

AGENDA FOR

**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 Columbine, J Daly,
L Fitzwalter, I Gartside, D Gunther, K Hussain and
Y Wright

Advisory Group Representatives: Gina Ball (Ramsbottom
Business Group), Dr Falmai Binns (The Holcombe
Society/BRIF), Emily Kay (Bury Youth Cabinet), Peter Winsche
(Summerseat Village Community), Alistair Waddell
(Greenmount 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, 14 November 2013
Place:	Tottington Methodist Church, Market Street, Tottington
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.

The Agenda and Reports are available on the Council's Intranet for Councillors and Officers and also on the Council's Website at www.bury.gov.uk – Agendas, Minutes and Forward Plan.

Copies of printed reports can also be obtained on request by contacting Democratic Services on 0161 253 5133.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Mike Kelly
Chief Executive

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 PREVIOUS MEETING *(Pages 1 - 8)*

4 MATTERS ARISING *(Pages 9 - 12)*

The letters referred to from The Township Forum are attached for information

5 PLAN FOR CHANGE 3

A presentation will be given at the Meeting.

6 FOSTERING - BURY HOMES FOR BURY CHILDREN

Officers from the Fostering Team will be present to give a short introduction and answer questions.

7 I WILL IF YOU WILL

The Community Activator will give a short presentation on the 'I will if you will' programme.

8 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.

9 TOWNSHIP PLAN - FOR INFORMATION *(Pages 13 - 36)*

10 TOWNSHIP FUNDING REPORT - FOR INFORMATION *(Pages 37 - 40)*

11 URGENT BUSINESS

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

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Agenda Item 3

- Minutes of:** RAMSBOTTOM, TOTTINGTON AND NORTH MANOR
TOWNSHIP FORUM
- Date of Meeting:** 12 September 2013
- Present:** Councillor I Bevan (in the Chair)
Councillors J Columbine, J Daly, L Fitzwalter, I Gartside and
D Gunther
- Advisory Group
Representatives:** Gina Ball – Ramsbottom Business Group
Dr Falmai Binns – BRIF/The Holcombe Society
Alistair Waddell – Greenmount Village Community Group
- Public Attendance:** There were 15 Members of the public in attendance.
- Apologies for Absence:** Councillor S Carter and Councillor Y Wright
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RTNM.356 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

RTNM.357 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was agreed:

That subject to the following amendments and additions the minutes of the last Meeting of the Township Forum held on 11 July 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair:-

- Dr Falmai Binns was in attendance at the meeting as a representative of Holcombe Village not Hawkshaw as stated
- Alistair Waddell's apologies were submitted
- Minute Number RTNM.204 - Conservation Areas

Dr Binns referred to the Conservation Appraisal for Holcombe Village and changes that were being made in the Village lessening the character. Dr Binns asked that a letter be sent to residents to remind them of their responsibilities.

David Marno stated that he thought a letter had been sent to residents but those present at the meeting were unaware of this.

A question was raised in relation to the pinch-point in Holcombe village and the reason for its installation and there was some debate around this.

RTNM.358 MATTERS ARISING

Further to the approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting, Councillor Bevan asked for any matters arising from those minutes:-

- (i) Councillor Fitzwalter reported that the Ramsbottom Credit Union had been launched and could be accessed in Ramsbottom Library every Monday from 10.30am - 1.30pm with a £5 joining fee.
- (ii) Further to Minute RTNM.202, "Matters Arising (ii)", Dave Thomas updated those present on the issue of the Vintage Markets at Ramsbottom Civic Hall and issues relating to the Market Charter:-

A meeting had been held with relevant officers and Councillors Lewis, Smith, Isherwood and Columbine on 26 June 2013 to discuss the expansion of market events and the refusal of Manchester Vintage's request to hold monthly markets in Ramsbottom.

The issues involved were discussed in detail and it was resolved that:

1. For a trial period, Markets would licence one further commercial market to one operator, or in one location, per annum, making a total of two.
2. Officers within DCN would draft objective criteria over what constitutes a Council Supported Market Event. These are events that can potentially be held at a greater frequency than the limit described above.

Initial draft criteria has now been produced, although all involved accept that further work needs to be done to make the criteria far more objective. It is anticipated that a second draft will be produced by the end of the week commencing September 2013.

Once a final draft has been produced and agreed with the Council Solicitor it will be submitted to the three Cabinet Members having an involvement in this issue for approval. It is suggested that the meeting with the Ramsbottom Business Group should happen as soon as the criteria described above has been agreed with Elected Members.

It was agreed:

That the Township Forum would receive updates on the markets issue when appropriate.

RTNM.359 DRAFT LOCAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Fran Smith, Planning Officer attended the meeting to report on the current consultation that was being carried out on Bury's Flood Risk Management Strategy.

The Local Flood Risk Management Strategy had been produced in response to new duties placed on the council under the Flood and Water Management Act - 2010. It focuses on local flood risk from surface water, groundwater and ordinary watercourses, but also considers flooding from rivers. It identifies the responsibilities for flooding within the borough and seeks to encourage a range of organisations to work together to improve the management of flood risk.

The Local Strategy will form the framework within which communities can have a greater say in local flood risk management decisions, and enable land owners, communities, business and the public sector to work together.

It was explained that the Council had been able to develop an understanding of the flood risk in the borough through modelling, past records and officer knowledge, but, there was always more information needed about areas in local neighbourhoods which may have experienced flooding or where actions have been taken which have had an impact on flood risk.

The Council were also looking for views on the proposed plans for managing and alleviating flood risk. The plans were still at an early stage and the Strategy would only be able to give an outline of potential schemes for managing flood risk in the future. Fran explained that the Council were very keen to hear of any issues which will need to be considered when the detail for these schemes is developed.

It was explained that public consultation on the strategy runs until Monday 14 October 2013 and can be accessed online or at the Planning Offices at Knowsley Place in Bury.

Comments from the Township Forum will be included also.

In response to questions invited from those present the following issues were raised:-

- Dr Binns referred to flooding incidents in Holcombe Village at Moor Road and explained that some works had been carried out but asked that the site still be included as there may still be issues there that the authority needed to be aware of.
- Councillor Gunther explained that there were a number of different hotspots around all three wards and some of those were exacerbated when the gullies weren't cleaned. Councillor Gunther asked whether gully cleaning should be included within the strategy.
- Fran explained that this was already included and the current regime would be looked into to evaluate whether changes were required.
- Alistair Waddell asked whether residents were able to clear grids themselves.

Fran explained that all suggestions were welcomed.

It was agreed:

That Fran be thanked for her attendance at the meeting.

(Please note - Councillor Columbine left the Meeting after this agenda item and did not return).

RTNM.360 POLICE UPDATE

Inspector Bryn Williams attended the meeting to report on the work being carried out by the Police across Ramsbottom, Tottington and North Manor and to update those present on statistics relating to crime across these areas from 1 April 2013 to 31 August 2013.

It was explained that the numbers of crimes reported had reduced across the wards in all categories except 'burglary other'. Bryn explained that this category included thefts from sheds and commercial properties and it was due to a rise in thefts from sheds that this figure had increased. There had been 52 incidents reported, 24 in Tottington, 17 in North Manor and 11 in Ramsbottom with the majority of these being thefts of pedal bikes from sheds.

It was also reported that there had been an increase of reporting of anti social behaviour and this had been seen across all areas of the borough and further afield. Inspector Williams explained that there were a number of reasons that should be considered including the fact that the summer had been dry and hot and more people were spending time out doors. There was also the change to policing across the borough which had seen a reduction of police presence in some areas. The issue of youth unemployment should also be considered.

Inspector Williams reported that there had been some changes to staffing across the wards and two of the officers had recently been trained in speed enforcement which they would be putting to good use in the near future.

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

- Councillor Gartside asked whether there was still an issue with bicycle thefts in the area.

It was explained that there had been a spate of this type of crime and the police had arrested somebody in connection with the thefts which had seen a decrease in incidents. It was explained that the security of sheds should be considered when storing expensive bicycles in them and that alternative storage may be considered.

- Councillor Gartside also reported that there had been some incidences of vehicles speeding on Turton Road and asked that this be looked into.
- Mr Booth asked how well the Police and the Council's security services communicated as there had been some incidents in Summerseat and it seemed like neither were aware that the other had been involved.

Inspector Williams reported that the police had a good relationship with the Council's security services to the point where the police sometimes went out with the security teams to incidents.

- Mr Booth also asked how many of Bury's Police Officers were sent to work in the City to help out there.

Inspector Williams reported that he did not know of this happening in the recent past. The main concern that he had was with the police presence being moved from the villages into the town centre.

- Councillor Fitzwalter asked that the Township Forum inform the Chief Superintendent of Bury and the Police Commissioner of Greater Manchester that they are concerned that police officers are being taken away from villages and rural areas and moved into the town centre.
- Dr Binns asked that the newly trained officers dealing with speed issues visit Holcombe Village as it was more of an issue now that the hedgerows had been cut back.
- Councillor Bevan referred to the fact the Ramsbottom Music Festival would be taking place during the coming weekend and asked what preparations the police had made with regard to this.

Inspector Williams reported that the number of police that would be at the festival had reduced from previous years but it was felt that there would still be enough of a presence at the event.

It was agreed:

1. That the Township Forum ask that its concerns relating to the policing of villages and rural areas be noted and forwarded to the Chief Inspector of Bury and the Police Commissioner for Greater Manchester.
2. That Inspector Williams be thanked for his attendance at the meeting.

RTNM.361 TOWNSHIP PLAN - UPDATE

David Thomas, Township Forum Manager, gave a presentation on the updated Township Plan. The following key priorities had been identified and were included within the plan:-

- Improved Employment Opportunities
- Improved Community Safety
- Improved Educational Attainment/Learning
- Rural Issues / Promoting Outlying Areas
- Improved Health and Wellbeing
- Improved Community Cohesion and Integration

The action Plan had been updated to incorporate the new priorities and inform on the work that had been carried to date. Dave gave information in relation to how the work would be undertaken and who would be involved.

It was agreed:

That the updated plan be agreed.

RTNM.362 OPEN FORUM

- Mrs Golby from Shuttleworth referred to the recent planning application that had been submitted by Peel Holdings to build an anaerobic digester at Fletcher Bank Quarry and explained that objections to the application could be submitted to the Council's Planning Department up until the 11 October 2013.
- Mags Wilcock asked what Councillors were doing to ensure that people were made aware of the application to allow them the opportunity to object.

It was explained that Councillor Bevan had delivered a number of leaflets to local residents, as had Councillor Daly. Councillor Bevan also updated information via social media and his website and was in contact with the Bury Times about the issue. Councillors Gartside and Fitzwalter were working along side the website Ramsbottom Against Waste who had submitted a petition of signatures objecting to the application.

Councillor Fitzwalter explained that the Council would not be in a position to set up or support pressure groups and had to deal with the application as they would any other but local Councillors and residents could become involved. It was also noted that the two Councillors from the forum who were also on the Planning Committee were absent from the discussion of this subject.

- Mr Peter Cooper a local resident explained that he was in the process of recruiting volunteers to help establish a young people's project in the town. A meeting had been organised for 24 September at 7.30pm at the Ramsbottom British Legion and all those present were welcome to attend.

RTNM.363 AMENDMENT TO BURY'S CORE STRATEGY

Councillor Gartside explained that the Core Strategy for Bury had been approved by Council; however, the Secretary of State had reported that comments would still be accepted up until the end of the day on 13 September 2103.

Councillor Garside referred to 3) page 168 of the Strategy and asked that the Forum support an amendment to this wording as follows:-

delete:-

"Along the western boundary, north eastern boundary and north of the Irwell Valley along the M60 corridor - where there are opportunities to harness wind energy";

Replace with:-

"Suitable areas in the borough where there are opportunities to harness wind energy whilst avoiding undue harm to the natural environment or amenity of residents. Such opportunities should also be consistent with all other local and national planning policies and in line with Government guidance whilst taking into consideration the wishes of the local community. Additionally, all key stakeholders will be involved in the creation of a "wind Turbine" policy for Bury setting out acceptable separation distances of wind turbines from residential properties based upon the size of the wind turbine".

Following a public show of hands, all public present except one agreed.

A vote of Members present (Councillors I Bevan (Chair); J Daly, L Fitzwalter, I Gartside, D Gunther and K Hussain) was requested and this was agreed unanimously.

It was agreed:

That the suggested amendment as set out above be approved by the Township Forum and referred to the Secretary of State

COUNCILLOR I BEVAN
Chair

(Note: The meeting started at 7.00 pm and ended at 8.40 pm)

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IAN BEVAN

Councillor for Ramsbottom

438 Whalley Road, Ramsbottom, Bury, BLO OEG
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To: Chief Superintendent Tim Forber, Bury Division

Dear Ch Supt Forber

Re: Policing in Bury North Division

I write as Chairman of the Ramsbottom, Tottington and North Manor Township Forum. As you know, the Township Forum is a committee of Bury Council that comprises elected Councillors, local residents, business groups, tenants and residents associations and various representatives of the voluntary sector.

At our September meeting, we welcomed Inspector Bryn Williams to discuss, update and answer questions from local residents on policing in our area and the recent re-structure of the Bury North division of GMP.

The concerns raised included the reduction of neighbourhood beat officers and PCSO's. In Ramsbottom, the number of officers has reduced to just one beat officer and a part-time PCSO. In North Manor Ward there is now no neighbourhood beat officer. Tottington also now has just one neighbourhood constable. However, our township area covers some 35,000 people.

A further concern was the removal of officers from the township at weekends, to assist in Bury Town centre, leaving us without officers on patrol. You will be aware of recent reported incidents of violent crime in Ramsbottom Town Centre, and it's impact on the confidence of residents to come to the town centre in the evening. Ramsbottom in particular is endeavouring to be a premier tourist destination, and the lack of officers to police the area at night is becoming most troublesome. Insp Williams also confirms that we are seeing an increase in anti-social behaviour.

Residents, traders and Councillors were also most concerned regarding the future of Ramsbottom Police Station amidst rumours that it is to be sold off—giving the Police no base in our township.

I have raised these issues with the Police and Crime Commissioner but look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible as to what action you intend to take, so that I can report back to our Township Forum at its next meeting. Certainly, I would be happy to cordially invite you to one of our future meetings if your calendar allows.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Bevan

Councillor for Ramsbottom Ward, Bury MBC
Chair—Ramsbottom, Tottington and North Manor Township Forum

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To: Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Greater Manchester

Dear Mr Lloyd

Re: Policing in Bury North Division

I write further to your recent attendance at the full meeting of Bury Council on 7 July 2013 where I asked if you could reassure residents of Ramsbottom regarding policing in Ramsbottom and the future of Ramsbottom Police Station. You kindly offered to furnish me with some further information but unfortunately, to date, I have not received a response.

Furthermore, at the recent meeting of the Ramsbottom, Tottington and North Manor Township Forum, we welcomed Inspector Bryn Williams (Bury North) to discuss, update and answer questions from local residents on policing in our area and the recent re-structure of the Bury North division of GMP. (The Township Forum is a committee of Bury Council that comprises elected Councillors, local residents, business groups, tenants and residents associations and various representatives of the voluntary sector).

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Councillor for Ramsbottom Ward, Bury MBC
Chair—Ramsbottom, Tottington and North Manor Township Forum

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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 to be part of interview panel</p> <p>2 RTNM based young people completed 6 week placements with Bury Council</p> <p>Both 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 27	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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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
Fund Remaining		£ 766.67

Ramsbottom

<i>Group</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Allocated</i>
Greenmount Village Comm	Improve War Memorial ,erect flower baskets	£ 250.00
Fund Remaining		£ 1,016.67

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
Fund Remaining		£ 516.67

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
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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
	Fund Remaining	£ 250.00

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.

The final round of funding for this financial year closes on 6th January and the Panel will meet on 24th January 2014. Application forms for the new round of funding in January 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	£	-
Sumerseat Village Community	To improve and maintain Sumerseat Island	£	12,000.00	£	-
	Total			£	58,600.00