

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 17 FEBRUARY 2012

Statement from: Councillor P A Robinson – Deputy Leader and Executive Councillor for Community Safety, Cohesion and Diversity

Police and Crime Panel

With the election for a Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) due in November, it is the responsibility of the local councils in the County to establish a Police and Crime Panel to scrutinise the PCC's future work. Discussions are due to be held over the next few months with our district council colleagues over the structure, make-up and workings of the panel, and it is planned to have an initial shadow board established for the summer. A report on any proposals will be brought to the Council meeting before then.

Olympics 2012

The Olympic Torch Relay comes to the UK on 19 May and tours the country until 27 July. The route involves Lincolnshire on 27 and 28 June and 3 and 4 July, on either side of the SO Festival in Skegness (29 June – 1 July) and the RAF Waddington Air Show (30 June – 1 July). A large number of other events celebrating the Olympics and the Diamond Jubilee are scheduled to take place in addition to the regular annual events across the county. Three co-ordinating bodies have been set up:

- Lincolnshire 2012 Olympic Steering Group – chaired by Cllr Doreen Stephenson, Leader of ELDC (the Lincolnshire “Olympics Champion”). This group has the remit to promote inclusion and to exploit the marketing of Olympics related opportunities in the county.
- Lincolnshire Event Safety Partnership – chaired by Ian Reed, Deputy Head of Lincolnshire Emergency Planning, with the remit to organise crowd and event safety at Olympic related events, including the torch relay.
- Local Authorities 2012 Group – chaired by Jenny Gammon, Assistant Director Economic Regeneration, with the remit to collate and share local authority resources across the county and oversee the media strategy.

It is hoped that by local authorities co-ordinating their Olympics related activities including publicity in these three bodies, the danger of duplication and the creation of new conflicting local groups will be minimised.

FRS Water Rescue Boats

Following the success of Exercise Watermark last year, Lincolnshire FRS has received DEFRA funding for an additional 10 water rescue boats (8 inflatable and 2 larger rigid plastic craft). The boats will be “launched” ceremonially on 28 March at South Hykeham. They will be deployed to whole time manned fire stations, including Boston.