

# **Report to Safer, Greener, Cleaner Standing Scrutiny Panel**

**Date of meeting: 30 October 2012**

**Portfolio: Safer, Greener, Highways**

**Subject: Police resource and the Olympic Games**

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## **Recommendations/Decisions Required:**

**To note that the Policing of the Olympic Torch Relay and the main Games were undertaken without adverse affect upon the District's policing**

### **Report:**

1. In the build up to the Olympic Games and the Torch Relay, Members had expressed concerns that Police resources would be drawn away from the District, resulting in reduced resources and a risk of additional criminality.
2. The Torch Relay, which took place in early July was a success across the board. The event was extremely well managed and the very large crowds who attended were treated to a very special event, both in terms of the Relay itself and the events which took place afterwards. Policing and stewarding were all conducted in a low key manner and the Police were able to fully engage with the crowds and become part of the event itself.
3. The Games proper took place for three weeks commencing at the end of July. Locally, events at the White Water Centre were also vey successful, with no major policing issues of note. Parking was not the concern we had envisaged either close to the venue nor in the proximity of central line stations. As to events at the main Stratford venue, whilst Essex Police provided support to the policing requirements overall, there were no local concerns and policing continued pretty much as normal.

### **Reason for decision:**

To inform the Panel of any effects of the additional policing demands associated with the Olympic Games

### **Options considered and rejected:**

None required

### **Consultation undertaken:**

None

### **Resource implications:**

All local policing was undertaken within core budgets although the Council did provide resources for the necessary stewarding of the Torch Relay.