

**RAMSBOTTOM, TOTTINGTON & NORTH MANOR TOWNSHIP FORUM**  
**ITEMS RAISED IN OPEN FORUM: 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2014**

	<b>Raised by</b>	<b>ITEM RAISED AT OPEN FORUM</b>	<b>Action by</b>	<b>Action</b>
1	Alistair Waddell	Asked if there was any information available regarding the 20mph zone that he had referred to at the last meeting.	Township Coordinator	To feedback to AW outside of meeting.
2	Mr Ronald Schwarz	Explained that at the beginning of June he had reported a large pot hole in the road in Greenmount outside the Bulls Head and the pharmacy. Mr Schwarz explained that the hole was still there and was dangerous. He was aware of at least one person that had fallen into it.	Township coordinator	Awaiting Feedback from Highways department.
3	Mr Green	Referred to the recent announcement that Bury Met had been awarded a £3m grant to refurbish the building and facilities and asked if this money was ring-fenced.	Elected Members	Mr Greene was informed that the money was indeed ring-fenced.
4	Mr Green	Referred to the recent closure of Castle Leisure centre to re-carpet certain areas and repaint some of the walls. Mr Green asked why this was deemed necessary as the carpet and walls could just have been cleaned at much less cost.	Leisure Facilities	Feedback from Leisure Facilities 'As you will be aware Bury Leisure has to compete with private gym providers and as such it is imperative we remain competitive by investing in our facilities and keeping them as modern and fresh as possible. We always try to enhance the customer experience and the areas referred to above were no longer aesthetically pleasing to many of the clients and in some areas the carpet was very well worn. We can assure the forum that we ascertain competitive quotes and

				work hard to keep costs as minimal as possible’.
5	Mr Booth	<p>Explained that he had recently been an inpatient at Fairfield Hospital. Following this he had major concerns as to the future of the A &amp; E Department at the hospital and the hospital as a whole. Mr Booth explained that he had been told that a number of wards had closed and services relocated to North Manchester General Hospital.</p> <p>Mr Booth asked what the future was for Fairfield General Hospital</p>	NHS Bury CCG	<p>Councillor Wright explained that the Healthier Together review of Health and Care in Greater Manchester was due to start a 90 day consultation on 9th July 2014. Councillor Wright asked that all areas of concern in relation to the future of services across Greater Manchester are submitted to the consultation.</p> <p>A presentation on the ‘Healthier together’ consultation will be presented at the September forum.</p>