

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 14 SEPTEMBER 2012

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

Olympics 2012

Our Council's involvement in the Olympics 2012 comprised three separate areas:

- 1. Encouraging and organising the maximum exploitation of the Olympic vision across Lincolnshire to increase participation in sport by people of all ages, but especially in schools.** The Lincolnshire Sports Partnership, working with Children's Services and Economic Development, made a very significant impact which, at the time of writing this statement, it is hoped will be further strengthened by the wide coverage of the Paralympic Games.
- 2. The management of the Torch Relay through Lincolnshire.** Thorough preparatory joint work by the Police, Emergency Planning, Highways and the Fire and Rescue Service provided an excellent level of low visibility security for the Torch Relay with the minimum disruption for the welcoming crowds through which the convoy passed. The overnight stop in Lincoln was especially successful and hailed by one BBC reporter as a highlight of the Torch's progress through the country.
- 3. The Egyptian Paralympic Team Training.** A lengthy and determined campaign led by Cllr Doreen Stephenson, Leader of East Lindsey District Council (who chaired the Lincolnshire Olympics Steering Group and was the County Olympics Champion), succeeded in our County playing host to the Egyptian Paralympic Team for the training immediately prior to the Games. The team trained in Boston, Louth and Lincoln and expressed their gratitude for the welcome and facilities they had received.

From a Lincolnshire local authority standpoint, the Olympics and Paralympics were a major success in terms of commitment and organisation. Officers involved in the project are to be congratulated on their commitment, willingness to work unsocial hours and their ability to retain good humour throughout.

Fire and Rescue

AssetCo

The managed services contract with AssetCo, agreed in 2008, has been terminated by our Council and the way forward recommended by the Executive is set out under Agenda item 11 of this Council meeting. The current operational capability of Lincolnshire FRS has not been adversely affected.

Awards

In the Birthday Honours, Operations Manager Neil Fritzsche, was awarded the Queen's Fire Service Medal for Distinguished Service. He was also awarded a BBC 999 Award in August for performance beyond the call of duty in exceptional circumstances. He has served in the Lincolnshire FRS since joining in Market Rasen in 1997.

UK Rescue Challenge

Lincolnshire FRS hosted the UK Rescue Challenge on 24 and 25 August, with some 130 teams competing. One of the major aims of the UK Rescue Organisation (UKRO) is to develop the highest standards of vehicle extraction to drive down road deaths. Other parts of the Rescue Challenge involved rescue disciplines including trauma, line rescue, water rescue and urban search and rescue.

Community Safety

PCSO Funding

For the coming year, our Council will continue to provide its annual grant of £1.5M to Lincolnshire Police to fund 59 additional PCSOs across the County. It is hoped that this funding will help maintain Lincolnshire as one of the lowest crime areas in the country and that the PCSOs will continue to provide a reassuring and effective presence in our towns and villages.

Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC)

With partner agencies including the Police, we have improved the effectiveness of the MARAC, which aim to reduce domestic abuse. Under the revised arrangements, from May to the end of July 2012, 155 high risk victims of domestic abuse were identified and given multi-agency support.

Police and Crime Panel

The local authority members of the new Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel have been appointed and it is planned that the remaining independent members will be selected in early September. The Panel will be based at East Lindsey District Council and supported by their officers. Training for Panel members is planned to take place before the election of the Police and Crime Commissioner on 15 November 2012.