

Briefing Note: Cllr Matthews – Bury Update

Date: 24th Jan 2012 – GM Pete Riley

New Bury Fire Station Update

Capital programme of £1.8 mil. As part of the 'land swap' deal with Bury MBC, the build cost will be £1.6 mil.

Kier North West commissioned for the new build on Castle Croft, behind the new police station. Selected from a short list of 6 contractors who provided tenders. As part of the tendering process, each contractor committed to employ local builders and also apprentices as part of the contracting teams.

Now 18 weeks into the project, which shows real visible signs of progress. To date 4 days slippage has taken place due to bad weather – but the project is still scheduled for completion early June.

It is being billed as a community station; design offering a friendly and accessible frontage. As part of the sustainability strategy it is being built to a high BREEAM (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method) specification.

Much consultation (some as a formal Future Jobs Fund project) has taken place as to what community activities may take place. Currently ideas range from: caged soccer; internet café; sensory garden; community fitness schemes; youth mentoring; healthy lifestyles schemes; and a range of other ideas. The existing Roc scheme will transfer to the new site.

BREEAM sets the standard for best practice in sustainable building design, construction and operation and has become one of the most comprehensive and widely recognised measures of a building's environmental performance.

Fire Service Corporate Plan - Consultation

Proposals contained in the plan have been widely discussed across a number of stakeholders: fire service staff; 'market stall' event in Bury town centre; Community Safety Portfolio; Citizens Panel at Bury FSHQ; and feedback across the Bury Partnership. Although some elements are apparently contentious (e.g. removal of Ramsbottom's retained appliance), once discussed and explained, most parties have expressed comfort with the proposals. Consultation ended 24th Jan.

Significant Community Safety Initiatives

Roc On the Rock

Redeeming Our Communities (ROC) is about unlocking capacity within communities, utilising partner agencies including GMP and FRSs working together with organisations such as the Street Pastors, volunteers and the Christian Network, doing good within communities and protecting the frontline by utilising people within the community to help. ROC is a national charity, which is committed to working with the police, the fire service, local churches and members of all communities, to drive

down ASB & crime and forge strong community partnerships to create sustained social change for the good of all. The activities provided by the collaboration are for children and young adults from within the Borough. The ROC Café is a multi-agency youth meeting place for secondary age young people from across the borough. The intention is to divert from ASB / Crime by the various agencies / churches and into the ROC Café, where they will engage in various activities and be involved in fun youth-focused projects with mentors from various churches, led by Pastor Stephen Wilkinson (Freedom Church). The ROC Café in Bury is the first Café in the country to be located on Fire Service premises.

Bsafe BCool

Following a spate of small fires and anti-social behaviour caused by youths during the summer holidays at Holcombe in Bury, a partnership between the fire & rescue service, police and Bury Council was formed with a specific remit to educate young people and prevent this type of behaviour. The Bsafe, Bcool partnership targeted year 9 pupils in schools across Bury. The project aimed to encourage them to act responsibly in the community through a series of interactive workshops with each Service.

The key topics studied by teenagers were sex, drugs, alcohol, crime, antisocial behaviour, fire and towards the latter end, cyber bullying. The sessions allowed the respective organisations to provide important information to, and strike up a rapport with young people across the borough. To assist in promoting the message, the partnership used the skills of Bury College School of Performing Arts who demonstrated some of the effects of anti-social behaviour through expressive dance.

The sessions allowed pupils from schools across Bury to interact and get involved in discussions around safety and personal responsibility and build relationships with their local neighbourhood police officers, fire service & partners.

Community Interventions - Planned

ADAB – We have recently successfully bid for £30k to fund a project which will assist us in reaching the heart of the ethnic minorities communities, particularly in Bury east, where the deprivation is at it's highest. The money will fund the creation of an Asian volunteer force; a multi language DVD for fire safety in the home education; and the education of the business sector in fire safety regulatory compliance.

Jewish Community

Talks are planned to meet key representatives of the Jewish community. We have links with the Beth Din through Rabbi Brodie who is providing assistance / facilitation. Organisations we wish to work with include: Beth Din; Interlink; The Jewish Representative Council; Hatzola; ZAKA; the Community Safety Team.

Borough Performance – To the end of Quarter 3

	Previous Year to Date	Year to Date	Target to Date	Quarter 3
Primary Fires	293	247	251	-46
Fatalities	1	0	0	-1
Injuries	68	30	n/a	-38
Total Deliberate Fires	487	399	494	-88
Primary fires (dwellings)	115	86	95	-29
Deliberate Primary Fires	121	107	127	-14
Deliberate Secondary Fires (rubbish, etc)	366	292	305	-74
Vehicle Fires	48	37	42	-11
Unwanted Fire Signals	278	244	263	-34
Malicious Calls Attended	30	28	37	-2
The number of incidents involving hostilities towards fire-fighters	1	2	n/a	+1
Total number of calls to road traffic collisions	13	10	n/a	-3
Number of people rescued from fires	4	2	n/a	-2

Home Fire Risk Assessments (HFRA's)

Borough target: 3840 annually

Agreement with 6 Town Housing for completion of a further 2500 HFRA's

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APPENDIX – CFS INTERVENTIONS

A list summary of the more significant community safety Fire Service interventions in Bury Borough:

Bury Borough Initiatives

- School ASB (anti-social behaviour) arson talks:-
 - Derby High School Radcliffe - Jan, Feb 2011
 - Prestwich Arts College - Feb 2011
 - Riverside High School Radcliffe - March 2011
 - St Monica's RC High School Prestwich - May 2011
 - St Mary's RC Primary School Radcliffe March 2011
 - Gorsefield Primary School Radcliffe – March 2011
 - 111 Whalley Rd. Shuttleworth Ramsbottom – April 2011
- Safe4Winter – GMFRS campaign
 - APH (aged persons home) talks - 27 completed – cooking focus
- Safe4Spring Service campaign – ASB fires focus
- MOSAIC HFRA Targeting Strategy
- DAAT (Drug & Alcohol Treatment Services) partner HFRA training
 - Key workers
 - ADS (Addiction Dependant Solutions)
- DAAT Client group fire safety training – 6 weekly / staff & patients / ½ day
- Alcohol Strategy Group meetings
- Seat belt campaigns
 - Two completed - July and November 2011
- Safe4Summer – GMFRS campaign
 - Water safety and anti-social behaviour awareness / grass fires
- MARAC (Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference) attendance and actions
 - vulnerable DV (domestic violence) victims
- Priority HFRA vulnerable persons (as and when by referral – Bury Contact Centre etc)
- Tasking meetings (daily) – Better Life Chances Pilot – Bury East – focus on vulnerable families – 9 week initial project
- Mosses Centre – walk in centre / homeless / disabled / monthly FS talks
- Kershaw Centre – similar to above (due to commence)
- Bury One-Stop-Shop – HFRA referrals / fire safety info
- Hazard spotting (numerous internal and external stakeholders trained)

- Monitor 'post incident report forms' and 'Incident Reporting System' (Daily)
- Smoking Alliance meetings
- Stop Smoking group – Bury fire station – intervention training for watch officers planned as partnership agreement with Director of Public Health - Peter Elton
- Talks to people with mental health issues (3 talks)
- Link with Age Concern Bury
- Link with Jubilee Centre Bury
- Attend BRCRP meetings
- CAT Volunteers – various activities - HFRA / follow-ups
- Adult Services – Safeguarding Boards / vulnerable person links
- CFS event attendance requests
- Ready Steady Cook – Girl guides June 2011 – Bury fire station
- Strategic membership of LSP / LSP Executive Board / PSB (Public Service Board) / Shadow Health & Wellbeing Board / Strategic Safeguarding Adults Board
- Joint Fire Safety Enforcement visits with police in licensed premises

Specific Initiatives

- Crucial Crew – June 2011
All primary schools year 6 (multi-agency focus on key risks)
- BeSafeBeCool – Oct 2011
DCI Martin taking lead – fire service, police, DAAT (Drug & Alcohol Treatment Services) and Bury College
All Secondary Schools year 9
ASB fires and legislation / nuisance behaviours
- Operation Treacle – Oct 2011
All secondary schools year 8
Fireworks legislation and dangers / bonfire safety
- Library list - target all libraries in the Borough with seasonal messages
- Leaflets - adult Centres / schools / health Centres / community centres
- Multi Faith Course - the Multi-Faith Program was designed to complement the Fire Service - Preventing Violent Extremism initiative, which formed part of the Local Authority Pathfinder project.

- Development of DVD for Risk Reduction within Vulnerable communities – Working with Bridging Cultures Officer Yasmin Bukhari
- Regulatory Reform Order (RRO) information for small to medium enterprises – Information from an enforcement perspective - 2012

Youth Interventions

Pre Schools

As and when requests come in - we deliver basic fire safety awareness.

Primary Schools

- Themed visits
Divided into stations and watches throughout the Borough. Each Watch will deliver any themed message to their own set of schools. Any requested visits will be given to the watch owner.
- Crucial Crew
Fire safety in the home - Year 6

Secondary Schools

- Safe4Summer
Water safety delivered by CFS
Delivered to any year that can accommodate us
- Operation Treacle
fire service, police, trading standards
Firework safety and legislation
Arson crime - delivered to year 8
- Arson Intervention
Delivered by CFS to schools in problem areas (endeavour for police attendance)
Any year that can accommodate us
- BeSafeBeCool
Fire Service, Police, Youth Services, DAAT, Bury College
Arson crime - Year 9

Post School

- Fire Cadets
Year 10 – 11
2 -Year scheme supporting a BTEC Level 2 qualification
Students can stay on as Instructors
- ROC Café
Provided by Churches and Fellowships

1st & 3rd Thursday every month at Bury fire station – moving to once a week 2012

- FACE (Fire Awareness Child Education) – aimed at young fire-setters
- Past schemes: Firefly (11-16 years old), Work Experience, Preventing Violent Extremism Course