

Report to the Council

Committee: Cabinet

Date: 30 June 2009

Subject: Community Safety and Transport Portfolio

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Syd Stavrou

Item: 7(c)

Recommendation:

That the report of the Community Safety and Transport Portfolio Holder be noted.

Buckhurst Hill Underpass

A reply is still awaited from Transport for London.

Countywide CCTV Forum

The Forum was a success – hopefully this District lead forum will provide a good foundation for some real partnership benefits.

Safer Communities Partnership

As previously reported, 2008/09 outturn data was encouraging with overall crime down by some 8%. The Partnership continues to identify issues of concern and work with partners to address them accordingly. At the Safer Communities Partnership meeting on 15 June the outcome of the place survey was discussed ahead of its publication, and the need to better publicise the partnership's success.

Safer Cleaner Greener

The strategy document will be on the agenda of the next Overview and scrutiny Committee and then to Cabinet in September.

Community Safety Accreditation Scheme

The Council successfully passed the Community Safety Accreditation Scheme and met the requirements of the relevant Association of Chief Police Officers Guidelines and the Police Reform Act 2002. The Chairman of the Council officially received the accreditation at a presentation ceremony on 17 June. Having successfully achieved this stage, individual accreditation for all relevant officers within Environment and street Scene Directorate can now be obtained. This is important since accreditation not only provides reassurance to the public and Members that officers are equipped properly and trained to undertake their responsibilities but also ensures that Police support will be made available to officers should the need arise.

Crucial Crew 2009

At the time of writing this report, crucial crew was still underway at Gilwell Park. As in past years the event was again well attended and received by the schoolchildren, and guests, who were present. There were 10 life scenarios presented that provided information/education to the youngsters in dealing with dangerous situations they may face in life such as Road Safety, Drink and drugs, Basic Resuscitation techniques, Fire Hazard Awareness and Recycling and Litter. Once again the event was organised with efficiency and enthusiasm. Congratulations to all our staff and SC Partners for their hard work in making this event such an annual success.

Olympics

The Portfolio Holder attended the first ODA organised workshop held in Waltham Cross on Monday 15 June. There was a brief overview of the progress of the White Water Canoe Course which is under construction at present. Construction issues were explained, such as health and safety problems during the building, the legacy obligation, information dissemination and relationships with partners. After the presentation there was a detailed workshop session to question and discuss such issues as Employment, Transport, and Communication. Delegates were invited to explore how all categories could work together , with the ODA, to achieve the best possible outcome for the 201`2 venue.

The Furniture Recycling Scheme

An initial bid has been submitted by Voluntary Action Epping Forest to the Lottery for three years funding for the scheme. A response has been received indicating "An Expression of Interest". VAEF now has six months to work up and submit the actual bid. A working group has been formed to progress this work.