



## Council 28 June 2011

### CABINET MEMBER REPORT TO FULL COUNCIL

#### ***Written report by Cllr Robert Everitt, Bury St Edmunds and Community Safety Portfolio***

**Portfolio includes:**

- Cabinet commitment for Bury St. Edmunds;
- Community Safety;
- Safeguarding Children;
- Licensing;
- Environmental Health;
- Environmental Management;
- CCTV;
- Emergency Planning;
- Youth Action Plan (excluding Haverhill);
- Community development (excluding Haverhill); and
- Grants

**1. Environment Health: Food Safety Rating Scheme**

- 1.1 In April 2010 the Commercial and Food Team of Environmental Health launched its food safety rating scheme 'Scores on the Doors'; where, after a food hygiene inspection, businesses are given a star rating on a certificate and the ratings are displayed on the Council's website. At the end of April 2011 this information was also uploaded onto a national 'Scores on the Doors' website, which means visitors from all over the country are able to view the standards achieved in our local food businesses. The information can be accessed via <http://www.scoresonthedoors.org.uk/council/st-edmundsbury-borough-council>

**2. Community Development**

**2.1 Community Picnic: Howard Primary School Tuesday 31 May 2011**

- (a) On Tuesday 31 May 2011 and to celebrate National Family Week, Howard Primary School Playing field was again the venue for a community picnic.
- (b) Residents from both the Howard and Mildenhall estates in Bury St Edmunds came together to enjoy a picnic and a number of sports, arts and craft activities. Despite the occasional shower over 300 people attended.
- (c) Community feedback was very positive, with suggestions for next year's event to include having an Olympic theme. Residents are already looking forward to next year's event. The success of this event is down to the commitment of all partners who came and worked together to make this community event so worthwhile.

## 2.2 **National Men's Health Week: 13 to 17 June 2011**

- (a) Officers from both the Borough Council and Forest Heath District Council (FHDC) have worked together to organise a series of four community events to highlight health issues specific to men. In St Edmundsbury, the Olding Road Depot in Bury St Edmunds and Direct Table Foods were the venues, where information on mental health and wellbeing, male cancers, smoking cessation and fitness was available.

## 2.3 **Southgate Community Centre**

- (a) We are in the final stages of negotiating the terms of the transfer of Southgate Community Centre to the Southgate Community Partnership. The Partnership has done a great deal of work to meet the expectations of the Council in terms of having the necessary business case, governance and procedures in place. By the time of my next report I hope to be reporting the date on which the transfer took place.

## 3. **Youth and Community Development**

### 3.1 **Bury Skate Park Experience**

On 3 June 2011 the Bury Skate Park Experience Group held the official opening of all the improvement works, with 250 people of all ages attending. The BMX Track has already proved exceptionally popular with young people. There are a number of events scheduled for the site over the summer including the Skate Jam and free coaching sessions. Building on their success with this project the Group have already started looking at their next project on the site.

### 3.2 **'Wos Up' Project**

The 'Wos Up' Project began in mid-May 2011 and is serving eight villages across St Edmundsbury over the summer. The project this year will be delivering 72 sessions to young people, an increase from last year. This has been made possible by the support of several Parish Councils who have made contributions towards the cost of the project. We hope that the project continues to be as popular as it has been over the last couple of years and that by working in partnership with Parish Councils we can get the greatest benefit from the funding we are able to put in.

### 3.3 **BurySOUND: Help for Heroes**

By the time I present this report the BurySOUND Help for Heroes event will have taken place on Sunday 26 June 2011. It is a special event held in the Abbey Gardens as part of the Armed Forces Weekend. The event will be showcasing local young bands, while raising money for the wider cause of Help for Heroes.

## 4. **Community Safety**

### 4.1 **Crucial Crew**

St Edmundsbury Crucial crew 2011 is to take place at West Suffolk College in Bury St Edmunds from 4 to 15 July 2011. Year 6 children from across the Borough have been invited and we are expecting in the region of 1,100 children over the 2 week period. There will be 8 different scenarios to visit, each one presenting a different aspect of personal safety and organised by a different partner agency.

#### 4.2 **SOS bus**

The SOS bus is now in Bury St Edmunds every Friday evening from 9.15pm through to 3am. It can be found at the back of Iceland on St Andrews Street and is staffed by volunteers from the community and St John Ambulance. Even though it has only been there for a very short time, it is already attracting people seeking medical or personal assistance.

#### 4.3 **Underage alcohol sales**

In the last financial year there was Community Safety Partnership funding for the Police and Trading Standards to conduct test purchasing at outlets where intelligence suggested alcohol was being sold to those underage, or where it was suspected proxy sales were taking place (where someone 18 years of age or over buys the alcohol on behalf of an underage person). It is hoped that such activity, which undoubtedly helps to cut the access that under 18s have to alcohol, will be continued but that is a funding decision for the Safer Suffolk Partnership Board. I will keep you updated on that decision and in the meantime if any Councillor wants details of the activity last year officers can provide this.

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