

**Topics for Mike Hill's Verbal Update**  
**Communities Policy Overview Committee**  
**12<sup>th</sup> November 2008**

**1. Turner Contemporary**

- Durtnell's have now been selected to build the Turner Contemporary in Margate and there will be a ceremony held on the 3 November in County Hall to mark this occasion.
- The groundbreaking ceremony will be held in Margate on the 25 November with actual start on site expected in December.
- Progress has been made on setting up the board of Trustees and a preliminary meeting has now been scheduled for November.

**2. Kent History Centre**

Mike Hill will give a verbal update.

**3. Olympics – Key dates**

- 24<sup>th</sup> August was the handover day from the Beijing Olympics to London 2012 and was celebrated throughout Kent by a range of events.
- Launch of cultural Olympiad 26 September.

**4. The Dover Torch Campaign**

Mike Hill will give a verbal update.

**5. Libraries**

- Gravesend library modernisation will be submitting a planning application in January 09 with actual start on site in June 09.
- Facing the Great War: In August 08 an exhibition in the Sevenoaks Kaleidoscope exhibited portrait photographs never seen before of servicemen and women of the armed forces during WW1. Working with descendents of these soldiers, enthusiasts researched their lives as part of a "Great War legacy" for the benefit of a new generation.

**7. Youth Council**

- Planning consent has been awarded for the construction of a new Community Centre in Edenbridge.
- Work is almost complete on the construction of a new youth facility in Hadlow. Along with the Youth Centre in Herne Bay these exciting new facilities will open in early 2009.
- Exchange visits with Finland continue to develop and strengthen.

**6. Emergency planning**

Mike Hill will give a verbal update on Operation Stack.

7. Registration

Good progress is being made on co-locating registration services.

8. Museum of Kent life

Service Level Agreement concluded between Museum of Kent life Trust and Continuum.