

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM – 14 DECEMBER 2006

TACKLING ALCOHOL RELATED VIOLENCE AND DISORDER

Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. To advise Forum members of funding made available to help reduce alcohol related violence and disorder in Kilmarnock Town Centre under the terms and conditions of the Community Safety Award Programme.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. As part of their commitment to a safer, stronger Scotland and continuing drive to reduce violence the Scottish Executive is making available £600,000 in 2006/2007 to those four cities and eight towns whose centres are hardest hit by violence and disorder.
- 2.2. Kilmarnock Town Centre has been listed as one of the towns selected through standard group one crimes analysis. The analysis has identified levels of non-sexual violent crime determined through the measurement of group 1 crime data 2004 – 2006 (Appendix 1).
- 2.3. The award made to East Ayrshire Community Safety Partnership is £40,000 and should be used to deliver a local programme of initiatives to reduce city and town centre alcohol-related violence and disorder commencing in December 2006, running over the Christmas and New Year period, and continuing with supporting and supplementary action throughout the first quarter of 2007.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1. The programme will identify, evidence and plan a co-ordinated range of short life initiatives:

Phase 1: A high impact initiative should include:

- Targeted enforcement of and support for evidenced problem premises
- High profile targeted policing
- A late night taxi marshalling scheme
- Provide safe/night zones that reduce risks for users of the night time economy

Phase 2: a continuing programme of high impact initiatives supported by preventative and supplementary activities throughout the winter until March 2007, this should include:

- Continuation of phase 1 initiatives as required
- Applying recognised training standard for licensing staff
- Extending existing or launching new pub-watch schemes
- Identifying persistent offenders for further intervention
- Alcohol free events for young people.

3.2 East Ayrshire Community Safety Partnership has put plans in place to carry out initiatives that comply with both Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the award.

3.3. A launch of initiative will be held at the Park Hotel on Thursday 14th December. The event will be chaired by Bill Stafford, Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services and speakers will include representatives from Strathclyde Police; ADAT; Strathclyde Police Violence Reduction Unit and East Ayrshire Council Licensing Section.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1. Projects are financed from the Scottish Executive under the terms and conditions of the Community Safety Award Programme.

5. LEGAL/AUTHORITY IMPLICATIONS

5.1. Nil

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Nil

7. CONCLUSIONS

7.1. Funding will be used in an effort to reduce alcohol related violence and disorder in Kilmarnock Town Centre, thus creating a zone where people can feel safe; with the addition of taxi marshals to ensure that people get home quickly and safely.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1. Forum members attend the launch of the initiative for more in depth information: and,

8.2 to note the contents of this report

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21 November 2006

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. For further information please contact John Crawford, Head of Protective Services on 01563 576111 or email: john.crawford@east-ayrshire.gov.uk
2. Implementation Officer: Ann Williams

Number of crimes recorded by the police and percentage cleared up by council area, 2004/06

Council area	2005-06			2004-05			Average
	Non - sexual crimes of violence	Population as at 30 June 05	Rate per 10,000	Non - sexual crimes of violence	Population as at 30 June 04	Rate per 10,000	Rate per 10,000
Aberdeen City	515	202370	25	543	203450	27	
Aberdeenshire	264	235440	11	224	232850	10	
Angus	97	109170	9	102	108560	9	
Argyll & Bute	219	90870	24	182	91190	20	
Clackmannanshire	125	48630	26	110	48240	23	
Dumfries & Galloway	179	148340	12	188	147930	13	
Dundee City	374	142170	26	368	141870	26	
East Ayrshire	265	119400	22	370	119720	31	
East Dunbartonshire	151	105960	14	166	106550	16	
East Lothian	92	91800	10	122	91580	13	
East Renfrewshire	143	89600	16	150	89610	17	
Edinburgh, City of	1,342	457830	29	1,468	453670	32	
Eilean Siar	31	26370	12	40	26260	15	
Falkirk	222	149150	15	235	147460	16	
Fife	619	356740	17	654	354600	18	
Glasgow City	4,007	578790	69	4,530	577670	78	
Highland	423	213590	20	419	211340	20	
Inverclyde	288	82130	35	320	82430	39	
Midlothian	151	79190	19	161	79610	20	
Moray	110	88120	12	101	87720	12	
North Ayrshire	400	135830	29	383	136020	28	

North Lanarkshire	879	323420	27	860	322790	27
Orkney Islands	13	19590	7	7	19500	4
Perth & Kinross	105	138400	8	164	137520	12
Renfrewshire	616	170000	36	594	170610	35
Scottish Borders	134	109730	12	159	109270	15
Shetland Islands	14	22000	6	28	21940	13
South Ayrshire	235	111780	21	267	111850	24
South Lanarkshire	779	306280	25	814	305410	27
Stirling	142	86930	16	143	86370	17
West Dunbartonshire	457	91400	50	446	91970	48
West Lothian	335	163780	20	382	162840	23
SCOTLAND	13,726	5,094,800	27	14,700	5,078,400	29