

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM – 28 FEBRUARY 2007

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. **Improving Community Safety Implementation Group:** the Group continue to meet on a 6 weekly basis to drive forward the actions contained within the Improving Community Safety Section of the Community Plan. The 2007 – 2011 Plan has now been completed and forwarded to the Community Planning Partners for approval. The plan has four main aims:
 - To tackle crime and anti social behaviour and the fear of crime and anti social behaviour
 - To work with young people to reduce being involved in crime and anti social behaviour
 - To improve community safety in neighbourhoods and homes, and
 - To promote child protection and the safety of vulnerable adults.
- 3.2. **Home Safety Scotland:** The Group continue to meet and discuss ways of taking home safety issues forward. After a long campaign and a petition to the Local Government and Transport Committee of the Scottish Parliament, for the post of Home Safety Officer to be made mandatory in all councils, the petition failed with the agreement that although home safety was an important topic there was not enough evidence to support the petition.
- 3.3. **Scottish Community Safety Network:** the last meeting was on 8th December 2006 and the following presentations were given:
 - Violence in Workplace – Linda Shanahan (Scottish Executive)
 - Violence Reduction Team - Andy Lawson (Scottish Executive)
 - Reassurance Policing Agenda - Insp. Niall Illingworth, Strathclyde Police.

- National Strategic Assessment – Supt. Russell Scott, Scottish Police College, Tulliallan.
- Integration through Safety – David Radford GGHB. (Snr Health Promotion Officer), and
- Promoting more effective use of public space CCTV - Ian Johnston Scottish Executive.

The National Community Safety Convention will be held at Dunblane Hydro on 12 – 13 March. This Convention is being run by the Scottish Executive in partnership with the Scottish Community Safety Network and its members. The conference is open to all colleagues that work in the wider fields of Community Safety and Anti-Social Behaviour, and will provide an opportunity to discuss the challenges that lie ahead with regard to Community Safety and Anti Social Behaviour.

The next meeting of the Network is Friday 16th February at Dundee.

- 3.4 **Local Action Fund:** The closing date for applications for the Local Action Fund is 28th February 2007.
- 3.5 **Community Safety Newsletter:** The first Community Safety Newsletter has been published for Spring 2007. The bulletin highlights some of the good work done by members of the Community Safety Partnership. A copy of the Newsletter is attached to this report.

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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