

Radcliffe Township Action Plan

2014-15:
Performance Report

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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. If you require copies of the report please contact Christine Maksymowski on 0161 253 7941.

IMPROVED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Project Overview (Aims & Outputs)

What We Promised

- To raise Aspirations for 16-24yr within Radcliffe
- Support actions to help get young people into work
- Get young people/people ready and into work

What We Did

- Engaged with local businesses to sponsor and support employment programmes such as “Backing Young Bury”
- Supported the Backing Young Bury Career and Skills Event

Project Updates

Successes to Date

- Backing Young Bury has supported over 100 businesses to help them engage with apprenticeships
- Backing Young Bury Careers and Skills event held on 2nd 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

IMPROVED COMMUNITY SAFETY

Project Overview (Aims & Objectives)

What We Promised

- Continued support to the youth club at the ROC Centre
- Continued support for the Friday night football scheme
- Set up Partnership meetings to identify and deal with potential offenders
- Make Radcliffe Safer (MRS) campaign
- More school visits to address anti social behaviour (ASB)
- To look at the possibility of setting up regular partnership meetings to identify and quickly deal with potential offenders
- Invite the police to attend Township Forum Meeting

What We Did

- Joint partnership work with the police to set up the MRS campaign
- Supported the Be Safe Be Cool Initiative
- Worked with Local Police Inspector and ASB team to establish partnership meeting to address ASB
- Promotion of Dark Nights Project

Project Updates

Successes to Date

- ROC youth club still well attended
- Football scheme still up and running, over 120 youths registered. Funding Secured for a further 12 Months
- Safe plating and property marking days set up
- Dark night project leaflet distributed
- Monthly police surgery held at the ROC Centre
- Be Safe Be Cool Initiative delivered in during October 2014
- TF Co-ordinator attends weekly Joint Engagement Team meeting (JET) to discuss individuals causing ASB
- Police regularly attend Township forum meets to give updates on crime trends

Areas of Concern/Next Steps

- Continued support with the ROC Youth club
- Continue with the MRS campaign
- Continue to support the Be Safe Be Cool Initiative
- Continue to attend weekly JET meetings to address issues of ASB
- Work with ASB Team on the Safe4Summer scheme targeting young people in Radcliffe

IMPROVED HEALTH & WELLBEING

Project Overview (Aims & Objectives)

Project Updates

What We Promised

- Joint working with Children's Centres
- To encourage more families to get active and take part in health related activities
- Promotion of the Little Bill Scheme
- Support the Healthier Radcliffe Pilot
- Support the Our Place Initiative
- Lead on Radcliffe Our Place
- Involve the community and partners.
- Set aside £7000 for community group funding

What We Did

- Regular visits to Children's Centres to maintain good working relationships
- Radcliffe residents informed of the Little Bill Energy Scheme via the Radcliffe database
- Healthier Radcliffe Pilot discussed at the Township forum
- I Will if You Will Team attended the TF Forum
- Submitted a bid for Our Place funding

Successes to Date

- Township Co-ordinator sits on the Advisory Groups for the Radcliffe Children's Centres Cluster
- TF Co-ordinator supported and promoted the I Will If You Will project. Local initiatives taking place in Radcliffe
- Successful delivery of Ladies only Health and Wellbeing event in conjunction with Radcliffe Children's Centres
- Supported the extended GP opening hours across Radcliffe
- Successful bid for Our Place Funding awarded £3000
- Successful further bid of £17000
- Successful participatory budget held (15 bids received)

Areas of Concern/Next Steps

- Continued work with the Children's Centres to tackle health inequalities
- Work to reduce obesity levels in Radcliffe
- Get Radcliffe active
- Little Bill Energy Scheme has been withdrawn
- Promote healthy eating across Radcliffe

- Developed and submitted a development plan for further funding
- Held 2 community visioning days (70 people participated)
- Set up a ladies only Health and Wellbeing event
- Set up Radcliffe Our Place Project group
- Developed and submitted the Radcliffe Our Place Operational Plan
- Set up a participatory budgeting event

- Continued support of the Healthier Radcliffe project
- Future delivery of the Radcliffe Our Place project without further funding

IMPROVED EDUCATION ATTAINMENT/LEARNING

Project Overview (Aims & Objectives)

Project Updates

What We Promised

- Ensure children in Radcliffe are 'school ready' by supporting parents and encouraging reading from an early age
- Promote learning opportunities for Radcliffe Residents and Businesses
- Support for the Radcliffe Carnival

What We Did

- Sent out book start information to people registered on the TF database

Successes to Date

- Reading materials have been distributed to the identified families in Radcliffe
- Funding awarded to support the Radcliffe Carnival

Areas of Concern/Next Steps

- Continued work to ensure that the children living in Radcliffe are 'school ready'
- Continued support for the Radcliffe Carnival
- Develop learning opportunities for Radcliffe residents

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

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

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.

Radcliffe	July 2014	Sept 2014	Nov 2014	Jan 2015	Feb 2015	Average
	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.