

Report of the Activities of the Harrow Town Centre Forum

AGM held on 29th January 2013

1 Overview

This report covers the period from 21st November 2011 to 14th January 2013. The Forum has met five times during this period (once on an informal basis as the meeting was inquorate) the relevant dates being 21st November 2011, 6th February 2012, 26th April 2012, 26th July 2012 and 12th November 2012 to receive updates on the Outer London Fund round 1 and round 2 projects. Recently the Forum has been reviewing progress on developing a BID for Harrow town centre.

2 Activities & Events

A wide range of activities and events have been arranged to promote Harrow town centre and encourage interest and footfall.

Date	Activity
Nov 2011	Light garden
Dec	Festive lighting and Christmas tree lights switch on event
Dec	Bag giveaway and support for Christmas shopping
Jan 2012	Display of banners designed by schools
Feb	College-produced animated film displayed
Mar	Food festival and market
Mar	Dance showcase
Mar	Harrow.Towntalk website launched
Jun	Continental market
Jun	Invest in Harrow DVD produced and launched
Jul	Olympic Torch visit to Harrow
Aug	Music festival
Aug	Pre-Olympics Showtime event
Sep	Antiques market
Nov	Song festival
Nov	Continental market
Nov	Light garden (in new location)
Dec	Festive lighting and improved Christmas tree lights switch on event

3 Improvements to the Public Realm

A great deal of work has been done to prepare for various town centre projects, including those to improve the street scene in St Ann's Road, create a new park at Lowlands recreation ground, provide new signage around the town and the car parks, and to make changes that enhance traffic movements. Public realm improvements work in town centre will start in 2013.

4 Business Improvement District development

The Town Centre Forum endorsed the OLF application for a project to develop a Business Improvement District and the initial survey with town centre businesses to assess the key issues in the town centre commenced in 2012.

5 Budget and report of accounts

Expenditure over the period has been covered by funding from the Outer London Fund. The Town Centre Forum's carried forward funds of £13,917 will therefore be rolled forward to assist with BID development.