

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

### EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM – 14 DECEMBER 2006

#### 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 and Young People's Services Plan:** a Development Day will be held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at Lochside House Hotel in Cumnock. The purpose of the event is to look at how the actions within the plan are progressing and to identify any further actions that should be included. Members from the Community Safety Partnership will attend on the day.
- 3.2. **Home Safety Scotland:** The Group continue to meet and discuss ways of taking home safety issues forward. The AGM will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December in Fife.
- 3.3. **Scottish Community Safety Network:** the last meeting was on 13<sup>th</sup> October and a presentation was given by Moray Community Safety Partnership on their Anti Drink Drive DVD: Richard Whetton, National Community Safety Coordinator advised that £600k was about to be released to the 12 CSPs with highest non-sexual violent crime rates to augment existing resources in relation to alcohol-related disorder. (Report on Agenda): Planning for the Community Safety Convention at end of March is progressing for 200 delegates, with content themed into key sectors and a variety of appropriate workshops organised: new fire safety legislation had been introduced recently and this is available on the Website – [www.firelaw.com](http://www.firelaw.com).  
The Network is holding an event in Aberdeen bringing together colleagues from across the country to look at examples of problem solving. This will include a workshop on organisational relationships with an exercise provided by trainers from the Scottish Police College exploring partnership structures and working within a complex organisational structure. East Ayrshire Leisure Services will

give a presentation on StreetSport Express that will look at problem solving in action. The next meeting of the Network is on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at Perth.

- 3.4 **Big World Conference:** The Conference will take place at the Walker Hall in Troon from 17<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> November. **Road to Nowhere Initiative:** took place at Grange Academy where all S4 pupils were invited to see students from Ayr College engage in situations that would affect them if they chose to drink alcohol, take drugs and engage in violent behaviour.
- 3.5. **Danger Detectives of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century:** The pilot programme at Barshare Primary School has now been completed and the evaluation shows that it was well received by both teachers and pupils. A presentation of this initiative will be given at the next meeting of the Forum and the initiative will be rolled out to other primary schools in East Ayrshire. Bill Petherick gave a similar presentation at the SAPC conference in Crieff and it was well received by all who attended.
- 3.6 **Violence Reduction:** The third of the anti violence seminars will be held on 27<sup>th</sup> November in Edinburgh and will be around public health issues.
- 3.7 **Electric Blanket Testing:** 75 blankets were submitted for testing to the Trading Standards Section. 19 blankets failed and vouchers worth £15 were given to buy a replacement.

#### 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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