

Current Issues:

1. On 10th March I met with Dame Denise Platt, Chair of the Commission for Social Care Inspection and John Knight, Commissioner who visited the Borough. The purpose of their visit was to see the progress and improvements we are making and to hear from users about their experiences of social care and the quality of service delivery we provide.
2. OfSTED inspected our Youth Service from 7th - 11th March. They looked at the quality of the youth services and resources that we provide and the quality of our strategic and operational management.
3. On 10th March I was interviewed by our Investors In People (IIP) Assessor, who was here to assess the Council as a whole on whether we meet the set standards to achieve an overall IIP accreditation. I look forward to the result in early April.

Meetings and Events attended between 22/02/05 and 22/03/05:

External Meetings and Events:

- Walthamstow Masterplan Steering Group
- Waltham Forest Youth Forum
- IdeA Leadership Academy
- Meeting with ALMO Inspectors (dress rehearsal for official inspection)
- Her Majesty the Queens visit
- Waltham Forest STEP award ceremony
- Association of Local Government's Leaders Meeting - addressed by Charles Clarke and Ian Blair, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police
- North Chingford Community Council
- OfSTED Youth Services Inspection
- Edmonton Training Centre
- British Muslim Forum
- Olympic Borough Leaders Meeting
- Opening of Wingfield Park

Internal Council Business Meetings and Events:

- Waltham Forest staff BIG Project Roadshows
- Special Council (Council Tax Setting)
- Waltham Forest Working Together Core Group
- Meeting with Trade Unions
- Children's Act Project Group

- Top Team Briefing
- Improvement Board Meeting
- Meeting with the Commission for Social Care Inspection's Chair & Commissioner
- Meeting with Investors In People inspector
- Full Council
- Staff Star Awards
- Meeting with Government Office for London
- Regular meeting with Chief Executive and Deputy Leader

Councillor Clyde Loakes
Leader of the Council

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