

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM – 14 DECEMBER 2006

FIREWORK SAFETY CAMPAIGN

Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. To advise Forum members of the Firework Display incorporating a Firework Safety Initiative on 5th November 2006.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. At previous Forum meetings Firework Safety was identified as a key Community Safety issue.
- 2.2. In accordance with East Ayrshire Improving Community Safety Action Plan it has been agreed that the Community Safety Co-ordinator work with Leisure Services to incorporate firework safety into the Council's Firework Display held at Kay Park, Kilmarnock on Sunday 5th November 2006.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1. Prior to the event, visits were made by Trading Standards Officers, Strathclyde Police and Strathclyde Fire Brigade to all retailers registered to sell fireworks.
- 3.2. A mobile unit was set up in the Kay Park on 5th November and information was displayed relating to injuries caused by misuse of fireworks and general safety issues. The unit was staffed by East Ayrshire Council Community Safety and Strathclyde Fire and Rescue.
- 3.3. A mobile police office was also available with officers on hand to deal with any disorder or issues raised on the night.
- 3.4. The display was attended by around 25,000 – 30,000 members of the public. The display was also staffed by 52 stewards; 30 police officers and 12 members of staff from East Ayrshire Council.
- 3.5. Information was distributed through a press release to local newspapers, and West Sound Radio.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. The cost of the campaign was met from the East Ayrshire Quality of Life Funding and existing budgets.

5. LEGAL/AUTHORITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. Nil

6 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Nil

7. CONCLUSIONS

- 7.1 The Event was successful and a report on firework injuries will be available from the Community Safety Co-ordinator at the next Forum meeting.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee are recommended to note the contents of the report

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

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