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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 Hodgkinson, K Hussain and Y Wright

Advisory Group Representatives:

Keith Conley – Rotary Club of Ramsbottom
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, 15 January 2015
Place:	Holcombe Brook Primary School, Longsight Road, Bury, BL0 9TA
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.

The Agenda is attached.

Reports are enclosed only for those attending the meeting and for
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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 THE LAST MEETING *(Pages 1 - 8)*

4 MATTERS ARISING

5 THE BURY DIRECTORY

A presentation will be given at the meeting.

6 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME/OPEN FORUM

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

7 HEALTHWATCH BURY

A representative from Healthwatch Bury will report at the meeting.

8 URGENT BUSINESS

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

9 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Ramsbottom, Tottington and North Manor Township Forum is due to be held on Thursday 5 March 2015 at 7.00pm at Tottington High School, Laurel Street, Tottington.

10 **FOR INFORMATION RAMSBOTTOM, TOTTINGTON AND NORTH MANOR TOWNSHIP FORUM FUNDING REPORT** *(Pages 9 - 12)*

Funding report attached for information.

11 **FOR INFORMATION RAMSBOTTOM, TOTTINGTON AND NORTH MANOR TOWNSHIP PLAN** *(Pages 13 - 36)*

The updated Township Plan is attached for information.

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Agenda Item 3

Minutes of: RAMSBOTTOM, TOTTINGTON AND NORTH MANOR
TOWNSHIP FORUM

Date of Meeting: 13 November 2014

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

Also in attendance: Mr K Conley – Ramsbottom Rotary Club
Reverend S Openshaw – Ramsbottom and Edenfield Team
Ministry
Mr A Waddell – Greenmount Village

Public Attendance: There were 23 members of the public present at the meeting.

Apologies for Absence: Councillor I Gartside and Councillor R Hodgkinson

RTNM.431 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

RTNM.432 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was agreed:

That the Minutes of the last meeting of the Township Forum held on 17 September 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

RTNM.433 MATTERS ARISING

Mr Waddell explained that for the past six months he had been requesting information relating to the implementation of the 20mph speed limits in Holcombe Brook and Greenmount. He had yet to receive any response on this issue, particularly who authorised the limits and why.

Councillor Fitzwalter referred to the issue raised by Mr Booth concerning the lights at Peel Tower and reported that as she had left the last meeting of the Township Forum in September she had noticed that all of the lights were working.

RTNM.434 2015/2016 BUDGET

Councillor Mike Connolly, Leader of the Council and Mike Owen, Director of Resources and Regulation gave a presentation detailing the key financial issues facing the Authority and subsequent draft budget cuts programme for Bury Council's 2015/16 budget.

The following key facts were presented:-

- For 2015/16, £16 million will be cut from budgets. This equates to a loss of £54 m (50%) of the budget in 5 years.
- This means the Council will need to prioritise key services at a time when residents' needs and expectations are changing and demand for services is increasing.
- In order to do this the Council are exploring alternative ways of delivering services and reviewing organisational structures.
- For 2015/16 the Council has received only 1 year's funding settlement information from the Government, which has yet to be confirmed.
- The Council's core funding from Government is likely to be cut by 13% in 2015/2016(to be confirmed).
- The Council will also face cuts to a number of other grants received from the Government, for example Early Intervention and Education Services grants. This is in addition to pressures from levies from other bodies, increasing demand and uncertainty following the localisation of Business Rates.

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

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

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

In terms of the next steps, it was reported that from 6 November 2014 to 9 January 2015 the Council will be consulting residents and stakeholders on the package of cuts needed for 2015/16. This will be followed by a review of the consultation feedback which will be fed into the budget setting process for 2015/16. The Council will debate the 2015/16 budget and formally approve a package of cuts on 25 February 2015. Residents were informed of the various ways they can contact the consultation team and leave comments by 9 January 2015.

The Chair invited questions/comments from the audience:-

A member of the public explained that she had looked at the proposals on the Council website but they had seemed very vague with no real detail set out. The information relating to adult care services was not set out and she felt that it wasn't very informative.

Councillor Connolly explained that the decision had been made to go forward with an alternative service delivery model for Adult Care Services and detailed information had been provided which was currently being consulted on.

Mr Booth referred to the sculpture centre that had been installed in Bury Central Library and asked how this could be justified as half of the library had been removed to allow for its installation.

Councillor Connolly explained that the Council had seen a massive reduction in the grant provided to support library services which had meant that the provision in Bury Central Library would have been reduced anyway which would have left the space empty. The successful application for the Lottery Grant to provide the sculpture centre had meant that the space could be utilised in a way which would attract tourism to the town.

Mr Booth asked if public viewing figures were available.

Councillor Connolly stated that he would make sure that Mr Booth received this information.

Mr Green referred to the savings around procurement that were set out in the presentation and asked how these would be achieved.

Mike Owen explained that all contracts relating to procurement across the Council were being revisited and renegotiated and it was anticipated that this would realise the figures stated. Mike explained that the way in the Council purchased goods and services had changed significantly which had already led to significant savings being made and this would continue.

Councillor Bevan referred to the income generation mentioned and asked for clarification that parking charges would not be introduced in Ramsbottom.

Councillor Connolly confirmed that the Council would not be introducing parking charges in Ramsbottom.

Councillor Bevan referred to fact that the Council now received 50% of business rates collected across the borough and asked what the Council were doing to attract new businesses into the town.

Mike Owen explained incentives were being considered to offer to new businesses coming into the town as well as support for businesses looking for grants and funding.

Councillor Connolly explained that one of the Council's key priorities was a stronger local economy and this was something that they were working hard towards achieving.

Mr Waddell asked what the term 'Income Generation' meant.

Mike explained that the Council would be looking to generate more income over and above what they generated currently.

Dr Binns referred to the fact that the Council were looking to deliver services more smartly by utilising web technology. Dr Binns asked the Council to recognise that not all areas of the borough were able to receive a broadband connection.

Councillor Connolly reported that this issue was known and the Council were working to support those areas that Dr Binns was referring to.

Councillor Gunther asked how much of the Council reserves would be used to help achieve the required savings

Councillor Connolly explained that the 'Golden Rules' relating to the spending of Council reserves would be followed to the letter and the reserves would not be used in this way.

Councillor Daly asked whether the Council had an estimate for the number of compulsory redundancy which may be necessary.

Councillor Connolly explained that no such figures were available; the Council were hoping to avoid compulsory redundancies through a programme of voluntary redundancies, flexible retirement and redeployment.

Mr Green asked whether the Council would be willing to cut the number of higher paid senior officer posts as part of cuts.

It was explained that the number of Directorships had been considered and reduced and the Council had already streamlined the departments and reduced the number of middle management across all directorships.

A member of the public referred to the dividend received from Manchester airport and asked whether this had been included in the savings proposals.

This was confirmed to be the case.

A member of the public asked whether the demolition of Castle Leisure Centre was still going to happen and if so, when?

It was explained that the site of the leisure centre as well as the adjoining site of the old Police Station were both owned by the Council and earmarked for supermarket development which would be at no cost to the Council. However the current financial climate means that supermarkets were not in the process of building new stores and so the plan would be on hold until this situation changed.

The Chair concluded the debate and asked that all those present read the proposals and to get involved in the consultation process.

It was agreed:

That the information provided be noted and Councillor Connolly and Mike Owen be thanked for their contribution to the meeting.

RTNM.435 CHILDREN'S CENTRES

Councillor Gill Campbell, Cabinet Member for Children & Young People and Ian Chambers, Assistant Director (Learning) gave a presentation on the proposed new delivery model for Children Centres in Bury.

The meeting was informed of the key objectives for Bury Children Centres:-

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

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

The presentation provided detailed information of the targeted support on offer as part of the objectives in relation to health, school readiness, early help and job readiness. Specific detail was also provided in relation to the proposed Children Centre Hubs across Bury. In Bury North, the Woodbank site would cover the reach areas of the current Ramsbottom, Tottington and North Manor cluster. The meeting was informed as to how each Hub would work, the staffing changes involved, outreach deployment and of the necessary steps required in order to convert the other sites in order to deliver the 2 year old offer in Bury. It was reported that from September 2014, 40% of 2 year olds should have access to free nursery places (a total of 1177 children in Bury). There was a current forecast of a shortage of 638 places (October 2014). The Council propose that Children Centres which are no longer required as Hubs will be offered as centres for the 2 year old offer.

In relation to service costs it was reported that total expenditure on Children's Centres in 2013/14 was £2.875m. The Council had seen a reduction of the Government's Early Intervention Grant of over £2.8m since 2012/13 and that the

new proposed model of delivery will cost £1.949m which will deliver a proposed savings target for the service of £820k. The consultation period had been extended to 15 December, 2014 and, following an analysis of feedback received and subsequent consideration by Cabinet, implementation of the proposals would begin from 1 April, 2015.

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

- Councillor Wright referred to the presentation and the proposal that the north of the borough would have one children's centre hub with just 4 outreach workers and asked whether this would be the case.

Councillor Campbell confirmed that that was the proposal and had come about due to the funding being directly linked to deprivation and the need to direct resources to areas of greater need.

- Councillor Fitzwalter stated that concerns had been raised in relation to the distances involved in travelling to Woodbank from Ramsbottom and the numbers of families accessing services from the one site.

It was explained that outreach work would be carried out in locations closer to the communities being served such as libraries and community centres and some work would be done on 1:1 basis in the families' homes. The services provided from the hubs would not be the same as what the Children's centres currently offered and as such there would be fewer people attending the hubs.

- A member of the public asked where the services such as breastfeeding support, dental hygiene classes and health and safety would be provided.

It was explained that around 40 extra health visitors would be funded and they would carry out some of the work mentioned. The council would also be looking to other partners and volunteer groups to assist with some provision. The hubs will also still have a role for these areas and would be able to signpost to different services.

- It was asked how many places for 2 yr olds would be created at the hubs.

It was explained that the current projection was around 130 places but other providers were also being sought to take up the shortfall. Some schools had expressed an interest as had smaller community groups.

It was agreed:

That the information provided be noted and Cllr Campbell and Ian Chambers be thanked for their contribution to the meeting.

RTNM.436 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- Mr Conley, representing the 5 Rotary Clubs across Bury reported that he had recently attended a meeting with Bury Hospice which had taken place

in order to answer some questions that had been raised into how the Hospice was being run and other financial concerns.

Mr Conley talked about the relationship between the Hospice and Grace's Place and concerns that had been raised regarding the Chief Executive and her past involvement with other businesses.

Mr Conley stated that he had received a letter from the Hospice that answered all of the concerns raised and this was due to be published in the local press in the coming weeks.

Mr Conley explained that following the answers received the 5 Rotary Clubs across the Borough were happy to continue in supporting the Hospice and Grace's Place.

- Councillor Wright stated that she had been attempting to contact the Chairman of the Hospice to arrange a meeting but had been unable to and asked if Mr Conley could pass the contact details to her to enable this to happen.
- Mr Booth explained that he has previously raised concerns regarding the future of health provision at Fairfield Hospital and had been told that services would remain at the site. He had since received information contrary to this.
- Councillor Bevan referred to the 273 bus service which had been greatly reduced due to a lack of funding from TfGM and asked if something could be done to request the service be reinstated.
- Mr Booth explained that there had been a number of errors published in the Bury Times over the past few weeks.

Newsquest had held a number of consultation events 18 months previously to look at the paper and its content. Since then the standard of the paper had seemed to deteriorate.

Tui Benjamin from the Bury Times explained that there had been some issues recently due to a changeover of systems which had caused some errors. She also stated that she would highlight the concerns raised.

RTNM.437 FUNDRAISING EVENT - SUNDAY 16 NOVEMBER

Councillor Wright reported that there was a Craft and Gift show being held in Ramsbottom on Sunday 16 November between 10am and 4pm.

Councillor Wright would be helping with the tea and cakes stall and invited all those present to come along. The event was being held to raise money for the Blind Society.

RTNM.438 NEXT MEETING - DATE, TIME AND VENUE

It was reported that the next meeting of the Township Forum would be held on 15 January 2015 at Holcombe Brook Primary School at 7pm.

COUNCILLOR Y WRIGHT
Chair

(Note: The meeting started at 7.00pm and ended at 9.20pm)

Title:	Community Funding Report
To:	Ramsbottom, Tottington and North Manor Township Forum
Date:	15 January 2015
Contact Officer	Belinda Papworth Bury Council Programme Support Assistant 0161 253 5127 b.papworthbury.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 2014/15

North Manor

<i>Group</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Allocated</i>
Rotary Club of Ramsbottom	Summer concert & Blackpool trip	£ 250.00
Grenmount Village Community	Develop an incredible edible site	£ 250.00
Tott Holiday Play Scheme	Cost to use play centre	£ 250.00
Greenmount Village Comm	Towards cost of testing land	£ 250.00
Greenmount Village Comm	Kickstart 'The West Pennine Way'	£ 250.00
Fund Remaining		£16.67

Ramsbottom

<i>Group</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Allocated</i>
Rotary Club of Ramsbottom	Summer Concert & Blackpool trip	£ 250.00
Soroptimist International	Tea Party & entertainment for elderly	£ 250.00
Bury Rural Inequalities Forum	Promote new Village Link Walk via leaflets	£ 250.00
Bury Rural Inequalities Forum	Purchase Maps & Waymarks for bypass	£ 250.00
Fund Remaining		£266.67

Tottington

<i>Group</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Allocated</i>
Rotary Club of Ramsbottom	Summer concert & Blackpool trip	£250.00
Christ Church	Parts & repair to clock tower	£250.00
Greenmount Village Community	Develop an incredible edible site	£250.00
Tottington & District Townswomen	Guest Speaker Events	£250.00

Tottington Holiday Play Scheme	To continue holiday play scheme	£250.00
Fund Remaining		£16.67

3.0 Cross Ward Funding 2014/15

<i>Group</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Allocated</i>
PUPILS	Encourage Independent living trip	£ 750.00
Making Space	Further Develop Choir	£ 750.00
Bury Society for Blind	Develop a sensory garden	£ 703.06
Hard of Hearing	Tutor classes	£ 750.00
Bury Dragons Diving Club	Diving Event	£ 750.00
The Enterprise Centre	Purchase stone & hire of tractor & labour	£ 500.00
Unsworth South Social Club	Signage and posters	£ 723.00
Bury District Angling Society	Plywood sheets & roofing sheets	£ 250.00
23 rd Prestwich & Whitefield Scouts	Tents, benches, pans & utensils	£ 750.00
Tottington Sports Club	Tottington Big Day Out Event	£ 750.00
Langley Gardening Club	Replace weather boards of shop	£470.00
Churches Together	Family fun day in Whitehead Park	£ 750.00
Brandlesholme Scarecrow Festival	Scarecrow Festival & Harvest family fun day	£ 750.00
Bury Parents Forum Ltd	Run seminars to empower Parents who have children with additional needs	£ 750.00
Prestwich & Whitefield Heritage Society	Restore Memorial Stone	£ 450.00
Prestwich Carnival Comm (Xmas Fair)	To put on a Christmas Fair & Santa's Grotto	£ 750.00
Whitefield Horticultural Society	Folding display tables for horticultural events	£ 750.00
Home Watch Conference	Hire of Elizabethan Suite	£ 600.00
Friends of Bury Young Carers	Youth event	£ 750.00
Carers Support	Promoting an active lifestyle	£ 303.94
Fund Remaining		£ 00.00

4.0 Small Grants Panel 2014/15

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

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

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

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

RTNM Town Plan

2012 - 2015



Agenda Item 11

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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 Yvonne Wright
Chair,
Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor
Township Forum

Who we are and what we do

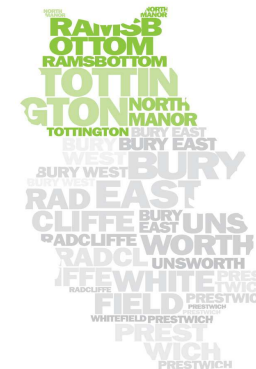
Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor Township Forum welcomes those who live, work, or have an interest in the area. The forum meets at local venues such as community centre's, churches and schools. These meetings are public meetings and we strongly encourage everyone to come along. Discussions are fed 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 0161 253 7455, or by email at d.thomas@bury.gov.uk

Some facts about Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor



Demography: Bury has a population of 186,500. 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.

Stuttlesworth 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.

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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: There is a need to develop more apprenticeships and pathways to work. In particular focus needs to be placed on helping young residents to access training & employment.

Improved Community Safety

Key Issues identified: Increased levels of Youth Nuisance & Anti Social Behaviour (ASB), concerns that this is linked to drug and alcohol misuse.

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

Rural & Outlying Areas

Key Issues identified include: Bury Rural Inequalities Forum have identified a key issue around limited Broadband access within outlying areas/Villages.

Current Position: More publicity needed for the 'Village Link' walking routes.

Improved Health & Wellbeing

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

Educational Attainment/Learning

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

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:

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

Community Pride & Belonging

Key Issues identified: A need for promotion of Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor as a vibrant place to live, work and socialise. 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 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 Township Forum

**Our Township Plan:
2012-15**

(Update September 2014)

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?
<p>Increased number of Apprenticeships for Young People In Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor (RTNM)</p>	<p>Raise awareness amongst local business of the "Backing Young Bury" Scheme</p> <p>Township Forum Members to put forward details of young people from the RTNM area with their agreement</p>	<p>Economic Development Team</p> <p>With Support From:</p> <p>Township Co-ordinator</p> <p>Bury Businesses</p> <p>Training Providers</p> <p>Bury Connexions</p> <p>Job Centre Plus</p> <p>Councillors</p> <p>Members of the Township Forum</p>	<p>Names of RTNM based young people to be submitted for consideration for the scheme</p> <p>Confirm number of young people from RTNM accepted on the Backing Young Bury Apprentice Scheme</p> <p>Confirm number at the end of March 2015</p>	<p>October 2014 then ongoing</p> <p>End March 2015</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

<p>Assist those young people who face barriers to entering into employment through Connecting Provisions Initiative</p>	<p>Pull together existing and funded provision across the borough into one coordinated activity.</p> <p>Focused activity on those who fall under the Supporting Communities Improving Lives criteria.</p> <p>6 weeks work placements, individuals will be offered a temporary job with training and/or a guaranteed interview should internal apprenticeships arise.</p> <p>At the end of 6 months assistance will be given to move them onto an apprenticeship.</p>	<p>Economic, employment & Skills Lead</p> <p>Bury Employment & Skills Task Group</p> <p>With Support From:</p> <p>Township Co-ordinator</p>	<p>Connecting Provision on hold until Oct 2014</p>	<p>October 2014</p>
<p>Increased number of Volunteering Opportunities</p>	<p>Multi Agency Approach to increase the number and of volunteering opportunities</p>	<p>Groundwork</p> <p>With Support From:</p> <p>Township Forum</p> <p>SAPAS</p>	<p>Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor number to be increased by agreed amount.</p> <p>Awaiting a list of area specific projects from Groundwork</p>	<p>End March 2015</p>

<p>Get young RTNM residents work ready and into work</p>	<p>Explore possibilities for Job Fairs/ Job Clubs and ways to help prepare people to get into work.</p>	<p>Economic Development B.E.A.S.T Group With Support From: Township Coordinator</p>	<p>Hold a Backing Young Bury Careers and Skills Event</p>	<p>2nd December 2014</p>
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Outcome: Improved Community Safety

Key Issues identified: Increased levels of Youth Nuisance & Anti Social Behaviour (ASB), including the misuse of alcohol.

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?
Reduce Anti Social Behaviour by Early Intervention Page 25	Weekly Joint Enforcement Team (JET) meetings established to identify and quickly deal with potential offenders.	Police With Support From: Anti Social Behaviour team Youth Services/Education Six Town Housing Township Co-ordinator	Monthly Partnership Action Group Meetings replaced by weekly JET Meetings July 2014 Township Co-ordinators invited to join the group	1 st full meeting held 2 nd July 2014. Attended 06/08/2014 ongoing
Address perceptions of crime within RTNM communities – particular focus on elderly and vulnerable residents	Report to Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor Township Forum re actions and successes.	GMP & Township Coordinator	Evidence report and stats to be produced for Township Forum members	Ongoing 2014/15
Raise awareness of ASB/ personal safety/ crime/ drugs etc amongst	BSafe BCool project to be delivered to year 9 pupils in	Neighbourhood Police	Next round of workshops due to commence in mid	October 2014

school age children	RTNM Schools	With support from: Bury Council officers Schools Bury College Six Town Housing	October.	
Address issue of speeding traffic in residential areas of Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor	Work with schools and local communities to endorse and assist in implementation of Streetsafe 20mph in	Highways With Support From: Township Co-ordinator Road Safety Teams Township Forum Members	Successful implementation of 20mph schemes Banners now being displayed outside schools	2013-2015 ongoing January 2014 and ongoing

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?
Ensure children are "school ready" Page 27	Support for parents in most need and encourage reading from an early age Book Start Initiative BOO (Bags of Opportunity) project for nursery children – transition stage	Children Centre With Support From: Reaching Families Bury Library Service Health Visitors Township Co-ordinator / Forum	Materials have been delivered to the Children's Centres and distributed. Delivery of projects via the Children Centre reporting back via TF Co-ordinator	June 2012 September 2014
Promote learning opportunities for Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor Residents	Improve information sharing between local community and central organisations re learning needs locally	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	April 2014

	<p>Map current provision</p> <p>Deliver more learning opportunities in the community to make learning more accessible</p> <p>Community Learning Partnership representative to take RTNM issues to meetings</p> <p>Identify gaps in learning opportunities</p> <p>Offer taster courses</p> <p>Identify suitable venues for adult learning facilities</p>		<p>Increase in number of learning venues in communities</p> <p>Increase participation in adult learning locally</p>	<p>April 2014</p>
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Outcome: Rural Issues & Outlying Areas

Key Issues identified include: A key issue around limited Broadband access within outlying areas/Villages.

Current Position: More publicity needed for the 'Village Link' walking routes.

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 rural areas to access HSBB	Bury Rural Inequalities Forum With Support From: Economic, employment & Skills Lead Bury Employment & Skills Task Group	To be agreed.	September 2014
Improve public awareness of Village Link walking routes	Ensure that routes are publicised on Township Forum webpages and through access to social media.	Township Forum With Support From: BRIF Holcombe Society Residents	To be agreed.	September 2014
Review Future Focus of Bury Rural Inequalities Forum	Identify new ambitions for 2014-15	BRIF Members With Support From:	Township Coordinator to attend next BRIF meeting	Ongoing 2014/15

		Township Coordinator		
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: Community Pride & Belonging in Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor

Key Issues identified: There is a desire from residents to see Bury East promoted as a vibrant place to work and live. Work required to encourage involvement from faith groups in the Township Forum/Advisory Group

Current Position: The Bury Council Community Cohesion Plan has now been agreed and published. 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?
Encourage residents to take pride in their neighbourhood by increasing recycling rates in Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor	Working with community groups and individuals to take part in the 'Right Stuff Right Bin' Campaign	Recycling Team With Support From: Township Forum Members TRA's Local residents	Increase recycling rates across RTNM to contribute to the 55% target for Bury Recycling Centre open day leaflet sent to Township Forum Database Waste Management Presentation to Township Forum	March 2015 18 th August 2014 17 th September 2014
Improve engagement of young people on key issues and improve	Increase number of young people attending forum	Township forum members	Increased numbers of young RTNM residents attending township forum	July 2014 Ongoing

attendance at forum meetings	meetings	With Support From: Schools/Colleges Partner Agencies		
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 Township Action Plan 2014-15	Township Coordinator With Support From: Township Forum Members	Initial contact has been made with partner organisations and key Advisory Group members regarding their involvement Next steps and groups to be established	May 2013 October 2014

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