

AGENDA FOR

WHITEFIELD AND UNSWORTH TOWNSHIP FORUM

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To: All Members of Whitefield and Unsworth Township Forum

Councillors: Adams, R Caserta, E Fitzgerald,
J Grimshaw, D Jones, Mallon, A Matthews, Whitby and
M Wiseman

Advisory Members: Mrs S Bannister, Mr Lott, Mrs M
Dawson, Mrs P Taylor, Mrs Y Moore

Dear Member

Whitefield and Unsworth Township Forum

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Whitefield and Unsworth Township Forum which will be held as follows:-

Date:	Tuesday, 8 July 2014
Place:	Elms Community Centre, Green Lane, Whitefield
Time:	6.00 pm - Please note the earlier start time. There will be a 30 minute presentation from United Utilities to update residents on works taking place on Croft Lane.
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:	

AGENDA

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR 2014/2015

2 APOLOGIES

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of Whitefield and Unsworth 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.

4 MINUTES (*Pages 1 - 8*)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2014.

5 ADVISORY GROUP - UPDATE

6 POLICE UPDATE

An update will be given on Policing issues for the Whitefield and Unsworth area.

7 PERFORMANCE REPORT AND ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS ON WHITEFIELD AND UNSWORTH TOWNSHIP ACTION PLAN (*Pages 9 - 20*)

8 OPEN FORUM

Questions are invited from members of the public present at the meeting about the work or performance of the Council or the Council's services relevant to the Whitefield and Unsworth area.

9 FUNDING REPORT (*Pages 21 - 22*)

10 DATES OF MEETINGS 2014-2015

To note that the meetings of the Whitefield and Unsworth Township Forum will take place as follows:

23 September 2014 at 6:30pm
18 November 2014 at 1:00pm
6 January 2015 at 1:00pm
10 March 2015 at 6:30pm

11 URGENT BUSINESS

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

Minutes of:	WHITEFIELD AND UNSWORTH TOWNSHIP FORUM
Date of Meeting:	11 March 2014
Venue:	Elms Community Centre, Green Lane, Whitefield
Present:	Councillor A Audin (In the Chair) Councillors K Audin, R Caserta, E FitzGerald, J Grimshaw D Jones, A Matthews, and B Vincent and M Wiseman
Advisory Group Representatives:	Leonard Lott – Whitefield and Unsworth Homewatch Assn. Theresa Heyworth – ELMS TRA Pamela Taylor – Hollins Village Community Assn. Yvonne Moore – Old Hall Park Residents Assn. Mrs S Bannister – Jewish Representative Council
Public attendance:	32 members of the public were in attendance
Apologies for absence:	Marlene Dawson (Victoria Estate TRA)

WUTF .856 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Grimshaw declared a personal interest in items related to health matters for the reason that she is a member of the Patients Reference Group.

WUTF .857 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

Delegated decision:

1. That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 January 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
2. That the matters arising update be noted.

WUTF .858 POLICE UPDATE

Inspector Kenny (GMP) addressed the meeting and gave an update on crime levels in Whitefield.

It was reported that compared to the same period in 2013 the had been 164 less victims of crime in Whitefield. The reduction was as follows:

- 58 less victims of violence (including domestic violence);
- 23 less house burglaries;
- 10 less acts of robbery;

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- 25 less car break-ins.

One area of concern related to an increase in the incidence of hate crime, with 11 crimes recorded. The police take the issue of hate crime very seriously will investigate each crime to establish the reasons for the increase. It was suggested that one reason could be that victims were more confident about reporting crime.

The partnership working that exists between the Police and other organisations such as Bury Council have contributed greatly to the reductions in reported crime.

The Chair invited questions.

MR Marshall asked if the criteria used for recording crime has changed?

It was reported that GMP has a very stringent process for recording and checking crime committed. This process had not changed or been amended.

Councillor Jones asked what the period of was used for the information presented?

It was reported the period of recording crime started on 1 April and ended on 31 March the following year. The periods checked for the purposes of the meeting were 2012/13 and 2013/14

Councillor Mathews referred to the issue of speeding vehicles on Parr Lane and asked what local residents could do to record and inform the police of such incidents.

Inspector Kenny stated that it was important for residents to record incidents and forward them to the police in order for intelligence to be gathered and co-ordinated action to be taken.

What are the reasons for the reduction in crime?

The reduction is a result of a change in the policing model which has brought together crime specialists, local Police Officers and Police Community Supports Officers. Policing is intelligence led and focus has been on the causes of crime.

Councillor Grimshaw reported that the had been an issue with a group of young people which had congregated on the Elms Close after being dispersed by Police Community Supports Officers. Elms Close is in a residential area of mainly elderly residents who may feel threatened by the group.

Inspector Kenny reported that he would make a record and look at the matter, the reasons why they were meeting there and work on a solution. There were a number of measures to be taken involving talking to the people involved, talking or writing to the parents. This could be enforced through agreements and contracts if necessary.

Mr Marshall reported that he had witnessed school children walking on the Metrolink track on two occasions between Whitefield and Radcliffe.

Inspector Kenny stated that contact could be made to either Metrolink or the Police. In view of the potential danger the school children were in it may be necessary to ring 999 as an emergency. The Inspector undertook to investigate the matter. School were regularly visited to highlight the dangers of walking on tracks.

Inspector Kenny asked the meeting if the level of service currently provided by the police was of a satisfactory standard. The response to the question was 'yes it was'.

WUTF .859 TOWNSHIP PLAN - UPDATE

The Township Co-ordinator gave an update on the progress of the Township Plan.

WUTF .860 BURY CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP - TRANSFORMING HEALTH CARE AND SERVICES IN BURY

The Township Forum received a presentation from Sharon Martin and Dr Stuart North from the Bury Clinical Commissioning Group which is responsible for commissioning of health services in Bury. The transformation of health and care services in Bury was being implemented in conjunction with changes across Greater Manchester under the Healthier Together proposals.

The presentation provided an outline of Healthier Together which would draw together:-

- A Greater Manchester Integrated Care Programme
- A Healthier Together Programme
- A Greater Manchester Primary Care Programme

An 'In-Hospital Reconfiguration Programme' would include a clinically led programme of work to develop safer, higher quality hospital services targeting:-

- Urgent, Acute and Emergency Medicine
- General Surgery, and
- Women's and Children's services

These changes have been proposed in order to meet an increasing number of demands on resources. The Reconfiguration Programme will provide health services at community level (integrating GPs, hospital doctors, community services and social care) and developing centres of excellence for more specialised need. There would be a move towards lowering the need for emergency admissions/need for A&E visits through the introduction of 7 days a week GP availability. A pilot scheme was currently being run in Radcliffe and had seen improvements in health service provision.

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The Chair invited questions.

- Why has the scheme in Radcliffe received limited publicity?

It has been limited to the patients in Radcliffe only. It is envisaged that a larger scheme will be rolled across the whole of Bury and these will receive a higher level of publicity. Through the provision of a GP service over the weekend it is less likely that an A&E Department will be visited for minor conditions. This will reduce the pressure on hospital services.

- Will there be improved contacts for people who suffer from dementia to ensure that the right services are provided?

Dementia is high on the list of priorities and by working with local authorities to identify people who may be affected by mental health issues it will be more effective to put services into place to speed up the process for care.

- Why are women and children and not men included as a priority area, is there a reduction in cover for men health screening?

No, it is proposed that there will be a follow to the 'Making it Better' initiative for men's health. Women and children's health has been given priority through screening and immunisations.

- Will elderly people be monitored to ensure they receiving social care

People over the age of 75 years will provided with a named GP. GPs will also be looking at their patients to identify those with the highest levels of need to work through individual plans and providing localised services, where possible, to reduce the need for hospital visits.

- Will there be special care baby provision at Fairfield Hospital?

Maternity care will be based on capacity for each hospital and where possible child birth will take place at a local hospital. In those situations where special care is required it will be provided at a centre of excellence. The mother and baby will in these cases be transported from their local hospital by a specialised crew to ensure the continuity of care.

- What consultation will there be on the proposals?

The consultation will run in June and July followed by a change on the services/criteria on how options are assessed. There will be three specialised centres of care to be introduced and the changes so far have indicated improvements in patient experiences.

- Localised services in Hollins are important because at the moment people who need their bloods to be taken must have it done by the practice nurse (under appointment) or travel on two buses to another practice because the Blackford Health Centre GPs don't do it. Also, if services are to be centralised then people need to be able to access them. The bus services to North Manchester General Hospital are not adequate because there is no direct bus route from Hollins Village. The bus service to Blackford Health Centre is also inadequate for a service that was re-sited for the convenience of local users on a regular bus route which has since be changed.

The intention is for a localised delivery of services taking away the need to travel to a hospital. If a GP in a local practice cannot take blood then we will engage another GP at the practice or close that will. Outpatient requirements should be localised also with GPs undertaking check ups and revisits to reduced lengthy hospital visits.

The issue of transport was addressed following the relocation of a service from Fairfield to Rochdale Infirmary. A bus service was provided for those people who may not have their own transport. The service was underused as people were making their own arrangements. A meeting will be held on 14 March to talk about the provision of services and the issue of taking bloods and other issues will be raised.

- Could the issue of introducing of a standardised appointment system be considered for GP surgeries? In some cases the appointments involve a 4 week wait.

The new proposals target investment in primary care to reduce the need to visit A&E Departments. GPs will be available at surgeries who can access your records and treat a patient.

The meeting was thanked for the questions and feedback and informed that any could give feedback by email, post and telephone available at www.buryccg.nhs.uk and www.healthiertogethergm.co.uk

The Chair thanked Sharon Martin and Dr Stuart North for their attendance and presentation.

WUTF .861 JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The Chair introduced Diane Hilton (Service Manager - Public Health) to the meeting who gave a presentation on the Joint Strategic needs Assessment (JSNA). The presentation gave data on the wards within Bury setting out rates of life expectancy, inequality and deprivation, lifestyle and living environments.

Diane explained that the purpose of the JSNA was:-

- An assessment of local health and social care needs both now and in the future
- It defines where inequalities exist
- It highlights key findings
- It should be used to inform and guide commissioning of health, well-being and social care services

The period of consultation will runs from 18 February to 31 March 2014 and will ask contributors:

- Are these the right priorities?
- Are there other issues that would benefit from further exploration and why these are important?

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Responses can be made via Bury Council website at www.bury.gov.uk or via a leaflet that was circulated at the meeting.

A consultation report will be submitted to the Health and Wellbeing Board and will consider findings and implications for the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and relevant commissioning plans.

The Chair invited questions:

- Domestic violence - can it be included as part of the JSNA?

The domestic violence strategy is in the process of being revised following its launch a few years ago.

- Rates of homelessness in Bury have is this monitored?

Data is produced based on the number of people who present to the Bury Council's Housing Office to say they have no where to live.

The Chair thanked Daine Hilton for her attendance and presentation.

WUTF .862 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Chair invited the members of the public present to ask questions or raise items of concern relating to the provision of local services.

Mrs Marshall reported to the meeting that she been very impressed with what she had seen during her visit to the Victoria Community Youth Centre. The work being done by Marlene Dawson and the other volunteer members at the centre with the young people of the area was very inclusive and positive.

Mr Marshall asked for progress the Council Engineers regarding his suggestion for the road markings at the roundabout on the Manchester Road approach to be improved to reduce that risk out accidents. This would involve remarking the road so that the left lane would allow drivers to turn left as well as go straight on. The centre lane would be for travelling straight on and the right lane would allow drivers to turn right only.

Mr Marshall also referred to the dumping of garden refuse on the public footpath located between Church Lane and Avondale Drive in Whitefield and asked for bollards to be erected at the Church Lane end of the footpath to prevent vehicles accessing the path.

The Township Co-ordinator undertook to contact the Footpaths Officer on the issue of installing bollards.

Mr Mallon asked for the road markings on Higher Lane and Fountain Place to be improved to filter traffic into a single lane to reduce the chances of collisions as vehicles approached the traffic lights at Fountain Place.

Mr Mallon reported that the residents of Nuttall Avenue would like compensation from Metrolink for the reason that the extension to the Metrolink car park had resulted in having a negative impact on the visible amenity of residents.

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The Chair suggested that Metrolink be contacted to attend a future meeting of the Township Forum.

Mr Greenhalgh asked if action could be taken to amalgamate the car parks adjacent to the Aldi Store in Whitefield to make the traffic safer on Higher Lane. The present situation with several different car parks was creating problems for road users as they exited on to the Higher Lane.

WUTF .863 COMMUNITY FUNDING REPORT

Consideration was given to a Community Funding report which provided an update on the levels of funding available in the Whitefield and Unsworth wards for 2013/14.

It was agreed:

That the report be noted.

WUTF .864 COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Chair gave notices of forthcoming events that would be taking place within Whitefield and Unsworth.

The Chair informed the meeting that Mr Alex Stacey (Whitefield Business Group) had stepped down from his position of Advisory Group Representative. The Chair thanked Mr Stacey for his involvement with the Township Forum and wished him well for the future.

COUNCILLOR A AUDIN
Chair

(Note: The meeting started at 6:30 pm and ended at 8.45 pm)

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Whitefield & Unsworth Township Action Plan

2013 - 2015

PERFORMANCE REPORT

(July 2014 update)

Section	Page	What it contains?
Introduction	3	A background to the Township Action Plan and Performance Report
Improved Health and wellbeing	4	An overview of successes achieved for this theme in 2013/14
Improved Employment Opportunities	5	An overview of successes achieved for this theme in 2013/14
Educational Attainment / Learning	6	An overview of successes achieved for this theme in 2013/14
Community Safety	7	An overview of successes achieved for this theme in 2013/14
Community Pride and Belonging	8	An overview of successes achieved for this theme in 2013/14
Summary	9	A breakdown of the progress made by Whitefield and Unsworth Township Forum over the course of 2013/14
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Introduction

- 1.1 This report outlines the performance of the Whitefield and Unsworth Township Forum and the progress on each of the themes contained within the Whitefield and Unsworth Township Action Plan for 2013-14. The information provided has been gathered from a number of qualitative and quantitative sources including Bury Insight, Index of Multiple Deprivation, Area Profile Data and various local community intelligence.
- 1.2 There are currently 5 key thematic priorities contained within the Whitefield and Unsworth Action Plan for 2013/14:
 - Improved Health and Wellbeing
 - Improved Employment Opportunities
 - Educational Attainment and Learning
 - Improved Community Safety
 - Improved Community Pride and Belonging

This report provides a summary of the overall performance for each of the themes and the projects which contribute to their delivery.

- 1.3 Where possible both quantitative and qualitative data sources have been used to demonstrate the progress that has been made by the Township Forum on each theme.

- 1.4 The detail of this performance report can be viewed on the Township Forum web pages at www.bury.gov.uk/townshipforums. If you require copies of the report please contact Ruth Shedwick 0161 253 5327.

Outcome: Improved Health and wellbeing

IMPROVED HEALTH AND WELLBEING	
Project Overview (Aims & Outputs)	Project Updates
<p><u>What We Promised</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take health to communities - improve self care. Improve awareness of appropriate use of doctors appointments and A&E • Support re-application for pharmacy in Besses Ward • Forum support for Healthwatch and the Patients Cabinet- identify health Champions • Growth in participation in 14-25 year olds and across adult population- delivery of physical activity opportunities • Reduce childhood obesity- encourage healthy eating • Promote ECO Toasty 2013 to enable people to access energy efficiency measures <p><u>What We Did</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public meetings and representations made to health and Wellbeing board in support of pharmacy • Sent Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment consultation information out to database and on social media. • Councillor Grimshaw appointed Patient Cabinet Rep onto Clinical Commissioning group (CCG) • Introduced sport activator for I Will If You Will to Township Forum and health and Inequalities Group • Promote IWIYW activities widely 	<p><u>Successes to Date</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fitness activities being delivered in a number of venues across the area • Healthy Eating on a budget courses delivered from Besses Children’s Centre on Victoria site <p><u>Areas of Concern/Next Steps</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue support for Pharmacy. Await outcome of consultation. • Promote IWIYW encourage groups to apply for funding.

Outcome: Improved Employment Opportunities

IMPROVED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES	
Project Overview (Aims & Outputs)	Project Updates
<p><u>What We Promised</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring work to people - regular and reliable bus service now in place to Pilsworth - explore possibility of re routing of 154 for Sunnybank Road and residents • Encourage new businesses to set up in Pilsworth • Promote "Backing Young Bury" with local businesses • Explore possibility of job clubs/fairs and raise awareness of opportunities- monitor success of job Club at Besses Children's Centre • Literacy and numeracy training-identify venues for training <p><u>What We Did</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Besses Children's centre have job club set up on site. Member of staff trained to deliver the job club, help people write CVs etc. • Volunteer working also from Childrens centre • Funding identified for training opportunities -Changing Lives Project via Bury College 	<p><u>Successes to Date</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Negotiation with TfGM and First bus ongoing with regard to bus routes for all people in the area. Presentations and discussions with residents at township Forum meetings. • Changing lives project delivering taster sessions, 4 ladies from cookery course enrolled on employability skills training in January • Computer course for beginners starting at the Elms in January via Changing lives project successful rolling out again in April. • As part of the Connecting Provision Trainees, 1 trainee from Whitefield/Unsworth successfully completed the initial 6 week placement and went onto 6 month paid placement with Bury Council. <p><u>Areas of Concern/Next Steps</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote Job Club and volunteering opportunities and try to get people back to work

Outcome: Improved Educational Attainment/Learning

IMPROVED EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT / LEARNING	
Project Overview (Aims & Outputs)	Project Updates
<p><u>What We Promised</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve information sharing between local community and central organisations re learning needs locally • Deliver more learning opportunities in the community and make learning more accessible • Ensure children are school ready-support for parents and encourage early reading • Lifestyle and fitness - especially women and girls so they are fit and ready to learn <p><u>What We Did</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Learning partnership has representative member from the Township Forum to relay key messages and represent local area on community learning issues 	<p><u>Successes to Date</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and inequalities group met with Bury College staff - Changing Lives Project- delivering community learning to enable readiness for work- target area Besses Ward • Healthy cooking on a budget course delivered from Besses CC. To be repeated in January/ February 2014 • I Will If you Will taster sessions being provided at a variety of community venues. <p><u>Areas of Concern/Next Steps</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish sessions and build confidence in new provision to get good use from it, engaging the most hard to reach families. • Event in Boz Park 2014 - with I Will If You Will Sport Activators to encourage women and girls into fitness activities.

Outcome: Improved Community Safety

IMPROVED COMMUNITY SAFETY	
Project Overview (Aims & Outputs)	Project Updates
<p><u>What We Promised</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue partnership work • Proactive work with young people- raise awareness of ASB/ personal safety/ crime amongst school children • Speeding traffic. Streetsafe 20mph zones in residential areas • School parking issues- encourage schools to participate in "Safer School Parking Charters" <p><u>What We Did</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up Partner Action Group (PAG) to deal with emerging issues of crime and ASB and also to concentrate on known perpetrators of crime and vulnerable victims in the area. • Multiagency group with relevant partners on board. • Successful delivery of BSafe BCool project to all year 9 pupils over a three week period during October 2013. • Promote Scam Awareness Month via database and social media. 	<p><u>Successes to Date</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership action group meeting monthly to tackle areas of low level crime, antisocial behaviour on a partnership working basis • Street safe schemes installed at Egerton Road and Hamilton Road. Clyde road area in progress and ready for an operative order • Through the active promotion of May's Scam Awareness Month a resident had come forward about a scam they had been targeted with which is now registered on the national Action Fraud database. • ASB team actively assessing troubled areas tackling targeted areas. <p><u>Areas of Concern/Next Steps</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue work of Partner Action Group.

Outcome: Community pride and belonging

COMMUNITY PRIDE AND BELONGING	
Project Overview (Aims & Outputs)	Project Updates
<p><u>What We Promised</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve Environmental Education and Awareness • Promote Whitefield as a nice place to live • Encourage participation to new and existing community groups- encourage local events and clean up days • Support parks events - Boz park fun day, Halloween festival • Promote volunteering to ensure delivery of key events <p><u>What We Did</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly community event email updates and positive promotion via events, publicity • Funding for Elms in bloom via various local authority sources, and six town Housing • Support for 2013 Halloween Festival and reducing ASB figures through positive awareness • Six Town Housing community clean up days • Promoting Friends of Whitefield & Unsworth Parks recruitment drive and volunteer sign up 	<p><u>Successes to Date</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picnic in the park day at Boz Park • Promotion of local events and activities at township forum meetings and via email/social media • Six Town Housing community clean up days in Victoria and Hunters Hill • Successful events including Halloween Festival <p><u>Areas of Concern/Next Steps</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate ways that events can be delivered locally • Aim to have event in Boz Park in Spring/Summer 2014 with I Will if You Will sport activators team • Young people need a strong focus to keep them engaged - facing negativity due to current cuts etc and soon became disillusioned

Summary of Township Forum in 2013 - 2014

Area Plan

Over the past year, Whitefield and Unsworth Township Forum produced a Township Plan, to identify priorities where, by working together with local councillors, community representatives, residents, local groups, and partner agencies, they can make a difference to improve life for all residents. The Township Plan includes an annual action plan that has been reported on at Township Forum meetings throughout the year. This action plan includes the key projects and actions to be delivered over the coming year which contribute towards delivery of the over arching local priorities agreed by the Township Forum.

The Township Plan was developed through active engagement and discussions with Township Forum members - including both Councillors and Advisory Group members. 'Round table' discussions were held to provide an opportunity for wider community representatives, partner organisations and residents to get involved in agreeing local priorities. This will be repeated for 2015-16.

Attendance

Whitefield and Unsworth Township Forum figures for attendance are below.

June 2013	July 2013	September 2013	November 2013	January 2014	March 2014	TOTAL	Average
26	19	30	126*	32	32	265	44.16

**Whitefield and Unsworth Township Forum organised an additional public meeting on 2 November 2013 to discuss local transport issues. 94 members of the public attended this meeting in addition to 32 at the November Township Forum meeting.*

Advisory Group involvement

Each Township Forum appoints Advisory Group members to contribute and speak on relevant issues. They help to improve the range of knowledge and expertise on the Township Forum and provide an inclusive approach to improving the outcomes for each area. In particular, they champion or lead projects within Township Plans.

Presentations / Consultation with Township forums

The value of the Township Forums is recognised in major public consultation exercises. During 2013/14 this has included:

- Plan for Change
- Council Budget
- Presentations on major changes to health services in the borough (Clinical Commissioning Groups and Health and Wellbeing Board)
- Council Tax Support Scheme
- Welfare Reform
- Recycling and waste management updates
- StreetSafe – proposed introduction of 20mph zones

Community Fund

The Council continues to allocate £1,000 per ward each year to support the work of voluntary and community groups. 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. Small grants funds are also available for grants of up to £12,000. In 2013/2014 a total of £8,480 was allocated to Whitefield and Unsworth community groups.

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Title:	Community Funding Report
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Date:	8 th July 2014
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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 2014/15

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<i>Group</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Allocated</i>
Prestwich & Whitefield Townswomen	Mini bus hire and speakers for event	£ 250.00
Fund Remaining		£ 1,050.00

Pilkington Park

<i>Group</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Allocated</i>
Making Space	Develop Choir and band, refreshments	£ 250.00
The Big Knit	Purchase wool for charity knits	£ 250.00
Fund Remaining		£1,000.00

Unsworth

<i>Group</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Allocated</i>
Victoria TRA	PA and speakers	£ 200.00
Rotary Club of Prestwich & Whitefield	Stationery for rotary promotion.	£ 250.00
Elms Community Centre	Prizes for Elms in Bloom competition	£ 250.00
Fund Remaining		£ 750.00

3.0 Cross Ward Funding 2014/15

<i>Group</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Allocated</i>
PUPILS	'Encourage independent living' trip	£ 750.00
Bury Dragons Diving Club	Diving Event	£ 750.00
Hard of Hearing	Tutor classes	£ 750.00
The Enterprise Centre	Purchase stone & hire of tractor & labour	£ 500.00
Unsworth South Social Club	Signage and posters	£ 722.86
Bury District Angling Society	Plywood sheets & roofing sheets	£ 250.00
23 rd Prestwich & Whitefield	Tents, benches, pans & utensils	£ 750.00
Bury Society for Blind	Develop a sensory garden	£ 703.06
Fund Remaining		£ 7,824.08

4.0 Small Grants Panel 2014/15

Bury Council has an annual allocation of £37,800 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 2nd September and the Panel will meet on 23rd September. Application forms for the new round of funding are available from Liz Saunders 0161 253 6357 or e.saunders@bury.gov.uk

The small grants panel met on the 23rd June to approve applications. Details of approvals will follow.