

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

### EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM – 1 DECEMBER 2004

#### COMMUNITY SAFETY CO-ORDINATOR - REVIEW OF EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

##### Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. To advise Forum members of developments and initiatives undertaken by the Community Safety Co-ordinator

#### 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. In accordance with East Ayrshire Council Community Plan; Improving Community Safety, a Community Safety Co-ordinator was appointed to implement the action plans and to co-ordinate and drive forward safety initiatives.

#### 3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1. **Children's Service Plan:** A Development Day was held on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November at the Park Hotel, Kilmarnock.
- 3.2. **Scottish Home Safety Officers Group:** The Group continue to meet and discuss ways of taking home safety issues forward.
- 3.3. **Scottish Local Authorities Community Safety Forum:** The Forum continue to meet on a regular basis. Presentations were given by Eleanor Thomson – Information from a recent Problem Solving conference in Birmingham and Dawn Abell – Anti-social Behaviour Act (highlighting the main points from the strategy).
- 3.4. **Grass Fires:** At the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> October, it was agreed that the scheme should be rolled out to include the Cumnock area, as this was the area Fire Brigade statistics showed the greatest incidence of fire. The scheme would continue in Dalmellington.
- 3.5. **Big World Conference:** The Conference will take place at the Walker Hall in Troon from 23<sup>rd</sup> November until 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Further information is available from PC Gillian Bell at Kilmarnock Police Office.
- 3.6. **Forthcoming Initiatives:** The following initiatives and issues have been identified and reports (where appropriate) will be available on completion of same:
  - It was agreed that a Forward Planning Calendar be used to plan and co-ordinate community safety activity.

- An group has been set up to look at the problem of under age drinking and the sale of alcohol to young people.
- Safety initiatives are being progressed with the Dialogue Youth Team through the Young Scot website.
- Progress is being made for the Speechmaking competition which will be held at Stewarton Academy in February 2005.
- The website has been updated to include voluntary groups with an interest in Community Safety e.g. Neighbourhood Watch.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1. Projects are financed from existing budgets held by the partnership organisations and from the Scottish Executive Community Safety Awards.

#### **5. LEGAL/AUTHORITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1. Nil

#### **6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Nil

#### **7. CONCLUSIONS**

- 7.1. The Community Safety Co-ordinator will continue to liaise with other departments and outside organisations to promote the initiatives described in the report.

#### **8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8.1. The Forum is invited to note the contents of this report

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#### LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

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