 8,103	£ 3,354.00
Five Stars Appeal	Pilot project to offer skills training to volunteers	£ 6,000	£ -
Ramsbottom Business Group	To help fund Ramsbottom Chocolate Festival	£ 7,300	£ 3,563.00
Summerseat Village Community	To improve Summerseat Island	£ 12,000	£ 6,000.00
		Total	£ 88,646.00

Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor Township Forum

**Our Township Plan:
2012-15**

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Welcome to Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor Local

Thank you for taking the time to read the Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor 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 months, we have had 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 the next three years.

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 objectives that underpin its work; delivery of this plan will support these objectives.

- 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 Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor.

Cllr Ian Bevan
Chair,
Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor
Township Forum

Who we are and what we do

Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor Township Forum welcomes those who live, work, or have an interest in the area. The forum meets at local venues such as community centre's, churches 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.

Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor 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 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 Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor, 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 061 253 7455, or by email at d.thomas@bury.gov.uk

Some facts about Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor

Demography: Bury has a population of 185,100. Of these, approximately 31,362 live in Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor. Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor has an older population profile than Bury overall, with fewer 20-35 year olds. Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor has the 2nd highest life expectancy for women (82.7 years) of all the Bury Townships and the highest life expectancy for men at 81.1 years.

Deprivation: In terms of measuring deprivation, England is split into small areas called lower 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 LSOA's. In the borough of Bury there are 120 LSOA's. Each LSOA is given a ranking, with 1 being most deprived.

Buttleworth is the most deprived LSOA in Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor, it is within the 35% most deprived in the country overall. Holcombe Road/Greenmount LSOA is in the 1% least deprived in the country, which demonstrates the polarity that exists within the Township.

Closing the gap: Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor is generally seen as an affluent area. Despite this perception there are pockets of deprivation which adversely affect the life chances of many people who live in these parts of the township. These inequalities between our neighbourhoods mean poorer health, lower levels of education and skills, higher crime and unemployment for people living in these areas. This area plan aims to close the gap so that the lives of those in the most deprived areas are improved.

Our Assets: Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor is a popular place to live, it has some beautiful parks and green spaces such as Holcombe Moor, with active and enthusiastic friends groups to ensure that these spaces are well maintained. There are active Tenants and Residents Associations that are well represented on the Township Forum.

Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor 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:

Together we can achieve more!

Key Outcomes:

Our Plan will contribute to the following outcomes:

Improved Employment Opportunities

Key Issues identified: Increasing trend in number of benefit claimants. Particular issues exist around young people struggling to find employment. There is a need to develop more apprenticeships and pathways to work.

Improved Community Safety

Key Issues identified: Increased levels of Youth Nuisance & Anti Social Behaviour (ASB).

Current Position: Youth Anti Social Behaviour is an ongoing issue in Town Centres

Rural & Outlying Areas

Key Issues identified: Bury Rural Inequalities Forum have identified a key issue around limited Broadband access within outlying areas/Villages. Greater Manchester has been allocated £990,000 intervention funding for designated areas (basic broadband below 2mbps).

Current Position: A high number of residents within Affetside have no high speed broadband access. Many residents still have limited transport links available to central Bury

Improved Health & Wellbeing

Key Issues identified: Work across the Children's Centre broad agenda to support children and families

Current Position: Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor wards have a mixed picture when compared to the Bury average for child obesity. Tottington Ward has the 9th highest rate of Reception Year obesity (9%) and North Manor has the 3rd highest level of obesity in Reception Year at 11%.

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Educational Attainment/Learning

New 2013/14

Improved Community Cohesion & Integration

Key Issues identified: A need for promotion of integration & Cohesion within our communities. The need to encourage involvement from faith groups in the Township Forum/Advisory Group

Current Position: The Bury Council Community Cohesion plan for 2013-16 has now been published. We have very limited representation in the Township Forum from the different faith groups in Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor.

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 Area 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	<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 • Council departments • Primary Care Trust/ Health Authority

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.

**Ramsbottom, Tottington &
North Manor
Our Action Plan
2013-14**

Outcome: Improved Employment Opportunities

Key Issues identified: Increasing trend in number of benefit claimants. Particular issues exist around young people struggling to find employment. The need to develop more apprenticeships and pathways to work.

Current Position: In November 2012 there were 415 claimants in Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor which is 8.8% of the total claimants in Bury. 32.1% of total JSA claimants in Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor are aged 16 – 24

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?
An increase in number of apprenticeships for Young People In Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor	Develop links between local businesses and the "Backing Young Bury" Scheme	Economic, employment & Skills Lead Bury Employment & Skills Task Group With Support From: Township Co-ordinator Ramsbottom Business Group	Eagle & Child employment training scheme so far seen 24 young people complete 6 week work placements	Ongoing 2013/14

	Township Forum Advisory Group to promote the scheme to their respective groups and put forward details of young people interested in the scheme	Township Co-ordinator With Support From: Economic, employment & Skills Lead Bury Employment & Skills Task Group Ramsbottom Business Group	The Backing Young Bury scheme was the focus of RTNM Township Forum 30 th May 2012 and Advisory Group members agreed to promote opportunities at their respective groups	Ongoing 2013/14
Assist those young people who face barriers to entering into employment through Connecting Provisions Initiative	<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 interviews to take place 20th & 21st August 2013</p> <p>RTNM Township Coordinator part of interview panel</p> <p>3 RTNM based young people completed 6 week placements with Bury Council</p> <p>All secured 6 month paid placements within Bury Council starting October 2013</p>	<p>September/October 2013</p> <p>August 2013</p> <p>September 2013</p> <p>October 2013</p>
Increased number of Volunteering Opportunities	Multi Agency Approach to increase the number and of volunteering opportunities	<p>Groundwork</p> <p>With Support From:</p> <p>Township Forum</p>	40 volunteering opportunities to be developed over the next 12 months.	March 2014

		SAPAS	Final numbers for RTNM to be agreed with Groundwork.	
Get young people work ready	Recruit young people Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) to attend Prince's Trust programmes in RTNM area	Groundwork With Support From: Township Coordinator	Funding secured through Hopwood Hall college 90 young people attending accredited learning programme as a pathway to work in 2013 – Number for RTNM to be confirmed with Groundwork Township Coordinator to promote details of the scheme to RTNM Contacts	July 2012 September 2012 Ongoing 2013

Outcome: Improved Community Safety

Key Issues identified: Increased levels of Youth Nuisance & Anti Social Behaviour (ASB).

Current Position: Youth Anti Social Behaviour is an ongoing issue in Town Centres

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 Partnership response to community safety issues	Develop a multi-agency partnership group to address community safety issues	GMP Anti-Social Behaviour Coordinator With Support From: Township Coordinator	Bury North Partnership Tasking Group to be established Next meeting scheduled and agenda items being collected	August 2013 December 2013
	Identify and quickly deal with potential offenders.	GMP Anti-Social Behaviour Coordinator With Support From: Township Coordinator	Partners to deliver on actions for next meeting List of offenders to be reviewed at next NPAG meeting	December 2013 December 2013
	Multi Agency Partnership to identify young people who are at risk of offending	GMP With Support From: Township Forum Various Partners	Partners to forward details of vulnerable young people for next meeting	Ongoing 2013/14

	Produce regular reports on progress/results for Township Forum	GMP With Support From: Township Coordinator	Evidence report and stats to be produced for Township Forum members	Ongoing 2013/14
Raise awareness of ASB amongst school aged children (13-16)	Be Safe Be Cool Initiative	Police With Support From: School & Partner Agencies Community Safety Team	Successfully implemented in various schools within RTNM	October 2013
Build capacity within RTNM communities to tackle local crime issues	Streets of Community Spirit (SOCS) team working with targeted neighbourhoods to set up Neighbourhood Homewatch or similar schemes	Groundwork With Support From: Township Forum	Project is currently operating in Fir Street and surrounding streets	Ongoing 2013/14

Outcome: Improved Educational Attainment/Learning (New 2013)

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

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

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 learning opportunities for Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Minor Residents Page 25	Improve information sharing between local community and central organisations re learning needs locally Map current provision Deliver more learning opportunities in the community to make learning more accessible Community Learning Partnership representative to take RTNM issues to meetings Identify gaps in learning opportunities	Adult Learning With Support From: Township Co-ordinator Township Forum members	A range of learning opportunities developed that respond to local needs and reflect the views of local people Increase in number of learning venues in communities Increase participation in adult learning locally	April 2014 April 2014

	Offer taster courses Identify suitable venues for adult learning facilities			
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Outcome: Rural Issues & Outlying Areas

Key Issues identified: Bury Rural Inequalities Forum have identified a key issue around limited Broadband access within outlying areas/Villages. Greater Manchester has been allocated £990,000 intervention funding for designated areas (basic broadband below 2mbps).

Current Position: A high number of residents within Affetside have no high speed broadband access.

Many residents still have limited transport links available to central Bury

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?
Limited access to High Speed Broadband (HSBB) amongst rural villages	Support the residents of Affetside to access BDUK funding	Bury Rural Inequalities Forum With Support From: Economic, employment & Skills Lead Bury Employment & Skills Task Group	Draft letter to ascertain if the GM procurement process will only intervene where residents access speeds below 2mbps	September 2012
Identify which funding streams BRIF will access for the Affetside project	Clarify the criteria for the BDUK funding process	Bury Rural Inequalities Forum With Support From: Township Coordinator Economic,	Discussions to take place at the next BRIF meeting to decide next steps regarding funding	September 2012

		employment & Skills Lead		
Review Future Focus of Bury Rural Inequalities Forum	Identify new ambitions for 2013/14	BRIF Members With Support From: Township Coordinator	Township Coordinator to attend September meeting	Ongoing 2013/14
Improve and expand public transport systems	Work with 'The Local Link' to look at potential new routes throughout outlying areas & Villages	Bury Rural Inequalities Forum With Support From: Transport for Greater Manchester Township Forum	Current issues have been raised around fare confusion to Transport for Greater Manchester. TFGM representative has addressed this issue by visiting the HQ and instructing carefully; including making sure there is a notice of single/return fares posted in their office.	August 2012

Outcome: Improved Health and Wellbeing

Key Issues identified: Work across the Children’s Centre broad agenda to support Children and Families

Current Position: Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor wards have a mixed picture when compared to the Bury average for child obesity. Tottington Ward has the 9th highest rate of Reception Year obesity (9%)

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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?
Lack of Physical exercise among young children to be addressed through schools	A new initiative to encourage young residents to take up regular exercise – Mini-Olympics initiative	Groundwork With Support From: Township Forum	Event to take place at Fern St Park in Ramsbottom, which includes activities and games for local families	July 2012 Completed
Up-skill families and help build confidence regarding health/medical emergencies within their community	Working directly with community groups and individuals to deliver accredited Paediatric training courses	Groundwork (Streets of Community Spirit team) With Support From: Township Forum	Programme accredited and on offer 2 People from RTNM have undertaken training Target of 5 more residents to be trained up	Ongoing 2013/14 March 2014

	New offering of non-accredited First Aid sessions to years 5/6 in local schools	Groundwork (Streets of Community Spirit team) With Support From: Township Forum	Complete delivery to Years 5/6 at Peel Brow School (Fir Street)	July 2012 Ongoing 2012/13
A growth in participation of 14-25 year olds and across adult population	Deliver activities which engage with RTNM communities and attract more people into regular physical activity	Sports and Physical Activity Service (SAPAS) With Support From: Township Co-ordinator Township Forum	Applications submitted for Sportivate funding Community Sports Activation Funding (CSAF) external funding Women and girls Activities	June 2014
Reduce fuel poverty and its affects in RTNM	Promote "ECO Toasty 2013" to enable RTNM 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 RTNM Township Forum	Results at end of financial year will identify number of measures and savings	April 2014
Early Intervention and Support for Children and Families	Various Services to be delivered through Children's Centre	Children's Centre Leads With Support From: Township Forum	To be agreed with Childrens Centre Managers	Ongoing 2013

Outcome: Improved Community Cohesion & Integration

Key Issues identified: A need for promotion of integration & Cohesion within our communities. The need to encourage involvement from faith groups in the Township Forum/Advisory Group

Current Position: The Bury Council Community Cohesion plan is currently being reviewed and updated. We have very limited representation in the Township Forum from the different faith groups in Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor

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?
Improved understanding between partner agencies and local faith groups	Potential project involving mentoring between young people and GMP/Bury Council Officers	GMP With Support From: Township Coordinator Community Cohesion Officer	Meeting between Township Coordinator and GMP representative scheduled for 29/10/13	January 2014
Improved attendance and involvement from community in Township Forum	Formal invitations to be developed to invite 3 rd sector organizations & faith groups to forum	Township Coordinator With Support From: Community Cohesion	Meeting took place with Rev Steve Openshaw	September 2013

		Officer		
Promote pride and belonging within RTNM and encourage community to help shape the RTNM area	Develop a series of thematic groups to manage delivery of priorities within T.A.P	Township Coordinator	Initial contact has been made with partners organisations and key Advisory Group members regarding their involvement	September 2012
			Next steps and groups to be established	October 2013
	Support development of new constituted community groups in RTNM	Township Coordinator With Support From: B3SDA	Summerseat Residents group established	Ongoing
Foster cohesion within targeted hotspots	Streets of Community Spirit team working with targeted neighbourhoods/streets to set up community groups and joint interest groups	Groundwork With Support From: Township Forum	Mini-Olympic events taking place throughout July & August to bring community together	July/August 2012
			Activity to be introduced around Homewatch initiative to engage residents in establishing their own groups.	October 2012

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