

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, 9 November 2015
Place:	Grant Room, Ramsbottom Library
Time:	7.00 pm
Briefing Facilities:	If Opposition Members and Co-opted Members require briefing on any particular item on the Agenda, the appropriate Director/Senior Officer originating the related report should be contacted.
Notes:	

The Agenda is attached.

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

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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 WELCOME TO COUNCILLOR GREG KEELEY

Following the Tottington by election held on 22 October 2015, Councillor Gregory Keeley was elected to represent the ward.

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING *(Pages 1 - 6)*

5 MATTERS ARISING *(Pages 7 - 8)*

6 POLICE UPDATE

7 UPDATE ON THE URN WATER FEATURE IN RAMSBOTTOM

An update will be given at the meeting.

8 BURY WEST AND NORTH CHILDREN'S CENTRE HUB

A briefing will be given at the meeting

9 ENVIRONMENT AGENCY FLOOD CAMPAIGN - HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Information will be provided at the meeting.

10 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.

11 TOWNSHIP PLAN 2015/2016 *(Pages 9 - 32)*

An update will be given at the meeting

12 TOWNSHIP FORUM FUNDING REPORT *(Pages 33 - 36)*

13 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 4

Minutes of: RAMSBOTTOM, TOTTINGTON AND NORTH MANOR TOWNSHIP FORUM

Date of Meeting: 16 September 2015

Present: Councillor R Hodkinson (in the Chair)
Councillors J Daly, L Fitzwalter and I Gartside

Also attendance: in Reverend Steve Openshaw – RETM/CTIR

Public Attendance: 9 members of the public were present at the meeting.

Apologies for Absence: Councillor I Bevan, Councillor D Gunther and Councillor Y Wright

RTNM.314 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Gartside declared a personal interest in Item 8 – Funding Report, as he was a member of Tottington Sports Club – an organisation that had submitted a bid for funding.

RTNM.315 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was agreed:

That the Minutes of the last meeting held on 2 July 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

RTNM.316 MATTERS ARISING

The action sheet arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting was presented to the Forum.

RTNM.317 RAMSBOTTOM URN - UPDATE

Dr Falmai Binns from the Holcombe Society and BRIF explained that she had been in contact with Tony Trehy, Arts and Museums Manager in relation to the Urn in Ramsbottom Market Place.

Dr Binns stated that the Tilted Vase, known locally as the Urn had originally been commissioned as a water feature and was part of the Irwell Sculpture Trail. It had cost around £250,000.

Dr Binns explained that she had contacted Tony Trehy to ask whether the water feature part of the Urn could be switched back on as it hadn't been running for a number of years.

Mr Trehy had stated that the pipework etc needed regular servicing and maintenance work before the water could be switched back on. Once it was running the water needed treatments adding and testing done regularly. The Council did not have staffing capacity to cover this. Dr Binns explained that she had volunteered to carry out the treatment and testing required.

It was also explained that the pump needed replacing and some work to faulty pipes would have to be undertaken. The pump had been researched and the original pump manufacturers were still in business so a new one could be commissioned through them.

Dr Binns asked if this issue could be reviewed further with a view to getting the water running in the summer months.

It was agreed:

That a meeting between Mr Trehy, Dr Binns and David Thomas be arranged to carry the issue forward.

RTNM.318 TOWNSHIP PLAN 2015/2016

David Thomas presented the Draft Township Plan to the Forum.

It was explained that the Plan set out how local and community issues would be tackled and how priorities had been identified across Ramsbottom, Tottington and North Manor Township Wards.

The Plan promotes better outcomes for the social, health, economic and environmental wellbeing of people within the community and works alongside Bury Council's key objectives of reducing poverty and its effects, supporting our most vulnerable residents, making Bury a better place to live.

- Councillor Gartside referred to the current status of some of the issues set out within the Plan and asked how these had been graded as he felt that they didn't correspond with progress made.

It was explained that the document would be monitored and updated as progress on each objective was made.

- Councillor Gartside referred to the Issue regarding access to High Speed Broadband in rural villages and stated that he felt this issue was not at an amber stage as it hadn't progressed any further forward. Councillor Gartside stated that the status should be red.

It was agreed:

That the Draft Plan be approved.

RTNM.319 POLICE UPDATE

Inspector Vicky Shaw and PC Chris Boardman attended the meeting to introduce themselves and give an update on the work being carried out by the Police across the three wards within the Township.

It was explained that Vicky had taken over responsibilities for Inspector Eddison on a temporary basis.

- Councillor Fitzwalter explained that there had been a number of reports of dogs being poisoned in Nuttall Park. Councillor Fitzwalter explained that the poison was being left in treats around the park and the dogs were eating them. She had been made aware of one dog that had died and four others that had been poisoned.

PC Boardman stated that he wasn't aware of any reported incidents of this type but he would speak with the local beat officers.

- It was suggested that notices could be put up in the area to warn dog owners using the park that this was happening.

Inspector Shaw stated that this would not be recommended as it could scaremonger. Once an investigation had been carried out, the best course of action could then be agreed.

Inspector Shaw asked Councillor Fitzwalter to ensure that the incidents were reported to the police so that they could be investigated.

- Mr Booth referred to the incidents of youth nuisance in Summerseat and asked if this had been dealt with.

It was explained that the Police and Council security services had worked together to try to reduce the incidents of anti social behaviour in the area. The residents had also had an input into this and it had seen a reduction in reported incidents.

It was also explained that joint 'Be Safe, Be Cool' projects would be carried out with Community Safety and the schools in the run up to Halloween and Bonfire night.

- Dr Binns reported that there had been incidences of cars driving onto fields around Holcombe late at night and the occupants then letting their dogs run around in the fields. There had also been 6 to 8 wheelie bins knocked over and rubbish strewn all over. Dr Binns reported that registration numbers had been recorded and she had also reported the incident herself.
- Councillor Gartside asked what was happening about including PACT meetings in the Township Forum Meetings.

It was explained that this would be something that would be incorporated into future meetings. It was anticipated that a drop in session/market place would be held half an hour or an hour prior to the start of the Township Forum meetings. Other services and partners would be invited to attend these sessions to set up stalls which would provide the opportunity for residents to have an input into consultations or to ask questions. No minutes would be recorded during this time to allow any issues of concern to be raised. There would still be a public question time/open forum in the body of the meeting to allow for questions and comments relating to council services.

- Councillor Fitzwalter referred to the Ramsbottom PACT meetings and stated that there had not been one in Ramsbottom for around a year.

- Councillor Gartside referred to the vandalism of the table tennis table in Townside Fields and asked whether there was any news around this.

It was stated that the police were aware of the issue and work was being done in the area to reduce all types of anti social behaviour.

It was agreed:

That the Police be thanked for their attendance.

RTNM.320 FUNDING REPORT

Dave Thomas introduced the funding report which set out the funding that had been allocated to the six Township Forums. The report also gave details of cross township applications and funding.

- Councillor Daly referred to the allocations that had been made and asked how this had been agreed as he was aware that he had not been consulted.

Dave explained that the last applications had been decided by the Small Grants Panel but all future decisions would be put to the sub group of the Forum.

- Councillor Gartside referred to the fact that the application made by Tottington Sports Club for 'Tottington's Big Day Out' had been refused and asked whether this decision could be reviewed.

It was explained that all future applications would be decided by the Sub Group of the Forum which would include Councillor Members.

It was agreed:

That the contents of the report be noted.

RTNM.321 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME/OPEN FORUM

Those present were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Council and the services provided. The following points were raised:

- Mr Booth asked how often Councillors held their surgeries.

It was explained that all Councillors were different and there was no requirement to hold surgeries. Most Councillors were contactable via other means such as e-mail, telephone, text and social media. It was much easier for Councillors to be contacted and arrange to meet with the constituent than the other way round.

For those that did hold surgeries, details would usually be advertised around the ward to promote these.

- Dr Binns referred to a highways issue that she had reported at a previous meeting of the Forum in relation to the junction at Factory Street and Ramsbottom Lane. This junction was dangerous and nothing had been done

about it since it was reported. Dr Binns asked why the council had not acted.

- Mr Jonathan Ali explained that he had complained to the Council about the blocked gully on Hawkshaw Lane. His mother had also complained about the same issue. Neither he nor his mother had ever received a response following their complaints which had been submitted over 12 months ago.
- Mr Ali also referred to the Village Link information which provided maps of walking routes around Bury and its surrounding villages. One of the walks included a route up Hawkshaw Lane which was a de-restricted road without a footpath in some places and was so dangerous for pedestrians that local residents would not walk up it. Mr Ali pointed out that there was currently a borough wide initiative to lower speed limits to 20mph in residential areas. Could Hawkshaw Lane be included within this initiative.

Members requested that the Chief Executive be informed of the issues raised; It was felt that receiving no response following complaining to the Council was not acceptable. It was also felt that the recommendation that people walk up Hawkshaw Lane as part of the I Will if You Will fitness initiative should be withdrawn as it was dangerous due to the speeds in which vehicles travelled and the lack of a footpath on the Lane.

- Councillor Fitzwalter reported that there was a survey being carried out in relation to parking in Ramsbottom. She asked that as many people as possible take the time to fill them out so that plenty of views were collected.

COUNCILLOR R HODKINSON
Chair

(Note: The meeting started at 7.00 pm and ended at 8.30 pm)

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Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor Township Forum: Issues raised 15th September 2015

	Raised by	Item Raised at Open Forum	Action by	Action
1	Mr Booth	Requested details of how often Councillors held their surgeries	Present Cllrs	<p>It was explained that all Councillors were different and there was no requirement to hold surgeries. Most Councillors were contactable via other means such as e-mail, telephone, text and social media. It was much easier for Councillors to be contacted and arrange to meet with the constituent than the other way round.</p> <p>For those that did hold surgeries, details would usually be advertised around the ward to promote these.</p>
Page 7	Dr Binns	<p>Referred to a highways issue that she had reported at a previous meeting of the Forum in relation to the junction at Factory Street and Ramsbottom Lane.</p> <p>This junction was dangerous and nothing had been done about it since it was reported. Dr Binns asked why the council had not acted.</p>	Township Forum/Highways Team	<p>The Traffic Management team is aware of the situation at this location and feels that there is little if any benefit to be gained from having a site meeting.</p> <p>The engineers have already carried out some initial observations/investigations which have revealed that there is a gas main located in the footway and that the grassed area is not part of the adopted highway.</p> <p>Consequently to widen the road would probably require the relocation of the gas main as well as the requisition of some of the land.</p> <p>They will be reviewing the usage of bays in the coming weeks to then decide whether the bays could be reduced and more double yellow markings added.</p>

3	Mr Ali	<p>Explained that he had complained to Bury Council about a blocked gully on Hawkshaw Lane. His mother had also complained about the same issue.</p> <p>Neither he nor his mother had ever received a response following their complaints which had been submitted over 12 months ago.</p>	Township Forum	Response to be provided at November Township Forum.
4	Mr Ali	<p>Also referred to the Village Link information which provided maps of walking routes around Bury and its surrounding villages.</p> <p>One of the walks included a route up Hawkshaw Lane which was a de-restricted road without a footpath in some places and was so dangerous for pedestrians that local residents would not walk up it.</p> <p>Mr Ali pointed out that there was currently a borough wide initiative to lower speed limits to 20mph in residential areas. Could Hawkshaw Lane be included within this initiative?</p>	Township Forum	Response to be provided at November Township Forum.

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David Thomas (Township Co-ordinator)
16th September 2015

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.

Stuttlesworth is the most deprived LSOA in Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor, it is within the 35% most deprived in the country overall. Holcombe Road/Greenmount LSOA is in the 1% least deprived in the country, which demonstrates the polarity that exists within the Township.

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>AMBER</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>RED</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>	<p>AMBER</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	GREEN
				8 th July 2015	GREEN

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	AMBER
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	AMBER
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 Be Safe Be Cool workshops due to commence in mid October 2015.	June 2015	GREEN
				October 2015	AMBER
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 Trial Police attending Township Forum 30 minutes before the start of	Completed First meeting in September	GREEN

		Members of the public	meeting	2015	AMBER
Address issue of speeding traffic in residential areas of Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor	Work with schools and local communities to endorse and assist in implementation of Streetsafe 20mph	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	GREEN
				January 2014 and ongoing	GREEN
School Parking Issues	Encourage schools to participate in `Safer Schools Parking Charters`	Highways Department With Support From: Road Safety Teams Township Forum	Successful implementation of charters	April 2015 and Ongoing 2015/16	GREEN

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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	Support for parents in most need and encourage reading from an early age Book Start Initiative	Children Centre With Support From: Reaching Families Bury Library Service Health Visitors	Materials have been delivered to the Children's Centre and distributed.	June 2012 Completed	GREEN
	BOO (Bags of Opportunity) project for nursery children – transition stage	Township Co-ordinator / Forum	Delivery of projects via the Children Centre reporting back via TF Co-ordinator	September 2014 and Ongoing 2015/16	GREEN
Promote learning opportunities for Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor Residents Page 23	Improve information sharing between local community and central organisations re learning needs locally	Adult Learning With Support From: Township Co-ordinator Township Forum members	A range of learning opportunities developed that respond to local needs and reflect the views of local people	April 2014 Ongoing 2015/16	AMBER
	Map current provision		Increase in number of learning venues in communities	April 2015	AMBER
	Deliver more learning opportunities in the community to make learning more accessible		Venue audit being undertaken	December 2014	RED
	Community Learning				

	opportunities Offer taster courses Identify suitable venues for adult learning facilities				AMBER
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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	AMBER
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	AMBER
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	AMBER
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	AMBER

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	AMBER
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	AMBER
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	June 2014 Completed	GREEN
			I Will If You Will activities being delivered across Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor	Ongoing 2015/16	AMBER

<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>	<p>AMBER</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	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	GREEN
	Active promotion of activities and groups within the Township	Township Coordinator/Chair		June 2015 Ongoing 2015/16	AMBER
	Greater communication between groups to improve co-ordination. Engage groups in the Township Forum	Township Coordinator		June 2015 Ongoing 2015/16	AMBER
	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	AMBER

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	GREEN
			Recycling Centre open day leaflet sent to Township Forum Database	18 th August 2014	GREEN
			Waste Management Presentation to Township Forum	17 th September 2014	GREEN
			Road shows to promote Recycling	Ongoing 2015/16	AMBER
			Promotion in Schools		
			Promotion of waste		

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

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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 August 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. .

Bury East

Group	Details	Amount requested	Amount allocated	Completion date
	Allocated	-		

Bury West

Group	Details	Amount requested	Amount allocated	Completion date
	Allocated	-		

Prestwich

Group	Details	Amount requested	Amount allocated	Completion date
Seaforth Explorer Unit	New Equipment	£250	£250	17/08/2015
St Margarets Bowling Club	To purchase fridge	£250	£250	17/08/2015
Simister Village Community	To put on a Social event 18/08/2015	£250	£250	17/08/2015
	Allocated		£750	

Radcliffe

Group	Details	Amount requested	Amount allocated	Completion date
Withins Community Association	Purchase wooden raised bed planters and compost	£250	£250	16/09/2015
Radcliffe Heritage Society	Promote historic places in Calendar	£250	£250	16/09/2015
	Allocated		£500	

Ramsbottom Tottington and North Manor

Group	Details	Amount requested	Amount allocated	Completion date
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Whitefield and Unsworth

Group	Details	Amount requested	Amount allocated	Completion date
North Manchester Ladies Jewish Drama Group	To put on a bespoke play written for the ladies	£250	£250	08/09/2015
	Allocated		£250	

Cross Township

Group	Details	Amount requested	Amount allocated	Completion date
Bury & District Homewatch	Annual Bury Homewatch Conference	£500	£200	15/09/2015
Unsworth Cricket Club	New removable goal post	£500	£500	15/09/2015
Little Britain Anglers	Purchase lawn mower	£450	deferred	
Bury Carers Centre	Activities for young carer's	£500	Declined	15/09/2015
Buddy's for Children with Autism	Shop fixtures & fittings	£500	Declined.	15/09/2015
Rotary Club of Ramsbottom	Organised trip for Bury's	£500	£500	15/09/2015
Bury Diabetic Support Group	Publicity material	£500	Declined	15/09/2015
Prestwich, Radcliffe & Whitefield Scout District.	To provide security lighting and cameras	£500	£500	15/09/2015
SupportiveStem Community Growth	Marketing cost to raise awareness	£500	declined	15/09/2015
	Allocated		£1,700	