

AGENDA FOR



BURY EAST TOWNSHIP FORUM

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To: All Members of Bury East Township Forum

Councillors : D Cassidy, M C Connolly, S Haroon,
T Holt, J Kelly, S Smith, Sarah Southworth, T Tariq and
S Walmsley

T Ahmed, T Boaden, H Reed, G Philburn, L Wildeman,
J Hill, M Street,

Dear Member/Colleague

Bury East Township Forum

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Bury East Township Forum which will be held as follows:-

Date:	Monday, 14 March 2016
Place:	The Mosses Centre, Cecil Street, Bury
Time:	6.00 pm MARKET PLACE - A local Police Officer, an Officer from Bury Directory and a member from 'I will if you will' will be available to answer questions on a 1 - 1 basis. 7.00 pm - Meeting commences
Briefing Facilities:	If Opposition Members and Co-opted Members require briefing on any particular item on the Agenda, the appropriate Director/Senior Officer originating the related report should be contacted.
Notes:	

AGENDA

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of Bury East 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 AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

(Pages 1 - 12)

Minutes of the meeting and matters arising from the meeting held on 21 January 2016 are attached.

4 VENUE, DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Bury East Township Forum is to be confirmed for the next Municipal Year.

5 POLICE UPDATE

An update on local Police issues will be provided at the meeting by an Officer of Greater Manchester Police.

6 HIGHWAYS

Subject to availability, an Officer from Highways will be in attendance at the meeting.

7 BURY EAST TOWNSHIP PLAN 2015 - 2016 *(Pages 13 - 36)*

The Bury East Township Plan is attached for information.

8 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Questions are invited from members of the Public present at the meeting on issues of concern relating to the provision of local Services. Approximately 30 minutes will be set aside for Public Question Time if required.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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

10 FUNDING REPORT *(Pages 37 - 44)*

A funding report is attached for information.

Minutes of:	BURY EAST TOWNSHIP FORUM
Date of Meeting:	21 January 2016
Venue:	St. Paul's Primary School, Porritt Street, Bury
Present:	
Councillors:	Councillors: D Cassidy, S Haroon, T Holt (Chair), J Kelly, Sarah Southworth, S Smith, T Tariq, S Walmsley
Advisory Group Representatives:	Tan Ahmed (ADAB), Tim Boaden (Seedfield TRA), Jimmy Hill (Pimhole Residents' Association), Harry Reed (Bury East Sports Association),
Public attendance:	There were 6 members of the public in attendance
Apologies for absence:	Councillor M Connolly (CI), G Philburn (Streetwise 2000), L Wildeman (Topping Fold TRA) and Janet Edwards

Councillor Holt opened the meeting by expressing thanks to all those involved in the response to the flooding on Boxing Day, including the emergency services, Bury Council employees and all those volunteers who helped during that time. Councillor Holt stated that it was a fabulous Community response and requested that thanks be passed on to all those who participated.

BETF.645 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

BETF.646 MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

In relation to the absence of Lesley Wildeman, Chair for the Bury East Township Forum 2015/2016, Councillor Holt, informed the Forum that due to ill health, Lesley would not be returning as Chair and if it was agreed he would Chair this and the last meeting of the Municipal year. Councillor Holt also passed on the very best wishes of the Forum to Lesley.

In respect of Minute BETF.492, Jimmy Hill (Pimhole Residents' Association), reported that there were still no name plates on Oxford Street and off Heywood Street on to Oxford Mews. The emergency services were wasting valuable time in trying to locate particular addresses because it was so unclear. Councillor Holt reported that both he and The Township Co-ordinator had been in contact with the Developer over this issue but that they would pursue the matter.

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In respect of Minute BETF.494, Highways Update, Dave Thomas, Township Co-ordinator, informed the Forum that it has been agreed that a representative from Highways will be in attendance at the meeting on Monday 14 March 2016.

Delegated decision:

That Councillor Holt would be Chair of the Forum for the rest of the Municipal year.

That the minutes of the last meeting held on 19 November 2015, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

BETF. 647 POLICE UPDATE

Prior to the start of the meeting, Sergeant Abed Hussain, PC Greg Scott, PC Pete Eccleston and PCSO Talha Sange were in attendance in order to give advice on a 1 – 1 basis to members of the Public. An update was then provided to members of the Township Forum in respect of Policing issues within Bury East. The following information was reported:

- PC Eccleston reported that in relation to East Ward and parking issues around Church Street Mosque, an area Officer will be joint patrolling with Mr Ali, the Mosque leader and these issues will be raised at Prayer.
- Antisocial behaviour on the Townside Estate, the local area Officers, PC Heap, PCSO Bigland and PCSO Broughton are heavily involved with this along with local Councillors, to hopefully bring the Offenders to task.
- In relation to Redvales Ward and the shooting that took place on 12 January 2016 on Alfred Street, there are currently Community Officers patrolling within this area.
- Sporadic theft of fuel from cars, with the offender cutting fuel lines. Any public information on this matter would be greatly appreciated.
- A man has been knocking on doors and begging for money, giving a variety of reasons why he needs it. Local Officers believe they know the identity of the man and he is to be contacted.
- Antisocial behaviour around Valley Mill Road, residents are asked to report any issues to local Officer, PC Ransom.
- PC Scott reported that in relation to Moorside Ward, Antisocial behaviour was reported on Clarence Close and the Derby Court area. These issues were being addressed and family members were being contacted.
- PC Scott explained that outside Greater Manchester, Bury was the biggest shopping area and prior to Christmas there had been a spate of shop lifting. However, following Operation Advent, this had been massively reduced. On Market days, mobile Police centres

were positioned in order to offer advice, particularly to the elderly on keeping safe and on non Market days, the centre was positioned on the Rock, near Barclays bank.

- There had been issues with people begging within the Town Centre and youths smoking drugs and Officers have visited the Colleges to try and educate students on the dangers of drugs.

In response to a question from Melanie Waters, a local resident, on where the youths causing antisocial behaviour around the Chesham area were supposed to go if not outside their own homes, PC Scott reported that Chesham Park, which was a large recreational area, was available and it wasn't appropriate for youths to be smoking drugs and drinking alcohol in residential areas, upsetting residents, particularly the elderly.

In response to a question asked by Councillor Cassidy in relation to people begging, and if they were in fact homeless. PC Scott replied that he had been working with the appropriate agencies and he passed her details on to anyone who appeared homeless and caught begging within the Town Centre. Also, every Friday between 8 am and lunch time, the Mosses Centre offered food for those who needed it.

It was agreed:

That the update be noted and the Police Officers thanked for their time and attendance at the meeting.

BETF.648 COUNCIL BUDGET 2016/2017 CONSULTATION

Councillor Rishi Shori (Deputy Leader of the Council) and Stephen Kenyon (Interim Executive Director of Resources and Regulations) gave a presentation setting out the budget consultation for 2016/2017.

Tan Ahmed (ADAB) explained that he heads an organisation that benefits from funding from the Council but Councillor Holt stated he did not need to declare an interest under this item.

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 in top of the £54million lost since 2010.

This is happening 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.

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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 2016.

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:-

- Tim Boaden (Seedfield TRA) expressed concern that Bury received a poor settlement compared to other Authorities, receiving under the National average per head from central Government and how the Council had lobbied the Government to address this shortfall and what effect the Greater Manchester devolution deal would have?

Councillor Rishi explained that Bury has been under funded for years and the Fair Deal for Bury had been started in order to lobby the Government. In relation to devolution and the impact on the budget, the combined Authority, with all 10 Councils working together, still need to provide Services to the residents of the Borough and it should bring the 10 Councils closer together.

- Melanie Waters asked if the Alternative Service Delivery Models would be run privately or through the Council.

Councillor Shori explained it was a Local Authority Trading Company for Services that were charged for. Social care was means tested and some residents had to pay for all their own Services. The Trading Company would provide good quality Services to people who were not entitled to State support, to bridge this gap.

- Tan Ahmed (ADAB) asked about Income Generation and Grant Optimisation and if this was an opportunity to look at new areas to generate money and what is Bury's position in respect of local businesses if the Government grant is cut.

Councillor Shori explained the uncertainty following the localisation of business rates and instead of sharing income and losses with the Government of 50% it is now suggested that this will move to Bury keeping 100% which could be an opportunity to seize. It was important to ensure businesses stayed in Bury and promote new ones. The leader of the Council meets regularly with local businesses and there is a Summer Fair to encourage this.

Councillor Holt asked the local Councillors if they would like to ask questions in relation to the presentation.

Councillor Walmsley stated that Bury East had one of the highest areas of deprivation in the Country, not just Greater Manchester. The Conservative MP for Bury North supports the Government formula of allocating money to Authorities and it was important if residents were unhappy that they contacted him, as the elected MP.

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- Councillor Walmsley asked what the cost was in respect of the recent floods across the Borough.

Councillor Shori stated the costs to the Council would be in the region of £250,000. It was difficult to assess the impact but that central Government would be lobbied in relation to the lack of investment in flood defences in the Borough.

- Councillor Southworth stated that the information about the 2016/2017 budget was being presented to all of the Township Forums. As Bury East TF consisted of all Labour Councillors, Councillor Southworth asked what the response of the Conservative Ward Councillors was at other Township Forums.

Councillor Shori explained that this was not Political and other Forums believed people should pay more Council Tax in order to help the vulnerable with Social care. Overall Councillors were complimentary but they believe that people should take more personal responsibility. One third of every £ goes to adult Social care. George Osborne wants another 2% added on to Council Tax to address this and Councillor Shori was interested to see what the response from local residents was over this issue.

Tan Ahmed asked if the 2% rise in April would be the same the year after and Councillor Smith asked if it was ring fenced. Councillor Shori replied that it would be 2% year on year until 2020. Council Tax can't be increased by more than 2%, however the 2% for Social care would be in addition.

Jimmy Hill asked how much was owed in general rates and Steve Kenyon replied that Bury was the strongest in the whole of Greater Manchester at 97.05 % in relation to rates collection.

Councillor Holt asked for the view of local residents present at the Township Forum on an increase to the Council Tax of a further 2% in order to provide for Social care and the majority decision was in favour of the increase.

It was agreed:

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

BETF.649 BURY EAST TOWNSHIP PLAN 2015/16

The Township Co-ordinator, Dave Thomas, submitted a copy of the Bury East Township Plan setting out the key priorities and actions for the Township.

It was agreed:

That the report be noted.

BETF.650 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Chair, Councillor Holt, invited questions, comments and representations from members of the public present at the meeting. Questions were asked and comments made on the issues detailed below.

The Township Forum Co-ordinator undertook to obtain a reply to matters which could not be dealt with at the meeting.

- Melanie Waters stated there have been a number of sightings of rats within Moorside Ward, in particular Chaffinch Drive and the Fern Grove areas. Melanie explained that a number of trees had been chopped down and also that there were issues with refuse and re-cycling and it would be more helpful for the residents if there were hard standing areas to put their bins rather than just grass areas.

Councillor Cassidy asked if this issue had been reported and Councillor Walmsley stated that 3 subways were flooded near Fern Grove on Boxing Day which could have disturbed the rats. Councillor Tariq explained that he had dealt with a similar problem in Redvales Ward and the information he had received from pest control was that they would deal with issues within someone's property but not on public property or in back streets or on highways.

Councillor Holt stated that if you should find a dead rat you were advised to put on protective gloves to pick it up and then wrap it well and put it in the grey bin.

- Melanie reported that there was a lot of fly tipping in the area of Chesham and Chesham Fold Estate and nearly every cut through is full of rubbish which is particularly hazardous to the elderly and children.

Councillor Cassidy stated that this should be reported to Six Town Housing and Councillor Walmsley said this was a habitual problem, although there was a difference between bulky waste and people just not re-cycling properly, however the local Councillors would look into this issue.

Jimmy Hill reported that the issue of fly tipping and the problem of rats was something he has been fighting for over 5 years. It was reported in the minutes of the last meeting of the cost to the Council of £135,000 for the 3061 incidents of fly tipping. This was a serious problem.

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Councillor Smith stated there were certain areas such as Craven Street where there was private land. Although people got a derisory fine, for fly tipping, it cost the Council a fortune to take them to Court.

- Tim Boaden explained that he had been absent from a number of previous meetings of the Township Forum as he felt that he raised issues that had not been addressed, including the bus lane on Bolton Road and the double yellow parking on Walmersley Road. Tim said he had attended the Bury East Locality Workshop in the Peel room of the Town Hall the day before and it was reported that the Township Forums would be changing and he asked what those changes would be made.

Dave Thomas, the Township Co-ordinator, explained that all Services would be delivered at a neighbourhood level but it was hard to say at this time what the changes will be over the next 18 months. In terms of the Forums, there would be participating budgeting in trying to get local communities involved on how money is spent and delivering projects. In relation to the issues not being addressed, it was important for the public to raise issues, although a satisfactory conclusion could not always be reached, all members of the public are encouraged to attend the Forums to raise any problems they may have.

- Kath Bond stated that she had been attending the Forum meetings for a long time but was never satisfied with the answers she was given. Kath asked that Highways would definitely be present at the next meeting of the Forum and the Township Co-ordinator confirmed they had agreed to attend the March meeting.
- Melanie stated that she used to live on the Littlewood Estate some years ago and the Council used to provide a couple of skips in order for people to get rid of large unwanted items. Could money within the Community funding not be used for this again.

Councillor Cassidy stated that it should be Six Town Housing that were contacted in relation to skips, however, they too had budget cuts. Councillor Kelly stated that she had been involved in local community clear ups in the past. Dave Thomas informed the Forum that the Township Funding had strict criteria and constituted groups would need to make an application for funding which would be considered at a Panel.

BETF.651 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business raised under this item.

BETF.652 TOWNSHIP FORUM FUNDING REPORT

It was agreed:

The report be noted.

BETF.653 The next meeting of Bury East Township Forum would be held on Monday 14 March 2016 at the Mosses Centre. The Chair, Councillor Holt, thanked everyone for their attendance.

Councillor T HOLT

(Chair)

(Please note: The meeting started at 7pm and finished at 9.20pm)

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Bury East Township Forum: Issues raised 21st January 2016

	Raised by	Item Raised at Open Forum	Action by	Action
1	Melanie Waters	Stated there have been a number of sightings of rats within Moorside Ward, in particular Chaffinch Drive and the Fern Grove areas. Melanie explained that a number of trees had been chopped down and also that there were issues with refuse and re-cycling and it would be more helpful for the residents if there were hard standing areas to put their bins rather than just grass areas.	Cllr Cassidy	<p>Cllr Cassidy asked if this issue had been reported and Councillor Walmsley stated that 3 subways were flooded near Fern Grove on Boxing Day which could have disturbed the rats.</p> <p>Councillor Tariq explained that he had dealt with a similar problem in Redvales Ward and the information he had received from pest control was that they would deal with issues within someone's property but not on public property or in back streets or on highways.</p> <p>Councillor Holt stated that if you should find a dead rat you were advised to put on protective gloves to pick it up and then wrap it well and put it in the grey bin.</p>
2	Melanie Waters	Reported that there was a lot of fly tipping in the area of Chesham and Chesham Fold Estate and nearly every cut through is full of rubbish which is particularly hazardous to the elderly and children.	Councillor Cassidy	Councillor Cassidy stated that this should be reported to Six Town Housing and Councillor Walmsley said this was a habitual problem, although there was a difference between bulky waste and people just not re-cycling properly, however the local Councillors would look into this issue and feedback at a future meeting.
3	Kath Bond	Stated that she had been attending the Forum meetings for a long time but was not satisfied with the answers she was given to a number of highways related issues. Kath asked	Township Coordinator	A request has been made for attendance at the March meeting.

		that Highways be asked to the next meeting of the Forum.		
4	Melanie Waters	Stated that she used to live on the Littlewood Estate some years ago and the Council used to provide a couple of skips in order for people to get rid of large unwanted items. Could money within the Community funding not be used for this again?	Councillor Cassidy/STH	<p>Councillor Cassidy stated that it should be Six Town Housing that were contacted in relation to skips, however, they too had budget cuts.</p> <p>Councillor Kelly stated that she had been involved in local community clear ups in the past. The Township Coordinator informed the Forum that the Township Funding had strict criteria and constituted groups would need to make an application for funding which would be considered at a Panel.</p>

David Thomas (Township Co-ordinator)

22nd January 2016

Bury East Town Plan

2015 - 2018



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Welcome to Bury East Township Plan

Thank you for taking the time to read the Bury East 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 few months we have held 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 inclusion in our action plan for 2015/16.

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 outcomes that underpin its work; delivery of this plan will support these outcomes.

- 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 Bury East.

Lesley Wildeman
Chair,
Bury East
Township Forum

Who we are and what we do

Bury East Township Forum welcomes those who live, work, or have an interest in the area. The Forum meets at local venues such as community centres 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.

Bury East 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 the business community, 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 Bury East, 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 Bury East



Demography: Bury has a population of 186,500. Of these, approximately 34,047 live in Bury East. Of the population of Bury East 57.1% are Christian, 17.8% are Muslim and 17.8% have no religion or do not say what religion they are.

Deprivation: In terms of measuring deprivation, England is split into small areas called 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 LSOAs. In the borough of Bury there are 120 LSOAs. Each LSOA is given a ranking, with 1 being most deprived.

Many areas of Bury East are consistently in the 20% most deprived super output areas in the country (52.3%). Bury East has 5 LSOA's in the top 10% of most deprived LSOA's in Bury and 4 in the top 10% of most deprived in England. Chesham Fold is in the 1% most deprived nationally.

Closing the gap: Deprivation levels are a major concern to us and recent data shows conclusively that Bury East suffers higher than average levels of health inequalities compared with the other Townships in Bury. Inequalities between our neighbourhoods mean poorer health, lower levels of education and skills, higher crime and unemployment for people living in Bury East. Our Township Plan aims to close the gap so that the lives of those in the most deprived areas are improved.

Our Assets: Bury East has much to be proud of, it is a popular place to live; it has some beautiful parks and green spaces such as Openshaw Park and active and enthusiastic Friends Groups. The area is diverse and different religions and cultures are celebrated. The area has also seen significant levels of investment in recent times, in particular around the Pimhole area.

We seek to harness the many strengths and assets we have in place here in Bury East, including local groups, strong community networks, talented young people, charities, voluntary groups and community buildings, so that together we can work as a strong and committed partnership.

Together we can achieve more!

Bury East 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:

Key Outcomes:

Our Plan will contribute to the following outcomes:

Improved Employment Opportunities

Key Issues identified: The need for more apprenticeships and improved pathways to work for younger residents (16-24yr olds).

Current Position: June 2014 figures show there are 960 JSA claimants in Bury East, accounting for 31% of the total claimants in Bury.

Bury East has the highest number of youth (JSA) claimants (285)

Educational Attainment/Learning

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

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

Improved Health and Wellbeing

Key Issues identified: Main issues identified focus on Town Centre alcohol issues and hospital admissions related to alcohol. Areas of concern also exist around mental health and the impact of worklessness on this issue.

Current Position: Bury East has the highest number of alcohol related hospital admissions within the borough (975). East ward has the highest proportion of ESA claimants in the borough and figures show that 43% of ESA claims are due to mental health issues.

Improved Community Safety

In Bury East significant issues exist around alcohol related anti-social behaviour (ASB), with the main concentration around the Town Centre. Perceptions of crime continue to be relatively high which indicates that more needs to be done to reassure people.

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Community Pride & Belonging

In Bury East we have a diverse community with residents from different cultures and religions.

The Bury Council Community Cohesion Plan has now been agreed and published. We have limited representation in the Township Forum from the different faith groups in Bury East.

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 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 & Community Groups	<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 (Engagement) • Council departments (Views & Input) • Primary Care Trust/ health authority • Other Partners (Views & Input)

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.

Bury East Township Forum

Our Township Plan:

2015-16

(September 2015 Update)

Outcome: Improved Employment Opportunities

Current Position: In June 2014 there were 960 job seekers allowance claimants in Bury East, which accounts for 31% of the borough total. Bury East also has the highest number of youth (JSA) claimants in the borough (285), 32% of the borough total.

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
Assist young people in East Bury who face barriers to entering into employment	<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>	Connecting Provision on hold	Ongoing 2015/16	
Increased number of Apprenticeships for Young People In Bury East	<p>Raise awareness amongst local business of the “Backing Young Bury” Scheme</p> <p>Township Forum Members to put forward details of young people 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</p>	Publicity information delivered locally	Ongoing 2015/16	

		Members of the Township Forum			
Encourage new Business Start up opportunities	Encourage more business start ups in East Bury Match people wanting to start a businesses in a mentoring capacity – expertise needed from Local enterprise partnerships (LEP’s)	Economic Development Team Manchester Business Growth Hub With Support From: Township Forum	Meeting to be scheduled with Bury Council Business Growth Manager	Ongoing 2015/16	
Get young Bury East 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.	Economic Development Team With Support From: Township Coordinator	Collected material and emailed to Bury East contacts database	Ongoing 2015/16	
	Support and promote Bury Works via Township Forum		Promotion of the Bury College Apprenticeship Jobs Fair	Ongoing 2015/16	

Outcome: Educational Attainment / Learning

Current Position: A particularly high proportion of the population of Bury East have no qualifications (30%), and a comparatively low proportion are qualified to degree level or above (Level 4 and above).

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
Improve information sharing between local community and central organizations re learning needs locally	Community Learning Partnership representative to take Bury East issues to CLP meetings	Township Forum members With Support From: Adult learning	A range of learning opportunities developed that respond to local needs and reflect the views of local people	Ongoing 2015/16	
A full understanding of what current provision exists in Bury East communities	Map current provision to identify gaps in learning /Identify assets of community value	Adult learning With Support From: Township Forum	Increase participation in adult learning locally	November 2014	

Deliver more learning opportunities in the Bury East community to make learning more accessible	Identify suitable venues for adult learning facilities Offer taster courses	Six Town Housing	Increase in number of learning venues in communities	Ongoing 2015/16	
Ensure children are "school ready" Encourage reading	Book start programme for 2-3 year olds BOO project for nursery children-transition stages	Children's Centres	Delivery of projects via the Children's centres and updates on progress to township Forum	September 2014	
Increase understanding of the vital role healthy eating, sleep and exercise play in being ready to learn	Engage women and teenage girls in sport and fitness Implementation of IWIYW Phase 2	I Will If You Will Team With Support From: Sport and Physical Activity Service	More women and girls taking part in regular physical activity	Phase 2 ongoing 2015/16	

Outcome: Improved Health and Wellbeing

Current Position: Areas of concern exist around mental health and the impact of worklessness on this issue. Bury East has the highest number of alcohol related hospital admissions within the borough (975).

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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Consistent reductions in alcohol related health inequalities for Bury East residents	Develop a programme of activity aimed at reducing alcohol related hospital admissions	Township Forum With Support From: Community Alcohol Partnerships DAAT Home Office Drug & Alcohol Team	Meeting scheduled with colleagues from Community Alcohol Partnerships and the Home Office Drug & Alcohol Unit	November 2015 Ongoing 2015/16	
Tackle Childhood obesity in Bury East	Maximise impact of IWIYW Phase 2 Promote £1,000 funding available 2015/16	IWIYW Team With Support From: Township Forum	Publicity distributed to Bury East contacts database	Ongoing 2015/16	
Reduce fuel bills for those residents most in need within Bury East	Promote Little Bill £7,000 scheme to enable Bury East residents to access to 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	Ongoing 2015/16	
To increase participation in sport and physical activity amongst women and girls aged 14 plus across Bury East	Ensure appropriate activities are delivered in Bury East venues to engage women and girls Encourage existing sessions/activities to become IWIYW branded	IWIYW Team With Support From: Sports and Physical Activity Service (SPAS) Township Co-	I Will If You Will activities being delivered across Bury East via various community venues Township Co-ordinator	Ongoing 2015/16 Ongoing 2015/16	

	<p>as part of IWIYW phase 2</p> <p>Develop links between sports groups and IWIYW team via Township Forum</p>	<p>ordinator Township Forum</p>	<p>is a member of the Bury East IWIYW Locality Group</p> <p>Bury East Consultation event to be delivered before end 2015 – engaging 14 – 24yr olds</p>	<p>December 2015</p>	
<p>Help promote understanding and awareness of Welfare Reform</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>	

Outcome: Improved Community Safety

Key Issues identified: We have seen reductions in anti-social behaviour across all 3 wards over the last 12 months, but there is still work to be done. Perceptions of crime continue to be relatively high which indicates that more needs to be done to reassure residents.

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
Consistent reductions in alcohol related anti-social behavior in Bury East communities	Sustain programme of activity aimed at reducing alcohol related anti-social behavior in identified hotspots	Township Forum Early Break Streetwise 2000 With Support From: Joint Enforcement Team (JET) Community Alcohol Partnership Home Office Drug & Alcohol Team	Streetwise 2000 and Early Break projects funded by BEAPS have secured further funding from other streams to continue in 2015 Meeting scheduled with colleagues from Community Alcohol Partnerships and the Home Office Drug & Alcohol Unit	June 2015 Ongoing 2015/16 November 2015	
Reduce Anti Social Behaviour in Bury East 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	Ongoing 2015/16	
Address perceptions of crime within Bury East communities – particular focus on elderly and vulnerable residents	Report to Bury East 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	

<p>Raise awareness of Anti-social behavior / personal safety/ crime/ drugs etc amongst school age children</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Police With support from: Bury Council officers Schools Bury College Six Town Housing</p>	<p>Preliminary planning meeting held Be Safe Be Cool workshops due to commence in mid October 2015.</p>	<p>June 2015 October 2015</p>	<div style="background-color: #00FF00; height: 100%; width: 100%;"></div>
<p>Ensure Bury Town Centre is a safe, vibrant, appealing and well managed place to visit</p>	<p>Achieve and sustain 'Purple Flag' accreditation for Bury town Centre.</p>	<p>Purple Flag Board With Support From: Township Coordinator New Economy Home Office Drug & Alcohol Unit</p>	<p>Bury's Purple Flag application was registered on 31st March 2014 Purple Flag accreditation for Bury Town Centre achieved Review and renewal of accreditation for ATCM</p>	<p>March 2014 February 2015 October 2015</p>	<div style="background-color: #00FF00; height: 100%; width: 100%;"></div>
<p>Improve access to key statutory agencies for members of the community in Bury East</p>	<p>To look at the possibility of setting up a 'Market Place' prior to Township Forum Meetings. Inviting Police, Community Organisations and Local Authority departments</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Police With Support From: Township Coordinator Township Forum Members Members of the</p>	<p>Discussions held with Chief Inspector 23rd June 2015 Trial Police attending Township Forum 30 minutes before the start of meeting</p>	<p>Completed First meeting in September 2015</p>	<div style="background-color: #00FF00; height: 100%; width: 100%;"></div>

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Address issue of speeding traffic in residential areas of Bury East	Work with schools and local communities in Bury East wards 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	
				January 2014 and ongoing	
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	

Outcome: Community Pride and belonging in Bury East

Key Issues identified: There is a desire from residents to see Bury East promoted as a vibrant place to work and live. Bury East has a diverse community with residents from different cultures and religions (57% of the population are Christian, 17.8% are Muslim and 17.8% have no religion). This diversity should be celebrated and promoted.

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
Improved links between older and younger residents within Bury East Communities	Work on Community Garden project and develop intergenerational initiatives through promotion of volunteering opportunities	Township Forum New Springs Community Project	Meeting between New Springs and Township Forum Coordinator regarding presentation at September forum	Ongoing 2015/16	
Promote Bury East as a positive place to live, work and visit	A range of Positive Activities taking place in Bury East wards	All Township Forum members	Advisory Group members to give regular updates forum meetings	Introduced 2014 Ongoing 2015/16	
	Promotion of activities and groups within the Township	Township Coordinator/Chair	Additional promotion via social media (Township Coordinator)	June 2015 Ongoing 2015/16	
	Greater communication between groups to improve co-ordination	Township Coordinator		June 2015 Ongoing 2015/16	
	Maintain and update the Bury East contacts database to increase	Township Coordinator		June 2015 Ongoing 2015/16	

	communications team of local events				
Encourage Bury East residents to take pride in their neighbourhood by increasing recycling rates	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 Bury East 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	Ongoing 2015/16	
			Promotion of waste collection services with local businesses	Ongoing 2015/16	
			Specific action in hotspot low performing areas	Ongoing 2015/16	
			Promotion of brown		

Support for Parks Groups/ protection of parks and conservation areas	Increase membership and participation in parks forums- encourage young people's involvement	Friends of parks Groups With Support From:	Update from Friends of Groups to Township Forum	Ongoing 2015/16	
	Advertise events taking place in our parks Report to Township Forum on progress	Township Forum Members Township Coordinator	Update from Friends of Groups to Township Forum	Ongoing 2015/16	
Increase attendance and involvement from BME community at Township Forum meetings	Meet with leaders of Mosques within Bury East to promote dates and explore agenda items	Township Coordinator With Support From: ADAB Township Forum Members Communications Team	Arrange suitable dates for visits with faith leaders.	Ongoing 2015/16	
Improve engagement of young people on key issues	Develop 'Youth Committee' for East Bury to link up with Township Forum	New Springs Community Project With Support From: Township Forum Schools/Colleges Partner Agencies	Increased numbers of young Bury East residents attending township forum	November 2015	

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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 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. .

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	

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	

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	

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	

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
Nangreaves Residents Association	Hand rail & support	£ 250.00	-	
		£ 1,250.00	£ 250.00	

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	

Cross Township

Group	Details	Amount requested	Amount allocated	Date approved
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
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	

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