

Report to the Council

Committee: Cabinet

Date: 28 April 2009

Subject: Community Wellbeing Portfolio

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Syd Stavrou

Item: 7(d)

Recommendation:

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

The Limes Farm Special Action Group has now been disbanded. The Group has been instrumental in achieving a 31% reduction in crime and 39% reduction in anti-social behaviour on the estate. There is an ongoing resource support programme to maintain the current situation.

Generally, across Epping Forest District crime is down by 8% against a target of 5%. Once the year end data has been validated this may increase further to around 10% or 11%. The crime detection rate is up from 27.9% to 29.2%, anti-social behaviour is down 24%. Killed and seriously injured figures are also down, although more work is being done to reduce casualties through partnership working.

Again, through the Safer Communities Partnership various community safety/educational projects have been started, planned or are ongoing. These include but are not restricted to Mind The Gap, Crucial Crew, Reality Road Show, Feeling Good, Keeping Safe and National Tackling Burglary Day.

Buckhurst Hill Underpass – Whilst we have yet to get LUL's final approval to the works at the underpass itself (phase III), phases I and II of the project, which includes enhanced CCTV in the town centre and the car parks are complete and are proving high quality imagery. Progress is being monitored.