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WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY

On Monday 4th June, the Police & Crime Commissioner and representatives of Suffolk Police, Suffolk County Council and Ipswich Borough Council held a community meeting to listen to residents' concerns.

Since that meeting we have been working to respond to the issues you raised. This newsletter sets out what we have done so far and what opportunities there are for you to work with us.



What you said:

SUPPORT CHILDREN AFFECTED BY TAVIS' MURDER

What we did:

All children directly affected have been signposted to the Emotional Wellbeing Hub for support, providing information, advice and guidance. Concerned parents and carers can call 0345 600 2090 (Mon to Fri 8am to 7.30pm).

What you said:

KEEP STREETLIGHTS ON AT NIGHT

What we did:

The streetlights in the affected area have been turned on and will remain on. We will not change this without further consultation.

What you said:

WE WANT MORE YOUTH WORKERS

What we did:

We will discuss with you what type of youth worker support you want in the longer term. We have brought in three youth workers who will work in the area. We will also provide training for those of you who want to work with young people in the community.

What you said:

KEEP MURRAYSIDE OPEN

What we did:

We are making Murrayside available for community use, investing more than £100,000 on repairs and maintenance and to run this community facility. We want to encourage as many people as possible to use Murrayside and will provide booking information as soon as the existing tenants leave at the end of August.

What you said:

SCHOOLS WANT SUPPORT

What we did:

All schools and pupil referral units which have asked for specialist support have been enabled to access it. If they ask for more help we will arrange it.



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What you said:

WE WANT A STRONGER POLICE PRESENCE

What we did:

We put more officers on to the streets to patrol the area immediately after the most recent violent incidents. We will continue with a reinforced police presence throughout the summer, as

in previous years, paying particular attention to times and places popular with those that choose to commit crime.

What you said:

WE WANT TO HELP STOP THE GANGS

What we did:

We have invested £465,000 into a Youth Gangs Prevention Team. The officers will work closely with Social Care and other partners to divert young people at risk away from crime. We have also invested in specialist support to confidentially review information the community pass to us, to ensure our team take action quickly against those committing crimes.

What you said:

WE WANT GREATER ENGAGEMENT WITH OUR LOCAL POLICE AND WANT THEM TO KNOW US AND OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

What we did:

We have introduced new engagement officers to work with communities in Ipswich, to listen to community concerns, build relationships and get to know local people. There will be a nominated engagement officer specifically for the Nacton Road/Ravenswood area who

will operate out of our multi-agency Community House in Nansen Road.

What you said:
WE WANT TO STOP OUR YOUNG PEOPLE JOINING GANGS

What we did:
We have created a dedicated web page for those wishing to leave gangs and for parents looking for advice. Advice can be accessed via our website or from the Community House and local engagement officers. Here are some of the useful links:

www.suffolk.police.uk/advice/gangsinformation-and-advice
www.gangline.com
www.fearless.org/en
www.thesource.me.uk
www.talktofrank.com



What you said:
WE WANT A COMMUNITY GARDEN

What we did:
We have started a community garden scheme – please come along to our next meeting on Monday 25th June at 3.30pm at the St Augustine's recreation ground.

What you said:
WE WANT MORE INVESTMENT IN OUR COMMUNITY

What we did:
Supported Ipswich Boxing Club to secure its new home and funded more community developments. We have set aside £50,000 of ongoing community funding, which you can influence, and a £30,000 a year pot for one-off projects.

What you said:
WHERE CAN WE FIND OUR OWN FUNDING?

What we did:
We have identified a range of external grant funding opportunities. If you are seeking grant funding for a project in your area please contact communities@ipswich.gov.uk and our experts will help you to apply.

What you said:
WE WANT ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN DURING THE SUMMER

What we did:
The free summer holiday sports programme has been extended and will provide a wider range of activities. This is in addition to sessions at Gainsborough Sports Centre.

What you said:
CCTV MAKES US FEEL SAFER

What we did:
Installed CCTV at the recreation ground and carried out some work to improve visibility. You asked us to check whether the CCTV at Queensway is working – it is.



What you said:
THERE IS NOTHING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO DO AND LIMITED OPPORTUNITIES

What I did:
Positive Futures has received a grant of £85,000 this year to continue providing free and accessible activities for young people in Suffolk (including in Ipswich). In addition, a range of smaller scale projects have been put in place through the PCC Fund to improve opportunities for young people. All details can be found on my website:

www.suffolk-pcc.gov.uk

At the first community meeting, I promised to consider what funding could contribute to the challenges being faced in Ipswich. As a result, I have established a Drug and Gang Crime Prevention Fund of £50,000. This is a ring-fenced fund to consider initiatives/projects which will directly support young people and seek to address the challenges in Ipswich.

I want to work with Suffolk Police, the Borough Council and the County Council and take on board the views of the community, to ensure this funding complements the work already being undertaken in partnership and other funds being made available. This might offer the opportunity to match fund initiatives, including those leading to employment, which could make a real difference to the lives of young people.

For further details and expressions of interest contact the office on spcc@suffolk.pnn.police.uk



IPSWICH MP
SANDY MARTIN

What you said:
RAISE THE ISSUE OF KNIFE CRIME

What I did:
Raised the issue of knife crime and the killing of Tavis Spencer-Aitkens at Prime Minister's Questions in the House of Commons.

I am also seeking a date to meet the Home Secretary and a group of young people from Ipswich.

Whats on

There is a lot going on in the area you might not know about - regular activities include sport and fitness sessions and family fun.

Many events are free; others are paid-for activities at Gainsborough Sports Centre.

Here is a taster of what is coming up:

Monday

Between 4pm and 6pm you can enjoy Lego building, board games and table tennis at Gainsborough Library (over 8s, 50p donation). There is a Girls' Self Esteem Workshop at 5pm, same venue (50p donation). Over at Landseer Methodist Church you have the Happy Tots sessions at 9am (these are on every day during the week) or you can join the Empire 19 Dance Group between 5pm and 6.15pm.

Gainsborough Sports Centre offers aerobics, boccia and indoor cycling sessions.

Tuesday

Inspire Suffolk at Lindbergh Road hosts some turn up and free play sessions at 5.30pm and Gainsborough Library has sports and games (ages 8+, 50p donation). Ipswich Academy teaches karate for children in the evenings.

Wednesday

Girls' netball is at Inspire Suffolk for 5 to 11 year olds, 5pm to 7pm (£4).

There is a Legs Bums & Tums workout at Gainsborough Sports Centre.

YMCA Trinity Multi Media Youth Outreach van attends Murrayside/ Murray Park 5pm-7pm (free).

Thursday

Positive Futures run multi-sports in Murray Park 6pm-7.30pm (free).

Choose between Zumba and Pilates Plus in the evening (Gainsborough Sports Centre) or join the Hornby railway modellers at Landseer Methodist Church at 7pm.

Friday

Positive Futures run football at Landseer Park 5.15pm-6.15pm (free). YMCA Trinity Multi Media Youth Outreach van attends Landseer Park/Scout Hut 5pm-8pm (free).

Boys Group sessions start at Gainsborough Library at 4pm (50p donation) and there are family crafts, games and singing at the library (4pm, 50p donation).

Caribbean Karate Club classes for beginners are held at Piper's Vale 6pm.

Saturday

More sports sessions at Gainsborough Sports Centre and a family colouring group at Gainsborough Library between 11.30am and 12.30pm (50p donation).

Sundays

If you have any energy left, a yoga session is held at Gainsborough Sports Centre at 9.15am.

Details of all these activities are soon going up on our special Facebook page @nansenroadcommunityhouse but here are a few useful web addresses:

www.ipswichfit.co.uk
www.suffolklibraries.co.uk
www.caribbeankarateclub.co.uk
www.evolutionkarateacademy.co.uk
www.bramfordkarate.com
www.gymnasticsinipswich.co.uk
www.suffok.gov.uk/childrenscentres
www.realisefutures.org
www.ymcatrinitygroup.org.uk

On top of this, the Jumpers For Goalposts free summer holiday sports programme will be extended this year – there are lots of activities to enjoy.

We want to continue working with you

We know that we need to work with you more to understand what residents want and need and to shape services and decisions together.

We have therefore asked ISCRE (Ipswich & Suffolk Council For Racial Equality) to help us set up a group to work with us on an ongoing basis to shape the future of this area and the services we provide.

The group will provide local people with a representative, influential voice to suggest, review and advise on local solutions to local problems, working with the public and charity/voluntary sectors for the benefit of local residents and businesses.

This group will be community led and supported by ISCRE and others to be effective. We expect the group to help determine how money is spent in the area as well as to help Suffolk County Council to design effective youth services.

We would like the group to be fully representative of your diverse community and this includes places for young people.

Anyone interested in being part of the group should contact communityvoice@iscre.org.uk no later than Sunday 1st July 2018.

The group will be put together by ISCRE by the end of July.

Members will receive training in August and start work in September this year.



NANSEN ROAD COMMUNITY HOUSE

From 9am on 25th June, 35 Nansen Road will become your Community House. The House will be somewhere for you to seek information, advice and guidance about a range of services.

The Police pod will move from Packard Avenue, and local officers will work from the House along with Housing Benefit, Sports and Community workers.

The House has wifi and public access to the internet and is a place you can drop in to with any queries or concerns you may have or just to share a cuppa.

The House will remain in place until at least September.

If it is well used and valued by the community we will seek a permanent alternative venue in the area.

A Facebook page is being created for the Community House and other news so you can keep up to date with what is happening and what's available.

@nansenroadcommunityhouse

TACKLING GANG AND DRUG ISSUES IN THE LONGER TERM

Over the past year we have been working together to develop a new approach to tackling gang and drug issues in Ipswich and Suffolk. These are long-term plans that require financial commitment and the right people to deliver them.

We have secured funding and almost have the delivery team in place so will shortly start a major programme of work in Ipswich to tackle both the causes and effects of drugs, County Lines and gangs.

We want to make Ipswich and Suffolk a place where we all feel safe and our young people have plenty of opportunities to thrive. Our commitment to work with you and with other communities in Ipswich will play a critical part in achieving this goal.

Together we can say no to drugs, gangs and knife crimes.

Keeping in touch

If you want to contact us about any general community issues or questions please email: communities@ipswich.gov.uk

You can also get in touch with leaders of the partners who have come together to respond to your concerns.

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Talk to us

at your Area Committee

Area Committees give residents chance to have a say on important local issues and to get good causes funded. The next South East Area Committee is on Wednesday 18th July at 7pm at the Ipswich Scout Hut, Cliff Lane, IP3 0PE. Do come along.

The South East Area Committee has set aside £5,000 a year specifically for projects in this area.

This summer

Ipswich enjoys a great summer events programme and many of these big events are free, including:

Ipswich Music Day (1st July, Christchurch Park), Global Rhythm (7th July, Christchurch Park) and the Indian Mela (8th July, Christchurch Park), free Family Fun Days at Holywells Park (26th July to 31st August), Ipswich Maritime Festival (18th and 19th August, Waterfront) and the One Big Multicultural Festival (2nd September, Alexandra Park).

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