

# Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor Township Plan

2014-15:

Performance Report

## **INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 This report outlines the performance of the Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor Township Forum and the progress on each of the themes contained within the Township Action Plan for 2014-15. The information provided has been gathered from a number of qualitative and quantitative sources including Bury Insight, Index of Multiple Deprivation, Area Profile Data and various local community intelligence sources.
- 1.2 There are currently 5 key thematic priorities contained within the Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor Action Plan for 2014/15:
- Improved Employment Opportunities
  - Improved Community Safety
  - Educational Attainment
  - Improved Health and Wellbeing
  - Rural Issues & Outlying Areas
  - Improved Community Pride & Belonging

This report provides a summary of the overall performance for each of the themes and the projects which contribute to their delivery. The report clearly outlines the aims for each theme, along with the projects undertaken and the successes of the forum.

- 1.3 Where possible both quantitative and qualitative data sources have been used to demonstrate the progress that has been made by the Township Forum on each theme.
- 1.4 The detail of this performance report can be viewed on the Township Forum web pages at [www.bury.gov.uk/townshipforums](http://www.bury.gov.uk/townshipforums). If you require copies of the report please contact David Thomas on 0161253 7455.

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## IMPROVED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Project Overview (Aims & Outputs)

#### What We Promised

- An increase in number of apprenticeships for Young People In Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor
- Raise Aspirations among 16-24yr olds within our Township
- Get young people in Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor work ready
- Increased number of Volunteering Opportunities

#### What We Did

- Pulled together existing and funded provision across the borough into one coordinated activity.
- Focused activity on those who fall under the Supporting Communities Improving Lives criteria
- Supported the Backing Young Bury Career and Skills Event

### Project Updates

#### Successes to Date

- RTNM Township Forum supported the Connecting Provision Scheme to assist a number of 16-24yr olds into paid work with Bury Council.
- The RTNM Township Forum supported the recruitment of candidates through the selection, interview and management process.
- Backing Young Bury has supported over 100 businesses to help them engage with apprenticeships
- Backing Young Bury Careers and Skills event held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015. Approx 319 young people attended the event.

#### Areas of Concern/Next Steps

- Continued support of "Backing Young Bury" programme
- Promote Job Clubs and volunteering opportunities and try to get people back to work
- The development of a mentoring scheme has been slow in development. Links to be established with local businesses in 2015/16
- Need to focus on involving local SME's in Township Forum agendas, potentially through Ramsbottom Business Group.

## IMPROVED COMMUNITY SAFETY

### Project Overview (Aims & Objectives)

### Project Updates

#### What We Promised

- Improved multi-agency partnership working to identify young people who are at risk of offending
- Reduced negative perceptions of Crime & ASB amongst local residents
- Improve Partnership response to community safety issues
- Raise awareness of ASB amongst school aged children (13-16)
- Build capacity within RTNM communities to tackle local crime issues

#### What We Did

- Joined up partnership work with the police to establish new task force focusing on ASB
- Supported the Be Safe Be Cool Initiative
- Fully maximised the potential of Township Forum meetings to address community concerns and promote success stories
- Be Safe Be Cool Initiative
- Local Intelligence - Continued links with key community contacts

#### Successes to Date

- Joint Engagement Team (JET) meeting weekly to tackle issues including low level crime, antisocial behaviour in Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor wards
- Regular reporting of Joint Engagement Team successes to RTNM Township Forum in 2014/15
- Regular Tottington PACT meetings made key impact on residents perceptions of crime in their communities
- Be Safe Be Cool Initiative delivered in October 2014
- Police regularly attend Township forums to give updates on crime trends in Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor

#### Areas of Concern/Next Steps

- Continue to attend weekly JET meetings to address issues of ASB in our community
- Work with colleagues at GMP to further enhance involvement in Township Forum in 2015/16
- Continue to support the Be Safe Be Cool Initiative
- Work with ASB Team on the Safe4Summer scheme targeting young people in our area

## IMPROVED EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

### Project Overview (Aims & Objectives)

### Project Updates

#### What We Promised

- Ensure children in Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor wards are 'school ready' by supporting parents and encouraging reading from an early age
- Promote learning opportunities for Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor Residents
- Work with local community and central organisations to identify learning needs within communities

#### What We Did

- Sent out book start information to people registered on the Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor TF database
- Community Learning Partnership representative took RTNM issues to meetings

#### Successes to Date

- Continued support of the Community Learning Partnership (CLP)
- Members of Township Forum involved in CLP meetings
- Improved information sharing between local community and central organisations

#### Areas of Concern/Next Steps

- Continued work to ensure that the children living in Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor are 'school ready'
- Further develop learning opportunities for Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor residents

## IMPROVED HEALTH & WELLBEING

### Project Overview (Aims & Objectives)

### Project Updates

#### What We Promised

- Increase awareness of local health and wellbeing issues within RTNM wards
- Improve levels of physical exercise among young children
- Joint working with Children's Centres
- Reduce fuel poverty and its affects in RTNM

#### What We Did

- Regular visits to Children's Centres to maintain good working relationships
- Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor residents informed of the Little Bill Energy Scheme via forum meetings and regular database promotion
- Assisted Urban Renewal team in identification of 2 Little Bill show homes (1 in Ramsbottom and 1 in Tottington)
- Regular attendance from I Will if You Will team at forum meetings
- Delivered activities which engage with RTNM communities and attract more people into regular physical activity

#### Successes to Date

- Township Co-ordinator sits on the Advisory Group for the Ramsbottom, Tottington and North Manor cluster
- Supported Urban Renewal team in achieving targets for Little Bill installs in Ramsbottom and Tottington by promoting the scheme to community groups and at various locations/events.
- TF Co-ordinator supported and promoted the I Will If You Will project and local initiatives taking place in RTNM wards
- Township Coordinator part of key strategic steering group

#### Areas of Concern/Next Steps

- Continued work with the Children's Centre to tackle health inequalities
- Work to reduce obesity levels across Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor wards
- Little Bill Energy Scheme has been withdrawn
- Promote healthy eating across Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor wards

## RURAL ISSUES & OUTLYING AREAS

### Project Overview (Aims & Objectives)

### Project Updates

#### What We Promised

- Support rural areas to enhance their communities through the Community Right to Bid (CRB) Scheme
- To help identify funding streams to support BRIF initiatives
- Support improved public transport systems

#### What We Did

- Successfully facilitated the smooth implementation of CRB processes for Bury Council and interested groups
- Attended BRIF meetings to enhance communication with TF
- Worked with colleagues from Bury Council departments to tackle issues of concern for RTNM residents
- Helped promote Community Funding to BRIF and other rural community groups through communities database

#### Successes to Date

- Four RTNM community assets nominated and added to register of community assets
- Better communication between Township Forum and local groups via promotional materials sent to database
- Rural issues a key focus at Township Forum meetings throughout 2014/2015

#### Areas of Concern/Next Steps

- Urgently require representation from rural groups on Township Forum advisory group for 2015/16



## IMPROVED COMMUNITY PRIDE & BELONGING

### Project Overview (Aims & Objectives)

### Project Updates

#### What We Promised

- Active promotion of RTNM activities and groups via advisory group and communities database
- Maintain and update the RTNM contact database
- To encourage more young people to take part in Township Forums
- Support for Parks Groups
- Improve the understanding between members of the community and faith groups
- Encourage community to help shape the RTNM TF priorities

#### What We Did

- Promoted successes on anti-social behaviour to foster better perceptions of crime and sense of belonging
- Promoted Township Forum to local community groups and invited fresh applications for advisory group membership
- Maintained database of contacts

#### Successes to Date

- Stronger links developed with local faith groups to encourage attendance at Township Forum
- Representation from faith groups secured on RTNM advisory group
- Advisory Group Members actively involved in the Township forum.
- All events have been shared with the Communication Team and members of the Township Forum
- Regular feedback from Joint Engagement Team successes positively impacted on perceptions of crime in RTNM

#### Areas of Concern/Next Steps

- Further advancement needs to be made on inclusion of faith leaders in the Township Forum
- Develop a series of thematic groups to manage delivery of priorities within Township Plan
- Continued support of Community Groups

## **SUMMARY OF TOWNSHIP FORUM 2014/15**

### **Township Area Plan**

During 2014/15 Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor Township Forum refreshed and agreed our Township Plan. The plan identified local issues and priorities where, working together with local councillors, community representatives, groups and residents, they can make a difference. The plans are three yearly plans and include an annual action plan. The action plan incorporates the key projects and actions to be delivered over the coming year to contribute towards delivery of the local priority outcomes.

The Township Plans were developed through active engagement and discussions with Township Forum members - including both councillors and Advisory Group members. 'Round table' discussions were held at the beginning of the 2013 municipal year to provide an opportunity for wider community representatives, partner organisations and residents to get involved in agreeing local priorities. This successful process will be repeated for 2015/16.

### **Advisory Group**

Over the course of 2014/15 Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor Township Forum has been well attended by advisory group members. The Forum has benefitted from active participation from each member in the Township Planning process and the delivery of the outcomes identified for each themed priority. The Advisory Group representatives have taken an active lead in updating forum members on key issues from their areas and the work going on to address them, particularly projects that link in with the projects within the Township Plan for Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor.

### **Meeting Attendance**

The table below details the numbers of public attending each Ramsbottom, Tottington & North Manor Township Forum over the past year:

<b>RTNM</b>	<b>July 2014</b>	<b>Sept 2014</b>	<b>Nov 2014</b>	<b>Jan 2015</b>	<b>Feb 2015</b>	<b>% Change from previous year</b>
	47	15	24	10	8	+ 7.69%

### **Presentations/Consultation with Township Forum**

The value of the Township Forums is recognised in major public consultation exercises. During 2014/15 this has included:

- Waste Management
- Healthier Together
- The Bury Directory
- Healthwatch Bury
- 2015/16 Budget Consultation
- Children's Centre Consultation
- I Will If You Will

### **Community Fund**

The Council continues to allocate £1,000 per ward each year to support the work of voluntary and community groups. Individual grants to the 'ward fund' are available for a maximum of £250. Additionally, a borough-wide allocation of £13,000 is available for 'cross-ward' applications from third sector organisations, with a maximum individual grant of £750. Small grants funds are also available for grants of up to £12,000. A new process will be in place for 2015/16.