

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 (Chair), R Hodgkinson, K Hussain, Keeley and
Y Wright

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:	Monday, 7 March 2016
Place:	Ramsbottom Library (Grant Room), Carr Street, Ramsbottom, BL0 9AE
Time:	7.00 pm
Briefing Facilities:	If Opposition Members and Co-opted Members require briefing on any particular item on the Agenda, the appropriate Director/Senior Officer originating the related report should be contacted.
Notes:	PLEASE NOTE: An informal Market Place/Drop in will be held in the Library from 6pm where representatives from GM Police and Bury Directory will be available to chat and answer questions and give advice on a one to one basis.

The Agenda is attached.

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

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

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AGENDA

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of the Township Forum are asked to consider whether they have an interest in any of the matters on the Agenda and if so, to formally declare that interest.

3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING *(Pages 1 - 8)*

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 11 January 2016 are attached.

4 MATTERS ARISING *(Pages 9 - 10)*

Action sheet attached

5 POLICE UPDATE

An update will be given at the meeting.

6 PENSION WISE

A Pension Wise advisor will report at the meeting about the free and impartial government service.

7 FUNDING FOR ARTWORK/SCULPTURE IN RAMSBOTTOM

Tony Trehy, Arts and Museums Manager will report at the meeting.

8 OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

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

9 TOWNSHIP PLAN - UPDATE - FOR INFORMATION *(Pages 11 - 34)*

The updated Township Plan is attached for information.

10 TOWNSHIP FORUM FUNDING REPORT *(Pages 35 - 42)*

The Township Forum Funding report is attached

11 URGENT BUSINESS

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

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Agenda Item 3

Minutes of: RAMSBOTTOM, TOTTINGTON AND NORTH MANOR
TOWNSHIP FORUM

Date of Meeting: 11 January 2016

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

**Also in
attendance:**

Public Attendance: 28 members of the public were present at the meeting.

Apologies for Absence: Reverend Steve Openshaw - RETM/CTIR
Alistair Waddell – Greenmount Village Community
Group

RTNM.597 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made at the meeting.

RTNM.598 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

That the Minutes of the last meeting of the Township Forum held on 9 November 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair

RTNM.599 MATTERS ARISING

Further to Minute RTNM.442, Public Question Time, Mr Booth referred to the issue that he had raised regarding the use of drones on Council land at Summerseat Lane South and asked if any guidance had been received. He explained that after the last meeting he had read about an incident in the paper where a child had been seriously injured by a drone.

Councillor Shori stated that if drones were being used on Council owned land the Council would take action against them.

Mr Booth asked if the use of drones could be added to list of prohibited usage on the sign at the land at Summerseat Lane South.

Councillor Bevan reported that since the last meeting of the Forum the Secretary of State had rejected the appeal relating to the proposed anaerobic digester at Ramsbottom. The company concerned had limited time following this decision to appeal to the courts but as far as Councillor Bevan was aware, nothing had been submitted to date.

RTNM.600 POLICE UPDATE

PC Rick Abram from the Ramsbottom Area Team reported that there had been incidents of youth annoyance across the area which the Police had been targeting. Some legal steps had been taken against a few individuals involving restorative justice. There had been a couple of serious assaults and enquiries were still

ongoing in relation to these. There had been 3 or four burglaries over the past few months with a couple occurring over the Christmas period.

PCSO Graham Lee reported that there had been a number of thefts from motor vehicles around the Tottington area which had spiked over the Christmas period. There were a few burglaries in Tottington before Christmas and there had been two in January to date. Other than that it had been a quiet start to the year.

It was reported that across the Forum areas there had been a stable and steady start to the year.

It was agreed:

That Sergeant Terry Dunning, PC Rick Abram and PCSO Graham Lee be thanked for their update and their attendance at the meeting.

RTNM.601 2016/2017 BUDGET CONSULTATION

Councillor Rishi Shori, Deputy Leader of the Council and Steve Kenyon Interim Director of Resources and Regulation gave a presentation setting out the budget consultation for 2016/2017.

It was explained that funding received from central government would continue to reduce. It was reported that for 2016/2017 it was estimated that the Council will have to cut £11.6 million from its budget as core funding was being reduced by 10.75%. It was anticipated that the Council's funding would be cut by over 30% in the coming 4 years. This is on top of the £54million lost since 2010.

This is at a time when residents' needs are changing, demands are increasing and expectations are high. The Council and its partners will have to work differently to deliver the best outcomes with the resources available.

The Council will need to prioritise services covering its legal obligations and its priorities to look after the vulnerable; promote a strong local economy and be a good place to live and invest.

The impact of the reduction in budget was set out:-

- Service changes – can't rule out service closures and/or a reduced range of services in future years.
- Explore different ways of delivering services and greater use of partnership working.
- Increased waiting times and /or reduced quality of service
- Limits to what the Council can afford to provide and carry out
- A different relationship with residents – understanding what the Council can and can't do
- Greater use of technology

Steve Kenyon set out the cuts that the Council had experienced since 2011 and explained that these added up to £53.561million.

Steve also introduced a slide setting out where the Council spent its money with the top three areas being Older People – 30p per £1, Children’s Services (non schools) – 24p per £1 and Cleansing, Refuse Collection and Disposal – 13p per £1.

It was explained that the way that the funding was allocated was based on a formula which looked at specific areas such as levels of deprivation and other demographics. This meant that Bury received £331pp compared to the national average of £387pp.

There would also be cuts to a number of grants that the Council receives as well as new concerns such as Apprenticeship Levy, Employers National Insurance and the Living Wage. It was also explained that there was uncertainty around the localisation of business rates and how this would impact on the Council.

Work had been carried out to address the cuts and the following measures had been or would be carried out :-

- Alternative Service Delivery Models
- Grant Optimisation
- Grants to Voluntary Sector
- Income generation
- Better use of buildings and Assets
- Procurement saving
- Service Redesign
- Staff Restructuring
- Use of new technology

The consultation had been launched on 10 December 2015 and was asking residents to consider how savings could be made and suggest new ways of working.

The consultation was due to close on 9 February 2016 and all findings would be fed into the budget setting process. The budget was due to be debated at the full Council Meeting on 24 February.

Comments could be sent via e-mail, letter or to a dedicated telephone number.

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

- Councillor Gartside stated that he would like to have a meeting with Steve to discuss the figures which had been set out more thoroughly as he felt that the reduction in funding versus efficiency savings could be looked at differently.
- Councillor Gartside referred to the grants to voluntary sectors and the

fact that these were always important to the Council as the voluntary sector carried out such important work. Councillor Gartside asked if the Council had received input from the 3rd sector in relation to commissioning.

Councillor Shori explained that the 3rd sector were in the process of setting up a joint commissioning hub. The Council were in consultation with them about funding and had also been in discussions with individual organisations but no decisions had been made. It was also explained that the 3rd sector had had to work hard to find their own efficiencies due to their funding being reduced year on year.

- Dr Falmai Binns referred to the statement regarding the digital advantages of accessing services on-line and explained that the Affetside and Hawkshaw were without adequate broadband which put the residents of these villages at a disadvantage. Dr Binns explained that the Council had not assisted with the issue but there was now a legal obligation for them to do so. The cost to provide the network boxes required would be £60,000.

Steve Kenyon explained that the Council had worked with AGMA to help areas where broadband was an issue. Councillor Shori stated that he would look into the obligations referred to around this issue.

- Mrs Brenda Headley asked what would happen if people did not want to access services digitally.

Councillor Shori explained that the Council was aware that not everybody would want to access services digitally and would still be providing a face to face option for services but, where possible customers would be encouraged to access services on line.

- Mr Schwarz stated that the Council could save money by repairing the potholes better. He asked whether other ways of carrying out repairs had been considered.

Steve explained that the Council had trialled a machine called a Velocity Patcher which had proved very successful. Following the trial the Council had purchased one of the machines.

- A member of the public asked when the staff restructuring would take place.

It was stated that this would be ongoing throughout the course of the 2016/2017 financial year. There had already been a number of people who had left the authority under different schemes such as voluntary retirement or severance and some employees had taken flexible retirement which allowed them to reduce their hours and access their pension whilst the Council retained their skills.

- Councillor Fitzwalter stated that the austerity programme put in place by the Conservative government could be reined in.

- Councillor Wright asked whether complaints had increased in the previous years since the Council had had a reduction of £54 million in funding.

Councillor Shori stated that the Council continued to be a highly performing Council even following the cuts and that complaints had reduced.

- A member of the public referred to the alternative service delivery models and asked what was meant by this.

Steve explained that the Council had recently established an adult social care company which transferred the services providing adult social care into a commercial business that could work as a private provider as well as offering support on a social basis. This allows the Council to work on a commercial basis and have an income stream.

- A member of the public asked what service redesign meant.

It was explained that this meant looking at the way the Council currently works with its partners such as the NHS and doing it differently. It could involve sharing back office resources and joint commissioning.

- Councillor Daly referred to grant optimisation and asked how this could be done differently or increased.

It was explained that there were a number of grants available from different agencies and it was a matter of ensuring that all of those available were applied for. There were opportunities such as Homes and Communities Agency grant to support affordable housing as well as grants similar to the 'I Will if You Will' grant.

- A member of the public stated that they had heard that the Council would be selling off its parks and recreational land.

Councillor Shori stated that the Council had no interest or desire to sell any of its parks. The Council had sold some buildings that were no longer used and small areas of green space which are no use to the public.

- Councillor Daly asked what the financial cost was to the Council following the recent collapse and subsequent demolition of the Waterside in Summerseat. Councillor Daly stated that he was aware that the building had not been insured by its owners.

It was stated that the work at the site was not yet complete. Once all of the costs to the Council were known the debt would be recovered through legal action.

- Councillor Gunther asked how the changes to the business rates would affect the Council?

It was explained that the details were not yet known on how this would work but it was expected that there would be some sort of top up and tariff system in place.

Councillor Shori explained that the government was allowing Councils to add a Social Care Precept to its Council Tax charges of up to 2%. It was explained that this would equate, on average to 50p per week per household.

Councillor Shori asked those present to indicate whether they would be happy to pay this.

The majority of those present indicated that they would be happy to pay the 2%.

It was agreed:

That Councillor Shori and Steve Kenyon be thanked for their presentation.

RTNM.602 OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Noel Booth asked whether the school based at Summerseat had now moved to its new site at Radcliffe.

Councillor Gunther stated that she had been advised that the school would be moving out over the Christmas period and Training would move in.

A member of the public asked whether any funding had been granted from the Township Forum towards the War Memorial fund.

It was explained that no application for this had been received.

Janet Smith reported that Ramsbottom Heritage Society had requested that the bowling green to the rear of the Ramsbottom Civic Hall be registered as an asset of community value. This had been granted by the Council but the owners of the site had objected and the decision was now being decided by a tribunal.

A resident of Manchester Road in Ramsbottom explained that Manchester Road was continuously flooding which meant that the houses situated on the road were at constant risk of flooding. The cause for this was that the road was neglected by the Council and obstructions were not being removed. The residents have had to cover costs for clearing the road themselves but the problems return very quickly.

Mr Ali, a resident of Hawkshaw Lane stated that basic maintenance was not being carried out by the Council's Highways team. He had been requesting that the culverts on Hawkshaw Lane be cleaned but this had not been done. Mr Ali explained that he had contacted the Council on a number of occasions to raise his concerns and he had not received a response. Mr Ali stated that the Council should develop protocols for basic maintenance across the borough and stick to them.

Councillor Wright explained that she was assisting residents in Tottington with issues relating to blocked or broken culverts.

Councillor Hodkinson explained that the weirs that feed into the culverts from the two lodges near Carr Street in Ramsbottom had not been maintained properly and this had added to the flooding issues on Boxing day causing them to overflow down into Crow Lane where some properties had flooded.

Mr Ali stated that the A676, Bolton Road at the boundary with Hawkshaw and Bolton regularly flooded. This had been reported more than 6 months previous and nothing had been done. The pooling water on the road surface was dangerous in any conditions but more so when icy. The issue had also been reported by local Councillors.

Councillor Daly reported that the head teacher and other staff members at the school where he was a governor were regularly verbally abused and insulted by parents over issues with parking outside the school. He was aware that this also happened at other schools and asked if somebody from the Council could advise on what to do. It was also asked whether a protocol could be developed for schools.

RTNM.603 TOWNSHIP PLAN - UPDATE - FOR INFORMATION

Dave Thomas presented the Township Plan for information.

RTNM.604 FUNDING REPORT - FOR INFORMATION

The funding report was presented for information.

A member of the public asked what would happen to the amount of £7750 which had not been allocated and whether it would be carried over to the next financial year.

It was explained that this decision would be made at the budget meeting of Council

RTNM.605 PENSION WISE

Councillor Gunther explained that she had been made aware of a pension advice service that was being run by the Wigan branch of the CAB and offered across Greater Manchester. Councillor Gunther asked whether the Forum would like to receive a presentation from them at the next meeting.

It was agreed:

That a representative from the Pension Wise scheme be invited to the March meeting of the Township Forum.

**COUNCILLOR Gunther
Chair**

(Note: The meeting started at 7.00 pm and ended at 9.10 pm)

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Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor Township Forum:

Issues raised 11th January 2016

	Raised by	Item Raised at Open Forum	Action by	Action
1	Mr Booth	Asked whether the school based at Summerseat had now moved to its new site at Radcliffe.	Cllr Gunther	Cllr Gunther stated that she had been advised that the school would be moving out over the Christmas period and Training would move in.
2	Janet Smith	Reported that Ramsbottom Heritage Society had requested that the bowling green to the rear of the Ramsbottom Civic Hall be registered as an asset of community value. This had been granted by the Council but the owners of the site had objected and the decision was now being decided by a tribunal.	Township Coordinator	This had been granted by the Council but the owners of the site had objected and the decision was now being decided by a tribunal.
3	Resident	Manchester Road was continuously flooding which meant that the houses situated on the road were at constant risk of flooding. The cause for this was that the road was neglected by the Council and obstructions were not being removed. The residents have had to cover costs for clearing the road themselves but the	Township Forum	Discussions will be held with Highways colleagues and feedback given at next forum meeting.

		problems return very quickly.		
4	Mr Ali	Has been requesting that the culverts on Hawkshaw Lane be cleaned but this had not been done. Mr Ali explained that he had contacted the Council on a number of occasions to raise his concerns and he had not received a response. Mr Ali stated that the Council should develop protocols for basic maintenance across the borough and stick to them.	Cllr Wright	Councillor Wright explained that she was assisting residents in Tottington with issues relating to blocked or broken culverts.
Page 10	Cllr Hodkinson	Explained that the weirs that feed into the culverts from the two lodges near Carr Street in Ramsbottom had not been maintained properly and this had added to the flooding issues on Boxing day causing them to overflow down into Crow Lane where some properties had flooded.	Township Forum	Discussions will be held with Highways colleagues and feedback given at next forum meeting.

David Thomas (Township Co-ordinator)
12th January 2016

RTNM Town Plan

2015 - 2018



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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 Dorothy Gunther
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.

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!

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.

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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:
2015-16

(Update September 2015)

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?	CURRENT STATUS
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<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 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>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 & Skills Lead</p> <p>With Support From:</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 & 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>With Support From:</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 With Support From: Township Forum	Collected material and emailed to Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor database contacts Promotion of the Bury College Apprenticeship Jobs Fair	25 th June 2015 8 th 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 With Support From: 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 With Support From: 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 With support from: 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 With Support From: 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	

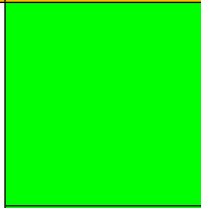
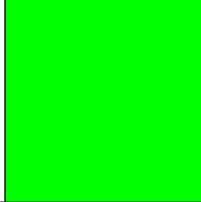
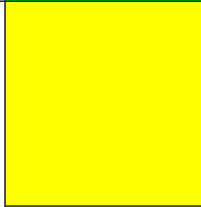


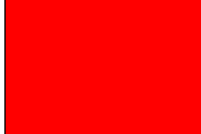
		Members of the public	meeting	2015	
Page 24	Address issue of speeding traffic in residential areas of Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor	Highways Department With Support From: Township Co-ordinator Road Safety Teams Township Forum Members	Successful implementation of 20mph schemes Banners now being displayed outside schools	2013-2015 ongoing	
				January 2014 and ongoing	
	School Parking Issues	Highways Department With Support From: 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>With Support From:</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 & North Manor Residents</p> <p>Page 25</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>With Support From:</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

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.

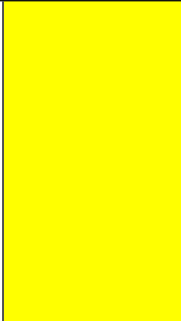
ISSUE – What needs to be achieved	ACTIONS/OUTPUTS – How can we work towards addressing this issue?	LEAD AGENCY- Who should take responsibility?	MILESTONES	By When?	Current Status
Limited access to High Speed Broadband (HSBB) amongst rural villages	Support the residents of rural areas to access HSBB	Bury Rural Inequalities Forum With Support From: Economic, employment & Skills Lead Bury Employment & Skills Task Group	To be agreed.	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 With Support From: 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 With Support From: TfGM Township Forum	To be agreed	Ongoing 2015/16	

Outcome: Improved Health and Wellbeing

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

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


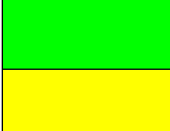

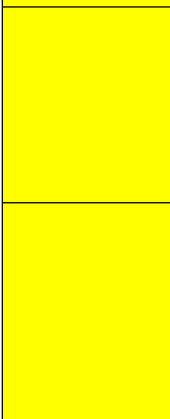
ISSUE – What needs to be achieved	ACTIONS/OUTPUTS – How can we work towards addressing this issue?	LEAD AGENCY- Who should take responsibility?	MILESTONES	By When?	Current Status
Tackle Childhood obesity in Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor	Maximise impact of IWIYW Phase 2 Promote £1,000 funding available 2015/16	IWIYW Team With Support From: 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 getmetoasty@manchester.gov.uk With Support From: 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 With Support From: 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>With Support From:</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

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 31	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>With Support From:</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 th August 2014	
			Waste Management Presentation to Township Forum	17 th September 2014	
			Road shows to promote Recycling	Ongoing 2015/16	
			Promotion in Schools		
			Promotion of waste		

Page 33	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>With Support From:</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>With Support From:</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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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 received to date including the October 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 the Township Forums before the applications had to be approved.

Please note there have been no planning meetings since the last Township Forums.

Bury East

Group	Details	Amount requested	Amount allocated	Date approved
Beasties Junior Youth Club	Big Jubilee Lunch	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	23.06.15
New Springs Community Project	Community awards evening	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	05.10.15
		£ 500.00	£ 500.00	
		Available	£7500	

Bury West

Group	Details	Amount requested	Amount allocated	Date approved
Peoples Voice	To improve site sensory garden and beds	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	23.06.15
Walshaw Park Football Club	Junior Team Kit	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	23.06.15
Brandlesholme Residents Association	Welcome signs North & South boundaries	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	17.11.15
		£ 750.00	£ 750.00	
		Available	£7250	

Prestwich

Group	Details	Amount requested	Amount allocated	Date approved
Prestwich Carnival	Carnival Event Insurance	£ 250.00	-	
Village Greens Community Co-op	To increase chillers area for provision	£ 250.00	-	
Big Knit	Purchase wool	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	23.06.15
Albert Avenue Allotments	Setting up bee hives	£ 250.00	-	
Seaforth Explorer Unit	Purchase new tents and pans	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	17.09.15
St Margaret's Bowling Club	Update Kitchen facilities	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	17.09.15
Simister Village Community Assoc.	Hold family social event for all the village	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	17.08.15
Prestwich Methodist Youth Association	Youth Workers	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	12.11.15
		£ 2,000.00	£ 1,250.00	
		Available	£6750	

Radcliffe

Group	Details	Amount requested	Amount allocated	Date approved
Withins Community Association	To purchase raised planters & soil	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	16.09.15
Radcliffe Heritage Society	Promotional Calendars History of Radcliffe	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	16.09.15
The Rotary Club of Radcliffe	Annual over 70's Christmas Party	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	18.11.15
Radcliffe Business Group	Servicing for tree LED lights for 2 years	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	18.11.15
Red Bank Tenants	Good quality soil	£ 200.00	£ 200.00	18.11.15
		£ 1200.00	£ 1200.00	
		Available	£6800	

Ramsbottom Tottington and North Manor

Group	Details	Amount requested	Amount allocated	Date approved
Tottington & District Townswomen's guild	Organised Speakers at events	£ 250.00	-	
Soroptomist	Provide a Tea Party for Ramsbottom elderly	£ 250.00	-	
Tottington Park Bowling and Social Club	Purchase new equipment	£ 250.00	-	
Greenmount Village Community	Signage	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	26.11.15

Group	Details	Amount requested	Amount allocated	Date approved
Nangreaves Residents Association	Towards repairs of wall	£ 250.00	-	
		£ 1,250.00	£ 250.00	
		Available	£7750	

Whitefield and Unsworth

Group	Details	Amount requested	Amount allocated	Date approved
Whitefield Community Graveyard	Purchase equipment & Soil	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	
Victoria Youth	Job Club	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	23.06.15
North M/c Ladies Jewish Drama Grp	Drama piece for the group	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	08.09.15
Bill Lane Improvement Scheme	Improvements & clean up on Bill Lane	£ 250.00	£ 250.00	17.11.15
		£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00	
		Available	£7000	

Cross Township

Group	Details	Amount requested	Amount allocated	Date approved
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Eden Garden Allotments	Equipment & items for area in allotments	£ 500.00	£ 300.00	23.06.15
Tottington Holiday club	Provision of Holiday club and activities	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	23.06.15
Bury Archaeological Group	Member training, Newsletter & Excavations	£ 500.00	-	23.06.15
Tottington Sports Club	Tottingtons 'Big Day Out'	£ 500.00	-	23.06.15
Prestwich Book Festival	Host Event for book lovers, £300 returned	£ 400.00	£ 300.00	23.06.15
Hard of Hearing	Tutor and room hire	£ 500.00	£ 265.00	23.06.15
Bury Widows	Towards cost of Railway lunch & day out	£ 500.00	-	
Bury and Districts Home Watch	Annual Home Watch Conference	£ 500.00	£ 200.00	15.09.15
Unsworth Cricket Club FC	Full size foldable goal post	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	15.09.15
Bury Carers Group	To run variety of activities for carers	£ 500.00	rejected	
Little Britain Anglers	Lawn mower	£ 450.00	deferred	
Buddy's for Children with Autism	fixtures and fittings for new shop	£ 500.00	rejected	
The Rotary Club of Ramsbottom	Trip for young carers to Blackpool	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	17.08.15

Group	Details	Amount requested	Amount allocated	Date approved
Bury Diabetic Support Group	To organise information events	£ 500.00	rejected	
Bury Archaeological Group	Equipment	£ 500.00	rejected	
Well Arty	Too match fund music pilot for young people	£ 500.00	rejected	
SupportiveStem Community Growth	Marketing Campaign to raise awareness	£ 470.00	rejected	
Its Time 4 Change	Room Hire for Breakfast Club	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	17.11.15
Bloco Ashe	Marketing & room hire for workshops	£ 500.00	£ 240.00	17.11.15
Bury Voluntary Ranger Service	To line and insulate container for storing tools	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	17.11.15
Langley Allotments	Part payment for replacement building	£ 500.00	£ 500.00	17.11.15
Whitefield Horticultural Society	Centenary event	£ 480.00	£ 250.00	17.11.15
Bury Diabetic Society	Running costs	£ 500.00	withdrawn	
Little Britain Anglers	Lawn mower	£ 480.00	deferred	
		£ 11,780.00	£ 4,555.00	
		Available	£4380	

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