

Report to the Council

Committee: Cabinet

Date: 16 December 2008

Subject: Community Wellbeing Portfolio

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Syd Stavrou

Item: 6(d)

Recommendation:

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

Crime figures for the District are continuing to fall below the reduction target. For the current year to date recorded crimes are 194 below the reduction target for the year. There is some evidence that high visibility policing activity being conducted by the Metropolitan Police service to target crimes of dwelling burglary in the neighbouring London Boroughs is causing a rise in similar offences in the Epping Forest District.

The Limes Farm playground has now been completed.

The Safer Communities Partnership has been approached to match District Council funding for CCTV coverage in the Buckhurst Hill Underpass. The proposed system will be integrated into the Lower Queens Road system and upgrade and enhance the Waitrose system. The Partnership has also attracted Alcohol Related Partnership Activity Funding in the sum of £6,300 to go towards the provision of alcohol awareness workshops in 30 schools across the district aimed at Key Stage 3 year 6 pupils.

Members will be aware that since the restructuring of the Safer Communities Team into East, West and South, circulation of the minutes of Joint Area Action Groups have ceased. I have requested that these are once again made available to members, sooner rather than later.