

## **AGENDA FOR**

### **RADCLIFFE TOWNSHIP FORUM**

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**To: All Members of Radcliffe Township Forum**

**Councillors** :C Preston, D Bailey, S Briggs (Vice-Chair),  
T Isherwood, J Lewis, N Parnell, R Shori, Skillen and  
Walker

**Advisory Group:**

Colin Jones (Chair); Gill Stainthorpe; Roy Vevers; David Lewis  
and Collette Jones

Dear Member/Colleague

#### **Radcliffe Township Forum**

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

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, 3 June 2015
<b>Place:</b>	Charter Room - Radcliffe Civic Suite
<b>Time:</b>	6.00 pm
<b>Briefing Facilities:</b>	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.
<b>Notes:</b>	

## **AGENDA**

### **1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR**

Nominations are sought for the positions of Chair and Deputy Chair for the Municipal Year 2015/16

### **2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

### **3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members of Radcliffe 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.

### **4 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** *(Pages 1 - 6)*

Minutes of the last meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2015 are attached

### **5 POLICE UPDATE**

A verbal update will be given. Police attendance is subject to Officers on the evening.

### **6 PERFORMANCE REPORT 2014-2015** *(Pages 7 - 18)*

A report from the Township Co-ordinator is attached.

### **7 ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS**

All present are invited to take part in round table discussions on the key priorities for the Township Forum for the coming year.

### **8 OPEN FORUM**

Questions are invited from members of the public present at the meeting about the work or performance of the Council or the Council's services relevant to the Radcliffe area.

Approximately 30 minutes will be set aside for Open Forum, if required.

### **9 ADVISORY GROUP UPDATE**

### **10 URGENT BUSINESS**

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

### **11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2015



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**Minutes of:** RADCLIFFE TOWNSHIP FORUM

**Date of Meeting:** 24 February 2015

**Venue:** Groundwork Radcliffe, 48 Blackburn St, Radcliffe

**Present:**

**Councillors:**

Councillors P Bury, A J Cummings, A Isherwood, J Lewis and R Shori

**Advisory Group**

**Representatives:** Colin Jones – Radcliffe Boys and Girls Club (In the Chair)  
Gill Stainthorpe – Withins Residents Association  
Roy Vevers – Radcliffe Carnival  
Barbara Law representing David Lewis – Chapelfield Residents Association

**Public attendance:** 15 members of the public were in attendance

**Apologies for absence:**

Councillors M & D Bailey, S Briggs and N Parnell  
Colette Jones

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**RTF.731    DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

**RTF.732    MINUTES**

That the Minutes of the last meeting of the Township Forum held on 8 January, 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**RTF.733    OPEN FORUM**

Prior to questions from the audience, the Chair read out a statement regarding the current Electoral Registration procedures in Bury. The meeting was informed that over the coming weeks, all Bury households would be receiving a letter confirming the names of all those eligible to vote and requesting that people check the details and inform the Council of any changes so that all those eligible to vote will be able to at the General and Local Elections in May. For those who needed to make changes to the electoral register, or who needed to register, the simplest way to do this was online at [www.go.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.go.uk/register-to-vote), or to telephone the Council on 0161 253 5252. Residents would need to provide their date of birth and National Insurance Number. Poll Cards would be sent out in the post at a later date.

A member of the public commented that they had tried to register twice on-line and had sent an email to the Council but had not received a response. The Chair asked all members of the public to be vigilant and to use the contact details provided if they needed to contact the Council so that they did not lose their right to vote in the forthcoming elections.

The Chair invited questions/comments and representations from members of the public present at the meeting. The Township Co-ordinator undertook to obtain a reply to matters that could not be dealt with directly at the meeting:-

A member of the public requested an update on the current situation regarding United Utilities and the road closures and raised concerns regarding the timeframe for completion of the works in particular in relation to the Carnival?

Cllr Isherwood reported that Dale Street was due to reopen on 2nd March. The Bus Station would be due for completion in November 2015. Councillors Isherwood and Cummings were in the process of securing a meeting with United Utilities to discuss their concerns regarding the road closures. It was unlikely that the works would be completed in time for the Carnival but it was hoped that the roads would be temporarily reopened on the day of the Carnival.

## **RTF.734 LOCAL POLICE UPDATE**

Inspector Cottam and PC Flanagan attended the meeting in order to provide an update on key police issues in Bury. Inspector Cottam informed the meeting that he was new to the Neighbourhood Policing Team in Bury, having previously served as a Detective in the Police Force and that he welcomed the opportunity to meet with residents in Radcliffe and discuss local police issues at the Township Forum meetings, in his new role. The Chair, Colin Jones welcomed Inspector Cottam to the area and suggested that future updates include information on crime statistics, trouble hot spots and current police cover in Radcliffe, alongside the "questions and answers" sessions.

Inspector Cottam provided an update on recent developments including the introduction of Acceptable Behaviour Contracts which would restrict the movement of local criminals in Radcliffe; the recent arrests relating to burglary in Radcliffe; the funding secured for a further 12 months for the Rock Football Project and an update on the recent incidents of anti-social behaviour in Radcliffe.

The Chair invited questions/comments from the audience:-

There were concerns raised at the meeting regarding the police response to the recent anti-social and criminal behaviour incidents in the town. Inspector Cottam assured the audience that these incidents were being thoroughly investigated. The meeting was informed that two youths, who were known to the police, had been arrested. Adequate resources were available to the police to conduct the investigation.

In response to a question from the audience, it was confirmed that the Rock Football Project was attracting between 50 and 60 young people in attendance each week. Gill Stainthorpe raised concerns regarding the funding situation for Radcliffe Boys and Girls Club.

In relation to a question regarding the reporting of a serious sexual assault at Banana Walk, it was reported that there had been some difficulties regarding the statements and account of events of those involved and that the police were confident that, following conclusion of the initial investigation, there was no risk to the community in this area in relation

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to this alleged incident.

A member of the public raised concerns regarding the levels of police patrols in Radcliffe in the evenings. Inspector Cottam accepted that the cuts to the police service had affected the number of police patrols and was happy to take on board the comments as feedback for the police service in Bury. Gill Stainthorpe commented that the changes in police personnel in Bury had had a detrimental effect on dealing with some of the issues of anti-social behaviour. Inspector Cottam commented on the vital role of the Neighbourhood Teams, in particular of the PCSO's in Bury and of the need to publicise their work in Bury.

**It was agreed:**

That the information provided be noted and Inspector Cottam and PC Flanagan be thanked for their contribution to the meeting.

**RTF.735 INCREDIBLE EDIBLE - RADCLIFFE**

George Heron, representing the "Incredible Edible" Project in Prestwich and District (IEPAD) gave a presentation providing details of the project with the aim of encouraging and assisting the Radcliffe community to launch and develop a similar group in the township.

It was reported that the project was already active in Ramsbottom, Tottington and Prestwich, the aim and objective was to increase awareness of and consumption of locally produced food which is produced by and made available to their communities. The meeting was informed that there had been two previous efforts to establish the project in Radcliffe. George reported on the recent success of the Chapelfield "Grow Your Own" project in the hope that, with support from the "Our Place" initiative, the project could be started again and maintained in Radcliffe. It was reported that the national "Big Dig" on 21 March could provide the opportunity for the Radcliffe launch with some land having already been identified near to Radcliffe Library, on the heritage site and at Wellspring House as potential plots. Support was now needed from local volunteers. Some work had already begun at the Metrolink site with support from Metrolink. The Incredible Edible team were currently engaging in publicity exercises in Radcliffe and were inviting local residents to sign up, to get involved in the planning processes, to contribute on the day of the "Big Dig" in Radcliffe, and to move towards a full Radcliffe takeover. There would be activities for children on the day of the "Big Dig".

The Chair thanked George for his contribution to the meeting and encouraged those present to sign up and to help publicise the initiative in Radcliffe.

**It was agreed:**

That the presentation be noted, with thanks.

**RTF.736 RADCLIFFE TOWNSHIP FORUM PLAN/OUR PLACE**

Christine Maksymowski, Township Co-ordinator submitted the draft

Township Forum Plan which provided an update on the progress of the themes contained within the Action Plan for 2013/14. Christine also provided a progress report on the Our Place initiative:-

- March 2014 – Successful funding bid of £3000
- May 2014 - Logic Model/Development Plan submitted – awarded £17000 including £7000 for participatory budgeting
- May to October 2014 – Series of community events and projects group meetings held to gather information for inclusion in the Our Place operational Plan
- November to December 2014 – Draft Operational Plan written and presented to various groups. 12<sup>th</sup> December 2014 – Plan submitted to Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG)
- January 2015 to date – Draft Operational Plan approved. Further Peer Review of Plan undertaken – Comments received – “Excellent Plan”
- Participatory Budget Pack developed and distributed. Closing date for applications 6<sup>th</sup> March, followed by Participatory Budget Event on 19 March.
- 2-Day Appreciative Inquiry Training developed in conjunction with Tim Slack – Relationship Manager Training dates 3<sup>rd</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March.  
**Future dates –**  
10<sup>th</sup> March - Enhanced Logic Model and Final Operational Plan to be submitted  
31<sup>st</sup> March – Final sign off by DCLG and Final Grant Monitoring Form

It was reported that all funding would have to be allocated by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 and any unspent monies would have to be returned. The DCLG had also announced that no further Our Place funding would be allocated to the project and that the project would cease on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015. Feedback was welcomed on how to take the project forward.

**It was agreed:**

That the report be noted.

**RTF.737 COMMUNITY FUNDING REPORT**

Christine Maksymowski, Township Co-ordinator informed the meeting that there was still some funding available to community groups in Radcliffe, £330 in Radcliffe East, £190 in Radcliffe North. Any ward funding remaining would be collected and distributed from “one pot” and would be distributed on a first come first served basis to any community groups in Bury who had submitted an application form. The meeting was informed of the £750 cross ward funding and £250 single ward funding remaining.

**It was agreed:**

That the report be noted.

**RTF.738 ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS - UPDATE**

David Lewis, Chapelfield Residents Association provided the following



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update:-

Photography Exhibition of local residents – to provide a snapshot of people living in Chapelfield during Summer (date to be confirmed).

Nature Reserve - Voluntary Rangers Tidy Day on 4<sup>th</sup> March and Pond Dipping Event on 4<sup>th</sup> August.

Stand United Reform Church – 350 Years Celebration – 21<sup>st</sup> June. Also Luncheon Club now every other Wednesday – open to all – 1.00 to 2.30 pm, home-cooked food at an affordable price.

Contour Homes, Stand Lane development have contributed towards the cost and installation of two “Welcome to Chapelfield Village” signs on either side of Stand Lane.

Rev Nigel Atkinson informed the meeting of the Churches Together – Service of Celebration and Blessing for Radcliffe in the 50<sup>th</sup> Year of the Carnival on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, at 7.00pm. Members of the public were invited to attend and share stories and contribute to and visit a display of photos of Radcliffe through the decades. Any contributions to be sent to Rev Atkinson at [nigelatkinson@gmail.com](mailto:nigelatkinson@gmail.com) or leave them at Radcliffe Library.

## **It was agreed:**

That the information provided be noted, with thanks.

## **RTF.739 DATE & VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Township Forum would be held on, 2015 at 6 pm, at Radcliffe Civic Suite – to be confirmed.

**In the Chair – Colin Jones (Chair)**

**(Note: The meeting started at 6.00 pm and ended at 7.15 pm)**

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# Radcliffe Township Action Plan

2014-15:  
Performance Report

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Improved Educational Attainment/Learning Opportunities	7	An overview of successes achieved for this theme in 2014/15
Improved Public Transport Links	8	An overview of successes achieved for this theme in 2014/15
Improved Community Pride & Belonging	9	An overview of successes achieved for this theme in 2014/15
Summary & Conclusion	10-11	A breakdown of the progress made by Radcliffe Township Forum over the course of 2014/15

## INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report outlines the performance of the Radcliffe Township Forum and the progress on each of the themes contained within the Radcliffe 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 intelligences.
- 1.2 There are currently 6 key thematic priorities contained within the Radcliffe Township Action Plan for 2014/15:
- Improved Employment Opportunities
  - Improved Community Safety
  - Improved Health and Wellbeing
  - Improved Educational Attainment/Learning Opportunities
  - Improved Public Transport Links
  - Improved Community Pride and Belonging

This report provides a summary of the overall performance for each of the themes and the projects which contribute to their delivery.

- 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 Christine Maksymowski on 0161 253 7941.

IMPROVED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES	
Project Overview (Aims & Outputs)	Project Updates
<p><b><u>What We Promised</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To raise Aspirations for 16-24yr within Radcliffe</li> <li>• Support actions to help get young people into work</li> <li>• Get young people/people ready and into work</li> </ul> <p><b><u>What We Did</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engaged with local businesses to sponsor and support employment programmes such as “Backing Young Bury”</li> <li>• Supported the Backing Young Bury Career and Skills Event</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Successes to Date</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Backing Young Bury has supported over 100 businesses to help them engage with apprenticeships</li> <li>• Backing Young Bury Careers and Skills event held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015. Approx 319 young people attended the event.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Areas of Concern/Next Steps</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued support of “Backing Young Bury” programme</li> <li>• Promote Job Clubs and volunteering opportunities and try to get people back to work</li> </ul>

## IMPROVED COMMUNITY SAFETY

Project Overview (Aims & Objectives)	Project Updates
<p><b><u>What We Promised</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued support to the youth club at the ROC Centre</li> <li>• Continued support for the Friday night football scheme</li> <li>• Set up Partnership meetings to identify and deal with potential offenders</li> <li>• Make Radcliffe Safer (MRS) campaign</li> <li>• More school visits to address anti social behaviour (ASB)</li> <li>• To look at the possibility of setting up regular partnership meetings to identify and quickly deal with potential offenders</li> <li>• Invite the police to attend Township Forum Meeting</li> </ul> <p><b><u>What We Did</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint partnership work with the police to set up the MRS campaign</li> <li>• Supported the Be Safe Be Cool Initiative</li> <li>• Worked with Local Police Inspector and ASB team to establish partnership meeting to address ASB</li> <li>• Promotion of Dark Nights Project</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Successes to Date</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ROC youth club still well attended</li> <li>• Football scheme still up and running, over 120 youths registered. Funding Secured for a further 12 Months</li> <li>• Safe plating and property marking days set up</li> <li>• Dark night project leaflet distributed</li> <li>• Monthly police surgery held at the ROC Centre</li> <li>• Be Safe Be Cool Initiative delivered in during October 2014</li> <li>• TF Co-ordinator attends weekly Joint Engagement Team meeting (JET) to discuss individuals causing ASB</li> <li>• Police regularly attend Township forum meets to give updates on crime trends</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Areas of Concern/Next Steps</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued support with the ROC Youth club</li> <li>• Continue with the MRS campaign</li> <li>• Continue to support the Be Safe Be Cool Initiative</li> <li>• Continue to attend weekly JET meetings to address issues of ASB</li> <li>• Work with ASB Team on the Safe4Summer scheme targeting young people in Radcliffe</li> </ul>

IMPROVED HEALTH & WELLBEING	
Project Overview (Aims & Objectives)	Project Updates
<p><b><u>What We Promised</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint working with Children’s Centres</li> <li>• To encourage more families to get active and take part in health related activities</li> <li>• Promotion of the Little Bill Scheme</li> <li>• Support the Healthier Radcliffe Pilot</li> <li>• Support the Our Place Initiative</li> <li>• Lead on Radcliffe Our Place</li> <li>• Involve the community and partners.</li> <li>• Set aside £7000 for community group funding</li> </ul> <p><b><u>What We Did</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular visits to Children’s Centres to maintain good working relationships</li> <li>• Radcliffe residents informed of the Little Bill Energy Scheme via the Radcliffe database</li> <li>• Healthier Radcliffe Pilot discussed at the Township forum</li> <li>• I Will if You Will Team attended the TF Forum</li> <li>• Submitted a bid for Our Place funding</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Successes to Date</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Township Co-ordinator sits on the Advisory Groups for the Radcliffe Children’s Centres Cluster</li> <li>• TF Co-ordinator supported and promoted the I Will If You Will project. Local initiatives taking place in Radcliffe</li> <li>• Successful delivery of Ladies only Health and Wellbeing event in conjunction with Radcliffe Children’s Centres</li> <li>• Supported the extended GP opening hours across Radcliffe</li> <li>• Successful bid for Our Place Funding awarded £3000</li> <li>• Successful further bid of £17000</li> <li>• Successful participatory budget held (15 bids received)</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Areas of Concern/Next Steps</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued work with the Children’s Centres to tackle health inequalities</li> <li>• Work to reduce obesity levels in Radcliffe</li> <li>• Get Radcliffe active</li> <li>• Little Bill Energy Scheme has been withdrawn</li> <li>• Promote healthy eating across Radcliffe</li> </ul>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developed and submitted a development plan for further funding</li> <li>• Held 2 community visioning days (70 people participated)</li> <li>• Set up a ladies only Health and Wellbeing event</li> <li>• Set up Radcliffe Our Place Project group</li> <li>• Developed and submitted the Radcliffe Our Place Operational Plan</li> <li>• Set up a participatory budgeting event</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued support of the Healthier Radcliffe project</li> <li>• Future delivery of the Radcliffe Our Place project without further funding</li> </ul>
<b>IMPROVED EDUCATION ATTAINMENT/LEARNING</b>	
<b>Project Overview (Aims &amp; Objectives)</b>	<b>Project Updates</b>
<p><b><u>What We Promised</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure children in Radcliffe are 'school ready' by supporting parents and encouraging reading from an early age</li> <li>• Promote learning opportunities for Radcliffe Residents and Businesses</li> <li>• Support for the Radcliffe Carnival</li> </ul> <p><b><u>What We Did</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sent out book start information to people registered on the TF database</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Successes to Date</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading materials have been distributed to the identified families in Radcliffe</li> <li>• Funding awarded to support the Radcliffe Carnival</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Areas of Concern/Next Steps</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued work to ensure that the children living in Radcliffe are 'school ready'</li> <li>• Continued support for the Radcliffe Carnival</li> <li>• Develop learning opportunities for Radcliffe residents</li> </ul>

IMPROVED PUBLIC TRANSPORT LINKS	
Project Overview (Aims & Objectives)	Project Updates
<p><b><u>What We Promised</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To look at the lack of transport links from Ainsworth to the Tottington Health Centre</li> <li>• Promotion of the Safer School Parking Campaign</li> <li>• Implementation of the Streetsafe Initiative</li> </ul> <p><b><u>What We Did</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Township Forum Advisory Group representative raised the issue with Transport for Greater Manchester via the Bury Rural Inequalities Forum (BRIF)</li> <li>• Disseminated information on the School Parking Campaign</li> <li>• Streetsafe (SS) initiative presented to the TF Forum</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Successes to Date</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing work with Transport for Greater Manchester but not much progress being made at the moment</li> <li>• Red, amber and green advisory banners being displayed outside schools</li> <li>• Streetsafe 20mph zones implemented across areas of Radcliffe</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Areas of Concern/Next Steps</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitor public transport issues</li> <li>• Parents still parking on the zigzag lines outside school in front of the banners</li> <li>• Work with Highways to identify further areas for the Streetsafe initiative</li> </ul>

<b>IMPROVED COMMUNITY PRIDE and BELONGING</b>	
<b>Project Overview (Aims &amp; Objectives)</b>	<b>Project Updates</b>
<p><b><u>What We Promised</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Active promotion of activities and groups in Radcliffe</li> <li>• Maintain and update the Radcliffe contact database</li> <li>• To encourage more young people to take part in community activities</li> <li>• Support Radcliffe Empty Properties initiative</li> <li>• Support for Parks Groups</li> </ul> <p><b><u>What We Did</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information shared with all members on the TF database</li> <li>• Advisory Group members update now a standard agenda item</li> <li>• 236 contacts currently on the Radcliffe database</li> <li>• Encouraged young people to get involved in community activities</li> <li>• Radcliffe Dig and open day posters distributed by TF Co-ordinator</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Successes to Date</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advisory Group Members actively involved in the Township forum.</li> <li>• All events have been shared with the Communication Team and members of the Township Forum</li> <li>• Empty property pilot embedded in the Township Area Plan</li> <li>• Community archaeological dig open day taking place in Spring 2015, involving schools, members of the public and Salford University</li> <li>• Regular feedback to Township Forum</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Areas of Concern/Next Steps</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuous promotion of the Radcliffe area</li> <li>• Further increase numbers on the database</li> <li>• Continued support of the empty properties pilot</li> <li>• Continued support of Community Groups</li> </ul>

**Summary of Township Forum in 2014-15**

**Area Plan**

Over the past year, Radcliffe Township Forum produced a Township Plan, to identify priorities where, by working together with local councillors, community representatives, residents, local groups, and partner agencies, they can make a difference to improve life for all residents. The Township Plan includes an annual action plan that has been reported on at Township Forum meetings. This action plan includes the key projects and actions to be delivered over the coming year which contribute towards delivery of the over arching local priorities agreed by the Township Forum.

The Township Plans was developed through active engagement and discussions with Township Forum members - including both Councillors and Advisory Group members. 'Round table' discussions were held to provide an opportunity for wider community representatives, partner organisations and residents to get involved in agreeing local priorities. This will be repeated for 2015-16

**Attendance**

Radcliffe Township Forum figures for attendance are below.

<b>Radcliffe</b>	<b>July 2014</b>	<b>Sept 2014</b>	<b>Nov 2014</b>	<b>Jan 2015</b>	<b>Feb 2015</b>	<b>Average</b>
	20	35	35	20	15	25

### **Advisory Group involvement:**

Each Township Forum appoints Advisory Group members to contribute and speak on relevant issues. They help to improve the range of knowledge and expertise on the Township Forum and provide an inclusive approach to improving the outcomes for each area. In particular, they champion or lead projects within Township Plans.

### **Presentations / Consultation with Township forums**

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
- Incredible Edible
- 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.

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