

# West Shoebury MATTERS

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*A message from West Shoebury candidate Cllr Tony Cox*

Welcome to this, our third newsletter this year. As we start 2010 people are feeling apprehensive about the year ahead. Conservatives have the policies to help cope with Gordon Brown's recession which will be explained in detail nearer to the General Election. Locally much has been done but there is more to do. There is more exciting news from across Southend on page 2.



## WESTMINSTER REPORT

**James has been working tirelessly for Southend to have an accurate census in 2011 so that it gets a fair deal on funding.**

Central Government allocate funds to local councils based on how many there are in the local area. These figures are collated via a census. In 2001 the census in Southend Borough Council was undercounted by 20,000 and as a result the town has lost out on 8 million pounds a year. Money the local council needs

for services in the area. The 2011 census is one of the most vital issues for Southend in the coming years. James has worked tirelessly since 2005 on this issue.

He has met with Ministers, the Council and the Office of National Statistics to discuss the issue and the concerns that both he and local residents have and to ensure that accurate figures are recorded so that appropriate funding can be awarded to the council.

## NO DRINKING ZONE GETS THE COUNCIL THUMBS UP

Residents of the Four Rivers estate 'are over the moon' as Southend council gave the thumbs up for a no drinking zone to cover their estate.

Subject to mandatory consultation, the no drinking zone will cover the months of April to October making it a criminal offence to drink alcohol in that area.

Cllr Tony Cox, who handed in a residents petition to full council on this issue commented: "I'm delighted that this has been agreed. I have been working with residents on this issue for some time. At least their summers will be a little more bearable."



**NO DRINKING ZONE**

## DELIVERING ON OUR PROMISES

- 1** £150,000 for a new adiZone in Shoeburyness Park.
- 2** £140,000 spent on refurbishments to Shoeburyness Leisure centre.
- 3** Over £350,000 spent on Improvements to Shoebury East Beach.
- 4** Secured £2.9 Million lottery funding for a new youth Centre in Delaware Road.
- 5** Historic cinema (former camping shop) in Ness Road locally listed.
- 6** No drinking zone established for the Four Rivers Estate and surrounding areas.
- 7** £300,000 for new play equipment in Shoebury, Friars and Gunners Park.
- 8** New Zebra Crossing on Ness Road to help children get to school safely.
- 9** Free swimming for U16 and over 60's at Shoeburyness Leisure Centre.
- 10** Millions spent refurbishing Shoebury Schools.

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## TELL TONY WHAT YOU THINK



Tony would like to keep in touch with you about the issues affecting our area. If you would be happy for us to do this by email and mobile phone, please complete your details below:

**Name**

**Address**

**Phone\***

**Email\***

\*By giving us your email address and/or mobile number, you are agreeing to receive communications and information from us by email or SMS.

## Can you help Tony?

Your local Conservative team is working hard. Please let us know if you can help with our work:

- I can deliver leaflets in my road
- I can display a poster at election time
- I would like a postal vote
- I would like to make a donation
- I would like to register my local support

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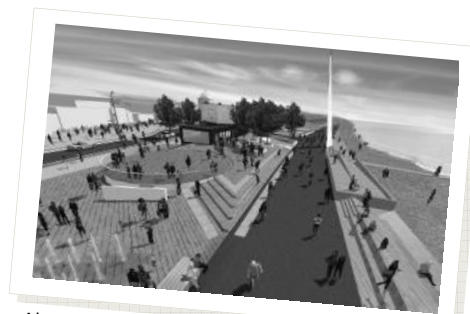
## WORK BEGINS ON CITY BEACH SCHEME

Work has already begun on the new £7 million City Beach project which will transform Southend sea front.

The new scheme will re-generate the area between the Pier and the Sea Life Centre. The rest of the sea front is set for a makeover as more than 100 new palm trees

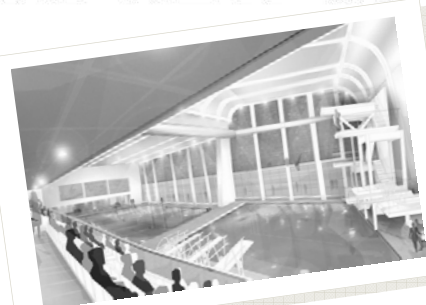
will be planted in the spring.

There will also be changes to the layout of the parking bays in the central reservation at Western Esplanade from straight to diagonal. A new cycling path will also be installed making possible to cycle off road from East Beach to Chalkwell.



Above: Artists impression of the new City Beach

## BRITISH OLYMPIC DIVERS TO TRAIN AT NEW SOUTHEND SWIMMING POOL



The head coach to the British Diving Team has been wowed on recent visit at the soon to be completed new swimming complex.

Last month the British Olympic Diving Team expressed an interest in using the state of the art diving facility at Garons Park for training in the run up

to the 2012 London games.

Mr Evangulov spoke highly of the diving facilities, which will open in October, and was very positive about the new pools potential which would see teenage Olympic diving sensation Tom Daley using the facilities in the build up to the games.