

# ***Report to the Council***

**Committee: Cabinet**

**Date: 29 July 2008**

**Subject: Community Wellbeing Portfolio**

**Portfolio Holder: Councillor Ms Syd Stavrou    Item: 6 (d)**

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## **Recommending:**

**That the report of the Community Wellbeing Portfolio Holder be noted.**

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## **Safer Communities**

In Limes Farm the special Action Group is working well and the situation remains calm. The Safer Communities Officer is looking to undertake a joint site survey in relation to reports of low-level antisocial behaviour and some drug use on the estate. This may involve the removal of a wall to increase natural surveillance and thus deter antisocial behaviour.

## **Crucial Crew**

Crucial Crew completed its second week on Friday 27 June and was proclaimed by all to be a huge success. This event continues to be a most valuable tool in helping youngsters to identify and deal with various dangerous or challenging scenarios they may encounter in their daily lives. Congratulations to all those involved in its preparation and delivery. The possibility of organising a similar event for older teenagers next year is being investigated.

## **Dispersal Orders**

The current dispersal orders in Debden and Loughton, which went live on 1 March in a seamless transition to the two proceeding, will expire on 31 August. To date, no approaches by Essex Police to renew the existing orders have been received.

## **Safer Communities Team**

Interviews have been held for two Antisocial Behaviour Investigators (ASBI) and a CCTV Operations Officer. Appointments have been offered for one Antisocial Behaviour Investigator and the CCTV Operations Officer post. It has been decided to re-advertise the second ASBI position.