

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

**Advisory Group Members :**

Mr K Conley – Rotary Club of Ramsbottom  
Rev S Openshaw – RETM/CTIR  
Mr A 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:-

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, 16 September 2015
<b>Place:</b>	Hawkshaw Methodist Church, Bolton Road Hawkshaw, BL84JR
<b>Time:</b>	7.00 pm
<b>Briefing Facilities:</b>	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.
<b>Notes:</b>	

The Agenda is attached.

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

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

## **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 - 6)*

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 July are attached.

**4 MATTERS ARISING** *(Pages 7 - 8)*

Action sheet attached

**5 RAMSBOTTOM URN - UPDATE**

An update will be given at the meeting.

**6 TOWNSHIP PLAN 2015/2016**

The Draft Township Plan for Ramsbottom, Tottington and North Manor will be presented to the Forum for comment and approval.

The Draft Plan will follow.

**7 POLICE UPDATE**

A police representative will report at the meeting (Police attendance is subject to officer availability at the time of the meeting).

**8 FUNDING REPORT** *(Pages 9 - 12)*

Report attached

**9 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.

**10 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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**Minutes of:** **RAMSBOTTOM, TOTTINGTON AND NORTH MANOR TOWNSHIP FORUM**

**Date of Meeting:** 2 July 2015

**Present:** Councillor D Gunther (in the Chair)  
Councillors J Daly, L Fitzwalter, I Gartside,  
R Hodgkinson, K Hussain and Y Wright

**Also in attendance:** Mr K Conley - Ramsbottom Rotary Club  
Mr A Waddell - Greenmount Residents Association

**Public Attendance:** 12 members of the public were present at the meeting.

**Apologies for Absence:** Councillor I Bevan

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## **RTNM.122 NOMINATIONS OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Councillor Yvonne Wright welcomed all of those present to the meeting. She explained that she had been the chair of the Township Forum for the past year and had been very proud to take up the role. Councillor Wright thanked the Members of the Forum and the officers for their support for the previous year.

Nominations for the role of Chair were requested;

Councillor Daly nominated Councillor Gunther and this was seconded by Councillor Gartside . No other nominations were received.

Nominations for the role of Vice Chair were requested;

Councillor Gartside nominated Councillor Hodgkinson and this was seconded by Councillor Daly. No other nominations were received.

### **It was agreed:**

1. That Councillor D Gunther be appointed Chair of the Ramsbottom, Tottington and North Manor Township Forum for the Municipal Year 2015/2016.
2. That Councillor R Hodgkinson be appointed as Vice Chair of the Ramsbottom, Tottington and North Manor Township Forum for the Municipal Year 2015/2016.

## **RTNM.123 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

## **RTNM.124 ADVISORY GROUP UPDATE**

It was reported that Alistair Waddell representing Greenmount Village Community Group had been confirmed as an Advisory Group Member for a further term.

Councillor Gunther asked that more local groups be contacted and invited to apply for an Advisory Group position on the Forum.

## **RTNM.125 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

That the Minutes of the last meeting of the Township Forum held on 3 June 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair, subject to the following correction;

Minute RTNM.39 - Future public meeting on potential Scout Moor development. The date of the public picnic to be held should read 14 June 2015 not 14 July as stated in the minutes.

## **RTNM.126 MATTERS ARISING**

Further to Minute RTNM.40, Public Question Time, representatives from Rosso Buses, Brendan O'Reilly and James McCollom attended the meeting to update those present on the work they were undertaking and to answer questions.

A question had been asked at the last meeting relating to the 476 service between Bury and Greenmount that had been withdrawn 2 years' previously.

It was explained that the service had been withdrawn as it was not commercially viable to run and there was no subsidy available from TfGM. The service had never carried the numbers of passengers required to sustain the service.

Issues had also been raised regarding the frequency of the 480/481 service and it was explained that this service did run a half hour service throughout most of the day but there were a couple of gaps, one in the morning and one in the afternoon when the peak times are school journeys. The company would have to purchase another vehicle to allow them to fill the gap and this was not a viable option. It was however explained that the school services that run during these times were available for public use.

Mrs Taylor stated that she had contacted Rosso to suggest that they re-route the 468 to take in Greenmount or run a circular service.

It was explained that this suggestion had been received and Rosso were currently looking at their options in relation to this. It would be down to economics and other factors such as current service provision from other operators.

Mrs Taylor also stated that she was very impressed with the standard of service provided by the drivers on Rosso buses, they were always very helpful and courteous.

Councillor Gunther referred to services that used to run through Hawkshaw but had been withdrawn.

It was explained that the service had not been commercially viable and therefore could not be sustained. Rosso was a small company that was owned by Rossendale Council and run for their residents. They provided services outside of their borough to help bring in a profit.

Councillor Daly asked a number of questions relating to TfGM subsidised routes and how these were decided and it was suggested that a TfGM be invited to a future meeting of the Township Forum.

Mr Schwarz referred to the school buses that had been mentioned and asked if these were included on the timetables.

It was explained that they weren't but a request could be made for them to be. This would also have to be done through TfGM.

**It was agreed:**

1. That a representative of TfGM be invited to a meeting of the Township Forum.
2. That Brendan O'Reilly and James McCollom be thanked for their attendance.

**RTNM.127 SAFE 4 SUMMER INITIAIVE**

Rachel Henry, Anti Social Behaviour Co-ordinator attended the meeting to explain the work that was being carried out over the summer in relation to anti social behaviour across the borough.

It was explained that most of the occurrences of ASB reported over the summer months were carried out by youths. The Safe 4 Summer initiative was being run jointly with the Council, Police, Fire Service and other partners and was aimed at young people to help keep them safe and address certain behaviours.

The initiative was rolled out across Bury high schools and educated young people on issues such as grassland/moorland fires, water safety and enforcement that could be taken including behaviour contracts, restorative justice events, civil injunctions and closure powers.

Rachel explained that the enforcement carried out following incidents of ASB involved a large number of partners and included liaising with the young persons' parents or guardians.

There was a safe 4 summer website available where activities were promoted such as youth clubs, zumba classes, family days out and football tournaments and young people could find out more about the initiative and enter competitions.

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

- Phillippa McIntyre, the Chair of Summerseat Village Community explained that there had been ongoing issues with youths holding parties in the woods next to The Spinnings in Summerseat. This had been going on for a number of years and nothing had been done to stop it. It was explained that up to 80 young people would gather in the woods and light fires and drink. They would arrive after 11pm and stay until the early hours. There had been damage to vehicles parked in the car park and residents were disturbed by the noise. It was also very intimidating and frightening for residents. The police were aware of the situation but their shift allocation meant that there was no police presence in the area after 11pm. It was also explained that this coming weekend was likely to be the worst of the year as the exams had finished and the school proms were being held.

Rachel stated that she would be able to set up a joint initiative with partners and get something in place but this would take time as there would have to be some work done around shift patterns etc. She would contact Bury's Security Service and the Police to advise them of the situation to see if something could be put in place in the short term.

Dave Thomas explained that this would also be reported to the next meeting of the Joint Engagement Team which brought together a number of partners to deal with issues affecting the Borough. The situation would be monitored by the team and initiatives carried out to deal with it jointly.

Councillor Daly asked if Bury Council's Security Service could visit over the weekend and it was also suggested that the Chief Executive be informed of the situation.

- Phillippa also explained that the residents had been to the place where the young people gathered and had collected four big bags of bottles and cans. She asked whether it would be possible for these to



be removed as the residents had nowhere to dispose of them.

- Councillor Fitzwalter referred to incidents on Holcombe Moor with school leavers gathering and suggested that Head Teachers should be asked to help discourage this type of behaviour.
- Councillor Gartside reported that he had received reports of youths firing airguns on the Kirklees Trail and asked that this be looked into.

Rachel asked for any incidents of this nature to be reported to herself, Damien Miller or Dave Thomas.

**It was agreed:**

1. That the Chief Executive would be informed of the situation in Summerseat on behalf of the Township Forum.
2. That Rachel be thanked for her attendance at the Township Forum.

**RTNM.128 RAMSBOTTOM, TOTTINGTON AND NORTH MANOR TOWNSHIP PLAN 2015/16**

Dave Thomas explained that the round tables discussions had produced a huge amount of information. Dave was in the process of incorporating this into the Township Plan for 2015/2016 plan and he would send the refreshed plans out to all Members.

It was explained that a review of The Township Forums had been carried out through a consultation and following this it had been agreed that the way that the Township Forums operated would change. There would still be meetings but these would be reduced to quarterly and discussions were taking place with partners to see about having a market place type event before each meeting which would allow members of the public to drop in and talk to partners prior to the formal meeting. The partners included in this were the Police, Fire and Rescue Service, Housing, Highways and any other deemed appropriate.

Dave also explained that the way that Township funding was allocated was changing and would now be allocated by a panel made up of Township Forum Councillors and Advisory Group Members.

Councillor Gartside referred to the reference made to online meetings and asked what this meant.

Dave explained that there would still be the physical meetings which would be held in the community at various locations as they are now and there would 4 of these each year. The online meetings would be developed as a

social media type community forum which would hopefully engage the members of the community that have historically been hard to reach.

The development of this type of facility was at the early stages but once more was known it would be reported to the Forum.

Mr Schwarz referred to the seating format of the meetings and asked if this could be reviewed to be less formal so that more people could take part.

## **RTNM.129 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

- Councillor Wright asked a question on behalf of Dr Binns who was unable to attend the meeting; Dr Binns had asked about the lack of water to the Urn at the Market Place in Ramsbottom and had been informed that it would be turned back on in time for summer. As yet it was still not running.

Dave Thomas stated that he would investigate the situation and report back.

- Alistair Waddell reported that he had spoken to the police about a youth nuisance issue in Greenmount and they had advised him to use the 101 telephone number and to get his neighbours to call as well. The more calls that were logged on this number would improve the response to the incident.

**COUNCILLOR D Gunther**  
**Chair**

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

# Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor Township Forum:

## Issues raised 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015

	Raised by	Item Raised at Open Forum	Action by	Action
1	Cllr James Daly	Asked a question in relation to Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) subsidised routes and how these were decided.	Township Forum	<p>Suggested that a TfGM representative be invited to a future meeting of the Township Forum.</p> <p>A request has been made for a representative from TfGM to attend a future Township Forum. Awaiting confirmation.</p> <p><b>(Township Coordinator)</b></p>
2	Mr. Schwarz (Chairman of Tottington District Civic Society)	Referred to the school buses operating in the Township and asked if these were included on the timetables.	Township Forum/Rosso/TfGM	<p>Issue raised with Rosso Busses and it has been confirmed that the school buses don't feature on timetables. Rosso agreed to make representations to TfGM for this to be done.</p> <p><b>(Township Coordinator)</b></p>
3	Phillippa McIntyre, the Chair of Summerseat Village Communit	Ongoing issues with youths holding parties in the woods next to The Spinnings in Summerseat. A number of issues causing distress for residents. The police were aware of the situation but their shift allocation meant that there was no police presence in the area after 11pm. It was also explained that the coming weekend was likely to be the worst of the year as the exams had finished and the school proms were being held.	Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Manager	<p>Issue was raised promptly with the Neighbourhood Policing Team and Bury Council security team. It was agreed that it would be added to their patrols between 11pm and 2am for the Friday and Saturday nights.</p> <p>In terms of a longer term solution the issue has now been raised at the Joint Engagement Team meeting. Potential options being explored include implementing a Public Space Protection Order. The conditions of the order could govern:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drinking alcohol</li> <li>• Leaving litter</li> </ul>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Camping</li> <li>• Gathering in groups above a certain number after a certain time in the evening</li> </ul> <p>The Chief Executive of Bury Council has also been made aware of the situation.</p> <p><b>(ASB Manager &amp; Democratic Services)</b></p>
4	Councillor Wright	<p>Asked a question on behalf of Dr Binns who was unable to attend the meeting; Dr Binns had asked about the lack of water to the Urn at the Market Place in Ramsbottom and had been informed that it would be turned back on in time for summer.</p> <p>As yet it was still not running.</p>	Arts & Museum Manager/Township Forum	<p>It has been agreed that the issue will remain as a rolling action on the Township Forum Action Log.</p> <p>An update on progress will be given at the September forum from the Arts &amp; Museum Manager.</p> <p><b>(Township Coordinator)</b></p>

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David Thomas (Township Co-ordinator)  
14<sup>th</sup> July 2015

# RTNM Town Plan

2015 - 2018



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# Welcome to Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor Local

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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 Dorothy Gunther  
**Chair,**  
**Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor**  
**Township Forum**

# Who we are and what we do

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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](mailto:d.thomas@bury.gov.uk)



# Some facts about Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor

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**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Stutteworth 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!

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### **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 9<sup>th</sup> highest rate of Reception Year obesity (9%) and North Manor has the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest level of obesity in Reception Year at 11%.

### **Educational Attainment/Learning**

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

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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

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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?
<b>Residents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultation activities</li> <li>• Township Forums- open forum issues and round table discussions</li> <li>• PACT meetings</li> </ul>
<b>Councillors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct involvement in the development of the objectives for this plan</li> <li>• Consultation activities</li> <li>• Township Forums</li> </ul>
<b>Research and Demographic Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National research and intelligence</li> <li>• Local Health Data</li> <li>• Ward profiles</li> <li>• Intelligence gathering</li> </ul>
<b>Partner Organisations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Police and partner meetings</li> <li>• Six Town Housing</li> <li>• Council departments</li> <li>• Primary Care Trust/ Health Authority</li> </ul>

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:  
2015-16

(Update September 2015)

# Outcome: Improved Employment Opportunities

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**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

<b>ISSUE – What needs to be achieved</b>	<b>ACTIONS/OUTPUTS – How can we work towards addressing this issue?</b>	<b>LEAD AGENCY- Who should take responsibility?</b>	<b>MILESTONES</b>	<b>BY WHEN?</b>	<b>CURRENT STATUS</b>
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<p>Increased number of Apprenticeships for Young People In Ramsbottom, Tottington &amp; 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 area with their agreement</p>	<p>Economic Development Team</p> <p><b>With Support From:</b></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>Publicity information delivered locally</p>	<p>Ongoing 2015/16</p>	
<p>Assist those young people who face barriers to entering 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>Economic, employment &amp; Skills Lead</p> <p><b>With Support From:</b></p> <p>Township Co-ordinator</p>	<p>Connecting Provision on hold</p>	<p>Ongoing 2015/15</p>	
<p>Encourage new Business Start up opportunities</p>	<p>Encourage more business start ups in Ramsbottom, Tottington &amp; North Manor</p> <p>Match people wanting to start a businesses in a mentoring capacity – expertise needed from Local enterprise</p>	<p>Economic Development Team</p> <p>Manchester Business Growth Hub</p> <p><b>With Support From:</b></p> <p>Township Forum</p>	<p>Meeting to be scheduled with Bury Council Business Growth Manager</p>	<p>November 2015</p> <p>Ongoing 2015/16</p>	

	partnerships (LEP's)				
Get young Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor residents work ready and into work	Explore possibilities for Job Fairs/ Job Clubs at local venues and ways to help prepare people to get into work.	Bury College Economic Development Lead <b>With Support From:</b> Township Forum	Collected material and emailed to Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor database contacts  Promotion of the Bury College Apprenticeship Jobs Fair	25 <sup>th</sup> June 2015  8 <sup>th</sup> July 2015	

## 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

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Reduce Anti Social Behaviour in Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor communities through early intervention	Weekly Joint Engagement Team (JET) meetings established to identify and quickly deal with potential offenders.	Neighbourhood Policing Team <b>With Support From:</b> Township Co-ordinator Various partner agencies	Township Coordinator key member of Joint Engagement Team management group	Ongoing 2015/16	
Address perceptions of crime within Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor communities – particular focus on elderly and vulnerable residents	Report to Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor Township Forum re actions and successes delivered through the Joint Engagement Team.	Neighbourhood Policing Team <b>With Support From:</b> Township Coordinator	Evidence report and stats to be produced quarterly for Township Forum members	Ongoing 2015/16	
Raise awareness of Anti-social behavior / personal safety/ crime/ drugs etc amongst school age children	More school visits by police and partner agencies to pupils aged 13-16 to raise awareness of the disruptions caused by ASB, Alcohol and Drugs - via Be Safe Be Cool Initiative	Neighbourhood Police <b>With support from:</b> Bury Council officers Schools Bury College Six Town Housing	Preliminary planning meeting held	June 2015	
			Be Safe Be Cool workshops due to commence in mid October 2015.	October 2015	
Improve access to key statutory agencies for members of the community in Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor	To look at the possibility of setting up a 'Market Place' prior to Township Forum Meetings. Inviting Police, Community Organisations and Local Authority departments	Neighbourhood Police <b>With Support From:</b> Township Coordinator Township Forum Members	Discussions held with Chief Inspector 23rd June 2015	Completed	
			Trial Police attending Township Forum 30 minutes before the start of	First meeting in September	

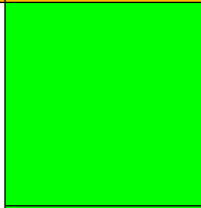
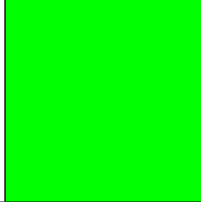
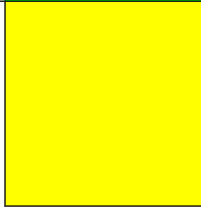


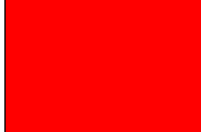
		Members of the public	meeting	2015	
Page 22	Address issue of speeding traffic in residential areas of Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor	Highways Department <b>With Support From:</b> Township Co-ordinator Road Safety Teams Township Forum Members	Successful implementation of 20mph schemes  Banners now being displayed outside schools	2013-2015 ongoing	
				January 2014 and ongoing	
	School Parking Issues	Highways Department <b>With Support From:</b> Road Safety Teams Township Forum	Successful implementation of charters	April 2015 and Ongoing 2015/16	

## Outcome: Improved Educational Attainment/Learning

**Key Issues identified:** The need to ensure that Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor 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	ACTIONS/OUTPUTS – How can we work	LEAD AGENCY- Who should take	MIESTONES	By When?	
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be achieved	towards addressing this issue?	responsibility?			Current Status
Ensure children are "school ready" in Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor	<p>Support for parents in most need and encourage reading from an early age Book Start Initiative</p> <p>BOO (Bags of Opportunity) project for nursery children – transition stage</p>	<p>Children Centre</p> <p><b>With Support From:</b></p> <p>Reaching Families</p> <p>Bury Library Service</p> <p>Health Visitors</p> <p>Township Co-ordinator / Forum</p>	<p>Materials have been delivered to the Children's Centre and distributed.</p> <p>Delivery of projects via the Children Centre reporting back via TF Co-ordinator</p>	<p>June 2012 Completed</p> <p>September 2014 and Ongoing 2015/16</p>	 
<p>Promote learning opportunities for Ramsbottom, Tottington &amp; North Manor Residents</p> <p>Page 23</p>	<p>Improve information sharing between local community and central organisations re learning needs locally</p> <p>Map current provision</p> <p>Deliver more learning opportunities in the community to make learning more accessible</p> <p>Community Learning</p>	<p>Adult Learning</p> <p><b>With Support From:</b></p> <p>Township Co-ordinator</p> <p>Township Forum members</p>	<p>A range of learning opportunities developed that respond to local needs and reflect the views of local people</p> <p>Increase in number of learning venues in communities</p> <p>Venue audit being undertaken</p>	<p>April 2014</p> <p>Ongoing 2015/16</p> <p>April 2015</p> <p>December 2014</p>	   

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

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**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.

<b>ISSUE – What needs to be achieved</b>	<b>ACTIONS/OUTPUTS – How can we work towards addressing this issue?</b>	<b>LEAD AGENCY- Who should take responsibility?</b>	<b>MILESTONES</b>	<b>By When?</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Limited access to High Speed Broadband (HSBB) amongst rural villages	Support the residents of rural areas to access HSBB	Bury Rural Inequalities Forum <b>With Support From:</b> Economic, employment & Skills Lead Bury Employment & Skills Task Group	To be agreed.	Ongoing 2015/16	
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 <b>With Support From:</b> BRIF Holcombe Society Residents	To be agreed.	Ongoing 2015/16	
Review Future Focus of Bury Rural Inequalities Forum	Identify new ambitions for 2015-16	BRIF Members With Support From: Township Coordinator	Township Coordinator to attend next BRIF meeting	Ongoing 2015/16	
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 <b>With Support From:</b> TfGM Township Forum	To be agreed	Ongoing 2015/16	

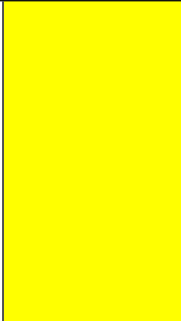
## Outcome: Improved Health and Wellbeing

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**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 9<sup>th</sup> highest rate of Reception Year obesity (9%)

<b>ISSUE – What needs to be achieved</b>	<b>ACTIONS/OUTPUTS – How can we work towards addressing this issue?</b>	<b>LEAD AGENCY- Who should take responsibility?</b>	<b>MILESTONES</b>	<b>By When?</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Tackle Childhood obesity in Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor	Maximise impact of IWIYW Phase 2 Promote £1,000 funding available 2015/16	IWIYW Team <b>With Support From:</b> Township Forum	Publicity distributed to Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor contacts database	Ongoing 2015/16	
Reduce Fuel Bills for those most in need within Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor communities	Promote Little Bill £7,000 scheme to enable local residents to access energy efficiency measures. Promote opportunity of £12,000 to become show home	Awardable Warmth Team Referrals to GM energy Advice Service 0800 009 3363 or via <a href="mailto:getmetoasty@manchester.gov.uk">getmetoasty@manchester.gov.uk</a> <b>With Support From:</b> Township Co-ordinator Township Forum	Results at end of financial year re number of measures and savings	March 2015	
To increase participation in sport and physical activity amongst women and girls aged 14 plus across Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor	Deliver activities which engage with local communities and attract more people into regular physical activity	IWIYW Team <b>With Support From:</b> Sports and Physical Activity Service (SAPAS) Township Forum	Applications submitted for Sportivate funding  I Will If You Will activities being delivered across Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor	June 2014 Completed  Ongoing 2015/16	

<p>Help promote understanding and awareness of welfare reforms</p>	<p>Support the work of Bury's Welfare Reform Board, including implementation of the Borough's Poverty Strategy.</p> <p>Invite relevant speakers to talk to township forum on key aspects of the reform agenda</p>	<p>Bury Welfare Reform Board</p> <p><b>With Support From:</b></p> <p>Township Co-ordinator</p> <p>Township Forum</p>	<p>Members of the team attend Welfare Reform Board Meetings on a regular basis</p>	<p>Ongoing 2015/16</p>	
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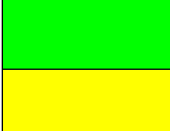

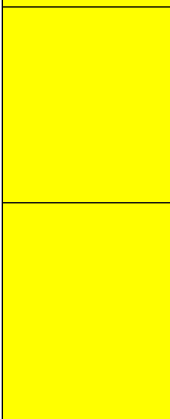
**Outcome:** Community Pride & Belonging in Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor

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**Key Issues identified:** There is a desire from residents to see Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor 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?	Current Status
Promote Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor as a positive place to live, work and visit  Page 29	A range of Positive Activities taking place in Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor	All Township Forum members	Advisory Group members to update each forum meeting on new events/activities	Introduced 2014 Ongoing 2015/16	
	Active promotion of activities and groups within the Township	Township Coordinator/Chair		June 2015 Ongoing 2015/16	
	Greater communication between groups to improve co-ordination. Engage groups in the Township Forum	Township Coordinator		June 2015 Ongoing 2015/16	
	Emphasise the Positives of the township by notifying the Communications Team of Local events  Maintain and update the Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor contacts database to increase communication & engagement	Township Coordinator		June 2015 Ongoing 2015/16	

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	<p>Recycling Team</p> <p><b>With Support From:</b></p> <p>Township Forum Members</p> <p>TRA's</p> <p>Local residents</p>	Increase recycling rates across Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor to contribute to the 55% target for Bury	March 2015	
			Recycling Centre open day leaflet sent to Township Forum Database	18 <sup>th</sup> August 2014	
			Waste Management Presentation to Township Forum	17 <sup>th</sup> September 2014	
			Road shows to promote Recycling	Ongoing 2015/16	
			Promotion in Schools		
			Promotion of waste		

Page 31	Support for Parks Groups/ protection of parks and conservation areas	<p>Increase membership and participation in parks forums-encourage young people's involvement</p> <p>Advertise events taking place in our parks</p> <p>Report to Township Forum on progress</p>	<p>Friends of parks Groups</p> <p><b>With Support From:</b></p> <p>Township Forum Members</p> <p>Township Coordinator</p>	<p>Update from Friends of Groups to Township Forum</p> <p>Update from Friends of Groups to Township Forum</p>	<p>Ongoing 2015/16</p> <p>Ongoing 2015/16</p>	
	Improve engagement of young people on key issues and improve attendance at forum meetings	Increase number of young people attending forum meetings	<p>Township forum members</p> <p><b>With Support From:</b></p> <p>Schools/Colleges</p> <p>Partner Agencies</p>	Exploratory meeting with partner agencies to look at implementation of a 'Youth Committee'	<p>October 2015</p> <p>Ongoing 2015/16</p>	

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# Bury Council Township Forum Report



The Council has allocated £8,000 to each Township Forum to be allocated through a sub group of the Township forum four times a year in June, September, November and March. A maximum of £250 individual grant is available for formally constituted organisations.

Additionally, a borough-wide allocation of £8,000 is available for “cross-ward” applications for activity that takes place across more than one ward. The “cross-ward” applications are determined by the Council’s Small Grants Panel.

Organisations applying for funding should be running projects which address at least one of the following priorities or one of those detailed in the Township plans:

- Improved employment opportunities
- Improved Community and Safety
- Improved Health and Well being
- Learning Opportunities for local residents
- Community Cohesion, Community Pride and belonging
- Environmental improvements

This report details the applications for the June round of funding. The first round of applications was approved by the Small Grants Panel as there was insufficient time to form sub group of each Township Forum before the applications had to be approved.

**Bury East**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>Amount allocated</b>	<b>Completion date</b>
Beasties Junior Youth Club	Big Jubilee Lunch	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	01/07/2015
	<b>Allocated</b>		<b>£ 250.00</b>	

**Bury West**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>Amount allocated</b>	<b>Completion date</b>
Peoples Voice	To improve site sensory garden and beds	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	01/02/2016
Walshaw Park Football Club	Junior Team Kit	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	01/09/2015
	<b>Allocated</b>		<b>£ 500.00</b>	

**Prestwich**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>Amount allocated</b>	<b>Completion date</b>
Prestwich Carnival	Carnival Event Insurance	£ 250.00	£ -	01/07/2015
Village Greens Community Co-op	To purchase a freezer	£ 250.00	£ -	01/08/2015
Big Knit	Purchase wool	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	01/04/2015
Albert Avenue Allotments	Setting up bee hives	£ 250.00	£ -	01/07/2015
	<b>Allocated</b>		<b>£ 250.00</b>	

**Radcliffe**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>Amount allocated</b>	<b>Completion date</b>
	<b>Allocated</b>		<b>£ -</b>	

**Ramsbottom Tottington and North Manor**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>Amount allocated</b>	<b>Completion date</b>
Tottington & District Townswomen's guild	Organised speakers at events	£ 250.00	£ -	01/05/2016
Soroptomist	Provide a tea party for Ramsbottom elderly	£ 250.00	£ -	01/07/2015
Tottington Park Bowling and Social Club	Purchase new equipment	£ 250.00	£ -	01/08/2015
	<b>Allocated</b>		<b>£ -</b>	

**Whitefield and Unsworth**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>Amount allocated</b>	<b>Completion date</b>
Whitefield Community Graveyard	Purchase equipment & soil	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	01/09/2015
Victoria Youth & Community Assoc	Job Club	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	01/08/2015
	<b>Allocated</b>		<b>£ 500.00</b>	

**Cross Township**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>Amount allocated</b>	<b>Completion date</b>
Eden Garden Allotments	Equipment & items for area in allotments	£ 500.00	£ 300.00	01/07/2015
Tottington Holiday club	Provision of holiday club and activities	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	01/09/2015
Bury Archaeological Group	Member training, Newsletter & Excavations	£ 500.00	£ -	01/03/2016
Tottington Sports Club	Tottington's 'Big Day Out'	£ 500.00	£ -	01/07/2015
Prestwich Book Festival	Event for book lovers	£ 400.00	£ 300.00	01/09/2015
Hard of Hearing	Tutor and room hire	£ 500.00	£ 265.00	01/01/2016
Bury Widows	Towards cost of railway lunch & day out	£ 500.00	£ -	01/09/2015
	<b>Allocated</b>		<b>£1,365.00</b>	

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