

Lead member reports

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Lead member Councillor Drury report July Full Council

Community Safety and Partnerships

The figures the Police have, show that 3 Rivers is the safest place in the County, we have the lowest crime figures in Herts. We have a new Chief Inspector; his name is Kio Bozorgi who has been out and about at Local Area Forums. He is very keen to be seen out and speaking to our residents, finding out what their concerns are, letting them know how he hopes to deal with the issues raised. We also have a new NPT, (neighbourhood policing team) Inspector, Ben Harper, who started in the role on July 1st.

After the "Connecting Three Rivers" meeting on 18th June, to which we had over 30 of our partners from across the district, as well as further afield, the PCC, (police & crime commissioner) Jonathan Ash-Edwards, gave our officers first class feedback, saying, It was good to be part of the CSB and that we had the best set of partners across the County.

Our new cameras are, as of, 25/6, about to be installed at various locations around the district, we are waiting for HCC's contractor, Ringway, to do this work, and as of the end of the month, TROs for road closures and traffic lights are being sought.

Housing

Numbers from the most recent briefing from officers suggest that figures appear to be going down with regard to people in temporary accommodation and households who are currently homeless. We still have 1 person who is "out of district" for their safety.

The 2025 Housing allocations policy update review was heard at GPS&CE policy committee on July 1st, where permission was sought to go out to a public consultation for up to 6 weeks on any proposed changes to the existing policy. There are new units of housing coming through from local housing developments, notably, Millside Grange in Croxley, which will give the Council a good number of affordable housing units which will help our numbers further. We had a site visit a couple of weeks ago and were impressed by the size of the accommodation and the standard of finish.

