

Report to the Council

Committee: Council

Date: 3 November 2009

Subject: Community Safety and Transport Portfolio

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Ms S-A Stavrou Item: 7(c)

Recommending:

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

Safer Communities Partnership

The Safer Communities Partnership receives applications to fund various projects falling within its remit to reduce crime and disorder in the district. These may include such diverse projects as assisting publication of residents newsletters; the installation or extension of CCTV systems; community events that promote partnership working; Essex Police Do the Right Thing (educating school children about knife crime) and Essex County Fire & Rescue's Firebreak and Firefighter Courses (a youth initiative for selected youngsters). All successful applicants are requested to complete monitoring and evaluation forms at the end of the project which provides a useful tool in determining where resources should be spent to achieve the best possible results and value for money.

Not in My Neighbourhood Week takes place from the 2nd – 6th November. There is an extensive programme of crime reduction measures/education planned for that week and the schedule can be viewed on the Council's website and will be published in the Council Bulletin.

There will be a special Crime & Disorder Scrutiny meeting on the 27th October. The items to be discussed are the cross border effects of anti-social behaviour and dispersal orders and the protection of vulnerable individuals and families from targeted anti social behaviour. There will be a verbal update of the findings of this meeting on the night of full Council.

For Halloween and Bonfire Night there will be close liaison between Essex Police operations and our Safer Communities Team to assist with public reassurance.

Olympics

Good progress is being made on the White Water Canoe Centre site where construction started in July this year. Land formation works to form the canoe course embankment and the landscaped features of the venue are over half way complete. Piling work is now underway for form the foundations of the Olympic starting pool and the venue's facility building. The venue is being built on a 10 hectare site, covering

an area the equivalent of 25 full-size football pitches. The latest construction and design images of the White Water Canoe Centre can be viewed and downloaded from <http://mm.gettyimages.com/mm/nicePath/locog?nav=pr129287534>.

Highways

The Epping Parking Review – analysis completed with Essex County Council, comments discussed and agreed with the District Council on 13 October 2009 and returned to the ECC Portfolio Holder Councillor Norman Hume to be signed off and the legalities commenced. There will be a further 21 days once notices have been posted in which to lodge an objection before the order is binding.

Buckhurst Hill – public consultation is now complete. Analysis being undertaken by ECC on comments received.

Loughton Broadway Parking – Public consultation underway.

Local Highways Panel

The next meeting of the Local Highways Panel is on 24th November.