

Bury East Township Forum: Issues raised 14th March 2016

	Raised by	Item Raised at Open Forum	Action by	Action
1	Local Resident	Asked how more money could be obtained for the North. There seemed an obvious North/South divide in lack of funding.	Cllr Connolly	<p>Councillor Connolly replied that as Leader of the Council for the last 5 years this was an issue he had been arguing for Bury for all this time, even going to London to see Ministers. Bury are not funded per head the same as other Authorities and are disadvantaged by the formula.</p> <p>Residents were advised by Cllr Connolly that could take up this issue with the Local MP.</p>
2	Harry Reed	Asked a question relating to an elected Mayor in Manchester and what money would be available to Bury.	Cllr Connolly	<p>Councillor Connolly stated that the 10 Councils, including Bury, that make up the Association of Greater Manchester Councils (AGMA) have now all agreed to a devolution deal with Chancellor George Osborne to get its own directly elected Mayor with new powers and funding for transport, housing, social care, planning etc. This should then be used to benefit everybody right across the Greater Manchester area.</p> <p>Currently, Tony Lloyd is the interim Mayor with the election taking place in 2017.</p>
3	Jimmy Hill	Asked if there was an update on the Street signs in the Pimhole area and	Cllr Holt	Councillor Holt stated that these would be fitted in the early Summer.
4	Local Resident	Asked how successful the 3 weekly bin collection had been since it's inception.	Cllr Connolly	Councillor Connolly replied that re-cycling had increased from 28% to 60% across the Borough, making a large financial saving to the Council and no job losses. A large amount was being paid to landfill tax and the re-cycling reduced this sum which could then be re-invested into

				front line services.
5	Local Resident	Stated there was an issue with rats, especially in the Parkhills area where there were quite a few fast food establishments.and	Cllr Connolly	Councillor Connolly stated he would get someone to follow up this issue and feed back at a future meeting.
6	Local Resident	Reported that there was a lot of fly tipping in Brooke Street and Chesham Way but that it was an issue generally all around the area. Was this because people could not afford to pay the Council to have their waste removed and therefore just dumped it?	Cllr Holt/Cllr Walmsley	<p>Councillor Holt stated that unfortunately this seemed to be the attitude of people and they needed to be informed and educated on this matter.</p> <p>Councillor Walmsley stated that generally fly tipping is bulky waste from businesses illegally dumping and not common rubbish that would normally be put in a household bin. The Council was responsible if it was Council property but not if it was on private land.</p>

David Thomas (Township Co-ordinator)

15th March 2016