

Deep Dive: Community Tensions and Global Conflict

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1. Context

Bury is committed to celebrating our tapestry of diverse communities – it is a strength and highlight of our Borough, but also means we are more exposed to national and international events or campaigns which present often competing local challenges.

Reports such as the State of Us by the Belong Foundation, and Protecting What Matters, the government's national social cohesion action plan, recognise that communal life in Britain is under strain through a combination of long term structural issues set alongside more recent pressures turning the chronic crisis of social disconnection into an acute threat of social division: the tensions over immigration, cost of living pressures and social media driven misinformation and extreme views.

National (and international) tensions, activities and rhetoric are experienced by communities here in Bury – and impacts disproportionately across different communities. There is a cumulative impact – both in terms of the longitudinal nature of a number of global pressures and the breadth of competing impacts on peoples lives.

Within recent years this has included, but is not limited to:

- Gaza and Middle East escalation post 7th October 2023 – record, and perma high levels of antisemitic hate crime recorded by the Community Security Trust and Tell Mama reporting increased levels of Islamophobic hate
- Subsequent antisemitic terror attacks, most notably Heaton Park synagogue attack in October 2025 but also in Bondi Beach and Golders Green, London – the latter of which impacting the decision to raise the national threat level to SEVERE
- Impact of counter-terrorism activity, including Operation CATOGENIC (foiled plot in North Manchester)
- Routine regional and national activity and anti-immigration sentiment including 'stop the boats'
- Increased presence of flags from lampposts and structures associated with Operation Raise the Colours
- Post Southport disorder and arrests – including activity in Bolton/ North Manchester
- Casey Report on Group Based Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse
- Socio-economic pressures associated with the cost of living

Everyone has a responsibility to contribute to the social bonds that hold our neighbourhoods, communities and wider country together and respect the rights and values of others. A key part

British values is tolerance and openness to views, cultures and traditions that are different from our own: we expect everyone who lives here to treat others with respect. The rights and freedoms we enjoy should not be used to intimidate or harass others.

Bury is a Borough of Lancastrian roots in modern global city-region. It is a place 193,800 people call home. Some are born here, some are drawn here. Bury has a mix of new and emerging communities alongside historic industrial neighbourhoods and generational Jewish and South East Asian heritage communities, and According to the 2021 census:

- 6.9% of Bury residents did not identify with any national identity associated with the UK. This figure increased from 4.6% in 2011.
- 0.6% of Bury residents identified their ethnic group within the "Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh" category, up from 7.2% in 2011. In 2021, 82.9% of people in Bury identified their ethnic group within the "White" category (compared with 89.2% in 2011).
- 48.8% of residents identified as Christian; 9.9% as Muslim, 5.5% as Jewish with 29.4% as being of no religion.
- 85.9% of the resident population recorded having being born in England, compared to 88.9% in 2011. Pakistan was the next most represented country of birth (3.1% up from 1.9%), with Poland at 1.1%.

As well as global events driving impacts of social cohesion and tension locally, underlying inequalities can act as drivers for grievance:

- The borough has seen significant regeneration activity including Levelling Up and Pride in Place investment worth over £200m on track for delivery across the Borough – however this economic growth isn't fully inclusive yet - in recent years economic inactivity in Bury has risen sharply since 2022, from 18.7% to 23.7% and is higher than the North West average of 23.3%. Despite a growth in the number of jobs in the borough, workless households have increased in 2023 to 9,800 from 8,300 in 2020. In addition there were 5,350 out of work benefit claimants, up from 4,085 in 2020.
- The borough consistently ranks highly in Greater Manchester for residents feeling a sense of belonging and pride in their local area, with 80% believing people from different backgrounds get on well. However there remain gaps and challenging in reducing inequalities. Significant health inequalities remain especially in life expectancy and preventable mortality. Little or no improvement in life expectancy has been recorded in the borough's more deprived areas. The primary drivers of the gap in life expectancy between the advantaged and disadvantaged areas are cardiovascular diseases, cancers, and liver diseases, particularly amongst women. The behavioural factors contributing to these health issues include poor diet, excessive alcohol consumption, physical inactivity, and smoking.
- The GM residents survey reports that 1 out of 4 Bury adults consider themselves to be materially deprived, lower than the GM average. However, 37% of our older people state they cannot afford unexpected expenses which is higher than the GM average.

The current controls and ongoing actions detailed below are part of our co-ordinated partnership response to this context. A focus on cohesion is not new to Bury, it has been in previous iterations of the Bury Community Safety Partnership priorities – rather there has been renewed partnership and leadership focus on this agenda in the context of the above.

2. Key Potential Impacts

Global conflict has very local consequences which can be acute and direct, or fear of the potential for harm, prejudice or hate. There is a risk of increased community tension and reduced cohesion due to the influence of international, national, and local conflicts. These tensions may arise from geopolitical instability, terrorism threats, or radicalisation, potentially leading to public safety concerns, civil unrest, and erosion of trust in local governance.

Global situations risk local communities being stigmatised based on perceived allegiance to, support of, or even not being seen by some to be overly against, particular activity or messaging. Whilst we've not had widespread protest activity or public disorder in the Borough that has been experienced in other areas this does not mean local people haven't been impacted :

- Individuals called out for attending/ not attending wider demonstration activity or providing a particular view on international affairs
- Individuals from the Borough being involved in public disorder outside of the Borough
- Reports from staff groups and community networks of concern from individuals of being able to fully participate in public life in the manner that they might wish, eg adjusting walking routes and attire
- Risk of individuals being inspired or introduced to extremist content, ideologies, or those who could provide capability for people to act upon such ideologies.
- Being impacted in terms of confidence and anxiety based on national rhetoric, especially when seen/ experienced locally.
- Hate speech and acts of hate messaging, including graffiti and promotion of hateful propaganda.

We've heard from communities and internal staff groups of the fear that a combination of global circumstance, national rhetoric and local micro-aggressions can result in, including a heightened sense of anxiety and fear of othering. These tensions can fragment communities, particularly when sought to be exploited and to point accusations of either supposed preferential treatment or as a reason why some people aren't able to access particular provision (for example where demand outstrips supply, such as housing options and access to certain health services).

There can be an impact of a lack or lowering of trust within services. This can be caused by concerns over disproportionate responses to activities such as seen following the Manchester Airport arrests in 2025; the impact of suspensions; or due to perceived lack of access to opportunities. This can in turn impact on confidence in reporting, whether that be of hate crimes (if those reporting feel their reports are not being acted upon) or through Prevent (complexity of a consent based approach meaning people may be known to Prevent but still commit offences).

Bury has the joint lowest 52-week average hate crime incident rate in Greater Manchester, alongside Trafford and Tameside, and second lowest hate crime count behind Trafford. Weekly information is shared between GMP and Bury Council for review and there is a daily GMP review of incidents as part of Operation WILDSTONE (more detail below)

3. Current Controls

As referenced in the context section, this is not a new area of focus for Bury Council or our partners – however has been increasingly amplified and sought to join related pieces of work together. It has also sought to twin-track activity considering the immediate 'hard edge' of cohesion and tension, which is often borne out in a community safety space, and addressing some of the underlying grievances, which align to a broader *LET's Do It!* approach.

Bury's approach reflects the Belong Foundation narrative which notes this work is concerned with, *"addressing immediate and cumulative concerns, which have disproportionate, prolonged and profound impacts of communities of place, identity and experience – whilst recognising the drivers involve long term, (perceived) structural inequalities and grievances, including over access to opportunity. Social cohesion is about much more than averting public disorder. It is about creating the conditions where everyone thrives and feels connected to one another"*

Council officers have been working with Bury Voluntary and Community Faith Alliance (Bury VCFA) who have led Community Cohesion roundtable sessions during the past two years as a more interactive approach to the former Community Cohesion Steering Group which reports into Bury Community Safety Partnership. The roundtables have developed local relationships between local stakeholders – including providing a platform for direct engagement between these and the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government's Community Cohesion Unit; shaped funding guidance and outlined training opportunities; provided insight on experiences on the ground in Bury, and promoted intersectionality across cohesion related activities.

Key messages from this group includes:

- Cohesion means different things to different people; having an awareness of mutual shared values and respect to acknowledge differences is more important than everyone signing up to single definition
- Change and trust works at the pace of the communities involved; whilst rapid action is needed in response to an incident, relationship and behaviour change doesn't happen overnight
- One person's "safe space" isn't necessarily the same as someone else's, even within the same community - so one size approaches are limited in effectiveness
- A focus should be less on one-off events, and more about increasing dialogue, opportunity and connectivity on a daily basis, where people are (physically and psychologically)

These roundtable sessions have shaped, led, informed and provided feedback on particular pieces of work and activities, including:

- Bespoke communication messaging
 - Maximising existing channels, places of worship channels (radios/ notice board) and developing new approaches, eg via broadcast community Whatsapp facilities
 - Awareness and reassurance messaging including detailing responses to specific incidents (local and national); warning and informing of potential protest activity and on national terror threat level increase; targeted reach outreach derived from particular circumstances (eg to Hatzola lead locally following Golders Green Ambulance attack; Sikh faith forum rep following Southampton disorder); Refugee Welcome partners on

insight over potential protest activity; Shuls and Jewish Strategic Group colleagues in relation to high profile court case outcomes.

- Proactive administration of Council social media posts, including removal of racist and offensive comments and engagement with Bury Times over their moderation of posts which has led to two editorial pieces in relation to comments on antisemitism, islamophobia and all forms of hateful speech.
- Tension Management and Monitoring
 - Weekly review of community tensions in conjunction with GMP, including review of community input, insight from engagements over the past week on local feeling in relation to local, regional, national and international events. Cascade of this including to school designated safeguarding leads for awareness and vigilance.
 - Insight from this connected/shared with routine GMP activity in point below.
- Intelligence sharing/ scanning/ responsiveness
 - Bury Council colleagues have been proactively involved in a number of police-led operations to review and mitigate tensions including:
 - Operation WILDFLOWER – established following the Hamas attack of October 2023, this is a tri-Borough meeting including colleagues from Salford and Manchester, respective neighbourhood policing colleagues, the Community Security Trust, Shomrim, and representatives from the local voluntary sector infrastructure organisations. Initially daily, this moved to weekly and now monthly (with the option to step up extra meetings if required). The meetings review and cross-reference incidents/reports across the tri-Borough area to ensure mutual awareness, maximise investigative updates and explore any further joint mitigations that are available. This informs protective security support in the point below.
 - Operation WARDEN – established to provide a GMP force level overview of all protest related activity, particularly in relation to those associated with anti-immigration sentiment and most frequently at hotels accommodation asylum-seekers (of which we don't have such accommodation in the Borough) and routine activity in Manchester City Centre. This allows awareness of any larger protest activity, to support awareness of potential disruption, any insight on whether activity will spill into the Borough and awareness of any specific tension,, eg with expected increase in presence during Britain First demonstration earlier in the year
 - Operation WILDSTONE – established earlier this year in to support additional protective security activity following spate of national incidents and increase in national terror threat level. This has a weekly review at a regional level, with GMP neighbourhood colleagues involved in a daily call to assess any emerging community sentiment and shape patrolling patterns and inputs.
 - Bury has been a permanent presence within Recovery Co-ordination activity within Greater Manchester following the Heaton Park synagogue attack, including inputs

across communications, public health (in relation to wellbeing support and humanitarian aid) and community consequence inputs through community safety colleagues.

- Protective Security support
 - Policing Operations have flexed up to respond to core times, to provide additional reassurance patrols (noting the use of the term protective security predominantly). This has continued to be agile dependent upon circumstances and context given the need to manage resourcing levels with wider community safety business. During the immediacy of the Heaton Park synagogue attack this included static presence at key sites within local communities. More routinely this involves specific operations around key faith dates through the year, with dedicated patrol plans and engagements during Ramadan, Eid and the Jewish High Holy Days. Through Operation WILDSTONE there is additional pulse patrolling (ie additional presence but not at a fixed location) to provide additional engagement and protective presence, including joint patrolling with CST and Shomrim. There has also been an increase in proactive partnership connectivity, including with Salford and Manchester ahead of core faith dates, particularly around overlapping festivals, for instance work in Prestwich ahead of Purim and Ramadan to increase mutual awareness, understanding and respect of the means by which different communities celebrate and commemorate such dates.
 - Information has been shared by Council colleagues and the VCFA on protective security schemes for places of worship, including national funded schemes and support provided to applicants to strengthen their applications.
 - Bury Council Emergency Resilience & Response colleagues have supported activity including through connectivity of Council CCTV to support investigative opportunities on cases discussed at the Operations referenced above – this has included targeted use of rapid deploy cameras which directly assisted the identification of individuals committing hateful graffiti, leading to an arrest and charge.
- Safeguarding Against Hate and Hateful Extremism
 - The Bury Prevent Partnership meets every 2 months, driving local activity against the CONTEST national Counter-Terrorism Strategy. This is a multi-agency meeting focusing on safeguarding against hateful extremism, increasing awareness on ideological risks and the means to reduce permissive environments for the spread of hate and radicalising content. There is an annual benchmarking by the Home Office on local Prevent Partnership activity against the eight pillars of the Prevent statutory guidance, with Bury meeting all eight and exceeding the standard in six of these. The regional Prevent Advisor also supported Knowsley to shadow the Bury Partnership to support Knowsley's learning.
 - Recent additions to the Prevent Partnership has been a greater focus around raising the awareness of splintered ideologies and wider fascination with violence; inputs into Pubwatch and culture venues on permissive environments; inputs into designated

safeguarding leads and with the Leaving Care Team; venue hire guidance refresh and guidance around 3D printing.

- This supplements a monthly Channel Panel meeting, chaired by the Head of Adult Safeguarding, which reviews intervention opportunities for Prevent cases in conjunction with Counter Terrorism Police North West. There has been a recent shadowing of the local panel by Home Office Advisors and no concerns of note raised.
 - An extra-ordinary meeting of the Prevent Partnership, with Channel Panel members included, was held immediately after the raise in national terrorism threat level to ensure system awareness and to review local Prevent Partnership Plan in the context of the increased national level. The outcome of this was increased vigilance, awareness and promoting of Action Counters Terrorism materials rather than any additional local threat resulting from the national level increase. From a continuity perspective, work did commence from this on reviewing arrangements should the level escalate further to *critical* as is being overseen through the Bury Resilience Forum.
 - Council colleagues have continued to work with GMP and community partners on the promotion of Hate Crime Awareness information including on the back of refreshed GM Hate Crime Strategy; itself referenced in refreshed Bury Community Safety Plan. Promotion, including during the Greater Manchester Hate Crime Awareness week in February, included activities with Hate Crime reporting centres, a Red Card Against Hate event in conjunction with Bury FC and Manchester Mesivta, and drop ins with the Red Cross. This has also seen local engagement and promotion of the new British Muslim Trust Helpline.
- Training and awareness through a mix of formal structured sessions and more informal learning and development opportunities
 - Cultural Awareness inputs into Adult Care and Adult Safeguarding team and increased awareness through neighbourhood public service leadership teams.
 - Microaggression and disinformation training delivered in conjunction with Equality and Diversity UK.
 - Collation of resources for the voluntary and community sector organisations provided by consolidated VCFA webpage, including sector specific guidance through their involvement in regional networks.
 - Promotion of PHSE awareness inputs through Education colleagues including via Heads Up bulletin from Director of Education to all school headteachers/ Head of Governors, including input on My Voices from The Fed, and PolEd resources (police education tool, promoting assembly style topic content on discrimination, racism and respect).
 - Inputs on the above content on insights, awareness, training and tensions to local housing providers into Bury Strategic Housing Partnership and Cultural Operators Group

- Proactive engagement with organisers of local event including Parklife at Heaton Park to ensure risk review is cognisant of local circumstances and communities; including targeted engagement.
- Connecting people and place
 - Targeted and tailored community safety related funding made available/ promoted including Standing Together Community Funding, Common Ground funding and targeted response funding following the Heaton Park Synagogue attack, particularly aimed at boosting community capacity and opportunities for safe spaces/ means for different people to come together.
 - Intentional work to connect public service reform activities into specific inequalities or disadvantage within communities of place and identity, including Live Well and the Economic Inactivity Trailblazer, alongside a refresh of anti-poverty and welfare support approaches through a renewed LETS Tackle Poverty - to shape responses to longer term grievances which can underpin local divisive comment beyond tensions caused by international geo-politics.

Existing controls are additionally kept under review through fortnightly Communities & Inclusion portfolio, and routine reporting into Bury Community Safety Partnership.

4. Planned Actions

Ongoing and future activity contains a mix of ongoing evolution of existing controls, increasingly tailored and sharpened based on local insight, whilst recognising global geo-politics remains fragile and outside of Bury's direct control. In addition, individual events outside of the Borough can have a profound impact when they influence national narrative, such as following the Southport attack in 2024 and more recently the tragic case in Southampton. As such, whilst mitigations and controls can be effective, they don't operate in a vacuum and the current inherent heightened state of interest and concern in matters aligned to cohesion requires a framework approach.

Therefore the principal planned action is to deepen place-based partnerships, including bringing expertise together from cohesion policy with the expertise of local lived experience. Bury is commencing work with the Belong Foundation utilising their place-based programme which brings National Lottery investment and provides a means to build on existing community cohesion activity, including those control measures referenced above, whilst also delivering against the national social cohesion action plan.

Belong's place-based programme – a four-stage approach



This work will be co-led with Bury VCFA to ensure voluntary and community sector, and our local communities, are at the heart of this work, and that the approach delivers Bury's *LET's Do It!* approach in practice. This will involve utilising Belong's experience of connecting with those who may feel that they cannot air concerns about the change they are seeing in their local communities - as Belong note, *there must always be space for honest discussion without assuming bad intentions or policing language. Otherwise, these issues will continue to be exploited by those who do not want to see solutions, but further division.*

The development of a Bury Cohesion Framework will provide further strengthened alignment with the GMCA Cohesion, Inclusion and Race Equality work programme. Ahead of the Belong work progressing from inception in summer 2026, an intermediate Cohesion plan has been developed to bring together activity. This has been shaped through applying a Bury perspective to Protecting What Matters and Local Government Association guidance on cohesion. It provides the structure from which to corral cohesion related activity across the Council and wider partnerships.

Developing Bury's Safer and Stronger Together Cohesion Plan 2026-2027

Strong and resilient; confident and connected communities		
Strong & resilient	Confident	Connected
Safety - Tension monitoring; tackling antisemitism, Islamophobia, racism and hatred; safeguarding against extremism	Trust (including through Human Libraries, training and promotion of shared values))	Participation and Voice (including promoting democracy)
Nurturing community capacity (spaces/ networks) including through Spaces of Hope	Belonging through (restoring) Pride in Place – building on common ground	Brining people together through culture and sport
Supporting workforce and volunteers through being overtly anti-racist organisations	Celebrating our (different) communities	Corralling Faith & Belief leadership
Specific focus on Children and Young People	Enhancing community capacity and action through targeted rounds of Bury Fund community investment	Placed based strategic policy relationships – Belong; ConnectFutures ; Odd Arts
Leadership including development • (Council; Public Services including NHS; VCFSE including Faith; Business) • Cohesion Competency	Addressing inequality and intersectionality - data + insight (communities of place; identity and experience)	Positive and proactive approach to communication • Tackling mis/disinformation • LETS/GMS Amplification • Tailored channels and approaches

Policies and Services to deliver this to contribute towards the achievement of our LET's Vision - an everyone, everywhere approach							
Education & Skills including language development	Anti-Poverty and socio-economic resilience	Community Safety (including resilience) and Safeguarding	Housing and Homelessness	VCFSE MoU/ Accord Delivery	Economy and Employment (including tackling economic inactivity)	Health and Wellbeing (including Live Well)	Children, Young People and Families First (Good Level of Development)

Within this are specific planned actions in relation to this corporate risk.

- Strong and Resilient Communities
 - Strengthening community tension reporting including capturing earlier sentiment (ie pre-tension awareness), reviewing opportunities for capturing and cascading insight, and more consistent sharing of information across Greater Manchester, recognising tension in one district can easily be experienced by neighbouring areas); an updated approach is expected to be in place for August 2026.
 - Aligning work to move Bury from being a Non-Racist to Anti-Racist organisation, including through developing a strong race critical culture. This includes policies and procedures designed to eliminate racism; differential outcomes eliminated proactively; unwanted behaviours eliminated through commitment to zero tolerance. In practice this will involve building workforce capability to practice anti racism; leadership demonstrating anti racist commitment and ensuring the voice of all communities are residents is heard.
 - Anti-hate crime inputs to young people across Bury's schools through youth ambassador training, inputs including from the Sophie Lancaster Foundation, and continued development of Bury Schools United Against Hate charter, with leadership through Parrenthorn. This is part of a broader activity to deliver a Bury Hate Crime Strategy in 2026.
 - Delivery of Prevent Benchmarking recommendations for 2026, including increasing awareness across foster care community; further tailoring of communication materials particularly to target the 18-30 age group; embedding Prevent principles within Live Well settings and building on single-agency deep dives on assuring multi-agency coverage of training.

- Engagement with Primary Care settings on support to connect into protective security opportunities and capture insight on new and emerging communities.
- Development and delivery of training opportunities for Bury Council (officers and Elected Members), public service colleagues, community and private sector, including content on faith and race inclusion in the workplace; race, privilege and justice; democratic Engagement – AI, fake news and democracy ; digital citizenship to combat extremism ; and intersectional lived experience.
- Confident Communities
 - Human Libraries – a strong theme from Cohesion roundtable activity as been the need for human-centred interaction that enables honest conversation, fosters confidence, and supports people to understand perspectives different from their own. Through this a project has emerged from the group to consider the importance of humanity and belonging, helping communities “see the human” behind labels, using lived experience stories (from Bury) to address racism, sexism, ableism, antisemitism, anti-migrant sentiment and other forms of discrimination. This will develop a series of narratives, recognising that identities overlap (e.g., race, gender, disability, religion, migration status) and shaping stories/training accordingly. In the context of rising polarisation, misinformation, and hate-related harm, this project offers a structured, trauma-informed approach to building empathy and informed understanding of difference and to challenging bias and stereotypes. The approach will include
 - Live Human Library sessions: facilitated, structured conversations where participants “borrow” a human book and engage in respectful dialogue.
 - Digital storytelling resources: professionally produced videos capturing lived experience narratives for use in training and education.
 - Training and resource packs: materials for schools, libraries, local authority teams, and community organisations.
 - Further celebrating our communities – be those communities of place, identity and experience, as a collective programme of civic dates of note, building on traditional activities such as the annual Gallipoli parade, to new and emerging dates such as Jewish Culture Month and South Asian Heritage Month.
 - Building Pride in Communities – from the formal Pride in Place initiative in Radcliffe, to building on the *LETs Do IT!* Local community litter picks last year; community funding opportunities will be made available to support different people to come together to take pride around where they call home. This includes physical environment improvements, creating spaces feel comfortable and confident in coming together with others, and celebrating the heritages of Bury which people are most proud of, demonstrating the very best of Bury.
- Connected Communities
 - Increasingly tailor engagement opportunities so that all residents feel able to access opportunities and services in their neighbourhood, including proactive work targeting

Healthwatch Bury activities; SEND Communities of Practice; and community outreach from the homelessness early prevention worker.

- Within the Bury Adults Safeguarding Board a new subgroup has been established focusing on Community Voice & Engagement, with which work of the Community Safety Partnership is being aligned in relation to safeguarding against hate and hateful extremism. Outcomes of the group include:
 - Strengthen partnerships with community leaders, grassroot organisations and faith groups to promote early identification, reduce stigma and build confidence in safeguarding processes
 - Support the delivery of inclusive, accessible campaigns focusing on priority safeguarding themes and supporting disclosures from groups who may face additional barriers to reporting harm
 - Develop clear, trusted pathways for reporting safeguarding concerns and accessing early help, tailored to the realities and needs of different communities
 - Co-produce safeguarding awareness tools with local communities to reflect the language, concerns and strengths of different communities across Bury.
- On furthering engagement, co-development is in development with to identify opportunities for tailored forums and networks where existing provision is not in place or consistent. This is to be informed and shaped by communities to ensure meaningful, and will include opportunities to connect across Bury's boundaries where this most naturally aligns to where local communities reside.
- Communication in the Borough will increasingly amplify the opportunities in the Borough, including those deriving from significant regeneration and place-making investment in the towns across the Borough; and of the support for people who most need it through LET's Tackle Poverty interventions through the Crisis & Resilience Fund. This will be alongside strengthening mis/disinformation guidance including learning from Liverpool City Region shared at a recent MHCLG North West Cohesion Conference.

These activities are being underpinned by funding resource made available to the district (via Greater Manchester) to support activity post incidents in 2025 including the Heaton Park Synagogue terrorist attack. This will predominantly fund the development of the Bury Cohesion Framework and place based programme partnership with Belong; community capacity funding opportunities; training and development programming and communication & engagement development. This builds on community investment through the Clinical Support Fund in the immediate aftermath of the synagogue attack and Standing Together community safety funding which has supported activities to bring communities together and increase awareness of reporting and supporting for victims of hate crime

As with existing controls, planned activity are, in addition to the corporate risk management approach, are additionally kept under review through fortnightly Communities & Inclusion portfolio, and routine reporting into Bury Community Safety Partnership which meets every two months and itself reports annually into the Council's Overview & Scrutiny committee.