KCC Services Update February 2014



Facing the Challenge

KCC Transformation Programme and budget

- Need to save £90m in 2014/15
- Delivering services differently and saving money
- Appointment process for top two tiers of Management almost complete.
- Move to a new organisational structure on the 1st of April
- Budget agreed and increase in council tax to rise by 1.99% (av £18.56 for Band C House)



Streetlighting and Freedom Pass

- The roll out of the Part night lighting scheme is nearly complete in T&M (Scheduled finish 28/2)
- Over 5000 streetlights will be turned off Midnight 5am
- Still wanting Community Intelligence regarding impact.
- New proposals for Freedom Pass to open for consultation on 24th Feb.
- Changes made to proposals following resident feedback



School Expansions and builds

- Consultation now closed on proposal to enlarge Slade Primary School from 315 places to 420 places. But still a chance to comment until 24th Feb.
- New Academy Sponsors appoint for 3 new builds – Valley Invicta Academies Trust.
- Drop in session organised on 5th March for new Kings Hill School. More sessions to be scheduled.



Member Grants

- New Member Grant fund for 2014/15 agreed.
- £25k per Member per year
- 2013/14 fund about to close
- Over 60 organisations in the borough have been supported via a KCC Member Grant in the last 12 months.



Any questions?

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