

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

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

#### NURSERY PACKS TO PRE 5 ESTABLISHMENTS

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

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. To advise the Forum of an initiative to introduce safety through play into all pre-5 establishments in East Ayrshire.

#### 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. This initiative was developed in accordance with East Ayrshire Community Plan: Improving Community Safety: Aim 5 - To develop safety initiatives to help people feel more safe and secure and East Ayrshire Children and Young Person's Service Plan: Section 10 – Children and Young People's Safety.

#### 3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1. Fifty one pre-5 establishments in East Ayrshire were provided with nursery packs containing toys and games that would raise awareness of both safety and of the role that the emergency services play in our communities.
- 3.2. The contents of the packs include:
  - Rescue 4 in 1 box Jigsaw puzzle
  - Fire Engine Toy
  - Firefighter jacket and trousers
  - Light and sound helmet
  - Francis the Firefly book and video
  - Big Fire Engine Puzzle
  - Interactive CD
  - Colouring Sheets
- 3.3. Fire officers will visit each of the nursery schools and talk to the children and teachers about fire safety and how best to utilise the contents of the box.
- 3.4. The boxes containing the toys and information are robust and it is hoped that other services will add to their contents using similar quality items.

#### **4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1. The project was funded by Strathclyde Fire Brigade Community Partnership funding and East Ayrshire Community Safety Partnership Challenge fund.

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

- 5.1. Nil

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

- 6.1 Nil

#### **7. CONCLUSIONS**

- 7.1. This is a worthwhile initiative that will introduce children at an early age to the dangers of fire and also to become familiar with the fire service and the work of the emergency services and treat them with respect.

#### **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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