

Report to the Council

Subject: Community Wellbeing Portfolio

Date: 24 July 2007

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Mrs S Stavrou

Item: 6 (d)

Recommending:

That the report of the Portfolio Holder be noted.

Training Days for Council Staff, the Police and staff from Housing Associations

Training days organised by the Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator on 3, 10 and 17 July were successfully completed. The training covered partnership problem solving and some of the subjects covered were:

The National Intelligence Model
Acceptable Behaviour Contracts and ASBOs
Tasking
Basic Domestic Security Surveys
Working in Partnership
Current CDRP Initiatives

I opened the courses together with Acting Chief Inspector Alan Ray of Essex Police. The three days were attended by 41 representatives who included all PCSOs, the Council's Housing Services Senior Management Team, housing officers and staff from various Housing Associations in the District. All of the training literature was prepared in-house.

At the completion of each training day, attendees were requested to complete an assessment form to evaluate the usefulness of the session. The response was excellent and the trainers felt that the courses were well received and addressed the relevant subjects. Many commented on the value of the networking process that the training days facilitated.

Overall the training sessions have demonstrated the value of practitioners from the responsible authorities working together to produce and deliver essential training to other agencies involved in crime and disorder reduction within the District.

Crucial Crew

Crucial Crew, the annual safety event for all year six school children, returned to the District again this year. It was held at Gilwell Park between 11 and 22 June and was visited by 1,350 children aged between 10 and 11 years old. This popular and well attended event was run by the Council, Essex Police, Voluntary Action Epping Forest, Essex Fire and Rescue Service, Essex Ambulance Service, London Underground, Essex County Trading Standards, West Essex Primary Care Trust and Lea Valley Regional Park Authority.

The aim of the workshops is to give young people the basic skills needed to keep themselves safe by tackling the everyday dangers they can encounter in their lives.

The workshops are lively, interactive sessions with real front-line members of the emergency services and associated organisations.

Topics covered this year included road safety, the internet, drink and drugs, what to do in a fire and other similar scenarios. The workshop exposing the dangers of playing in and around drains and pipes was especially useful as flash flooding hit the district only days later.