

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM – 28 FEBRUARY 2007**

#### **ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMME**

##### **Report by Acting Director of Development Services**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

**1.1** The purpose of this report is to inform the Forum of road safety education initiatives currently being carried out by the Department of Development Services

#### **2. PRE-FIVES**

**2.1** Road Safety Guidelines for Nurseries will be published around Easter to allow establishments the opportunity of including road safety education in their forward planning.

**2.2** A new road safety resource is currently in development and it is hoped that it will be available for distribution to all pre-5 establishments before the end of the current session.

**2.3** Training sessions have already taken place for Childminders and 2 sessions have been arranged for nursery staff.

#### **3. PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

**3.1** Performances of the road safety play 'The Journey' have recently taken place in six primary schools across the authority. Aimed at P6 pupils, the play explores how choices can affect the outcome of most incidents.

#### **4. CYCLE TRAINING**

**4.1** Schools have responded well to the recent invitation to participate in our annual cycle training scheme. The options relating to continuous assessment and on-road training are currently being investigated.

#### **5. SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

**5.1** Six schools will attend the forthcoming 'Reckless Driving Wrecks Lives' event at the Odeon Cinema in Ayr between 12-14 March. With funding from Community Safety and Strathclyde Police, the cost of attending the event has been met and a contribution towards transport cost has been offered to the schools.

## **6. PRE-DRIVER TRAINING**

- 6.1** Pre-driver training was the subject discussed at a recent meeting between road safety staff, Strathclyde Police and the Driving Standards Agency. The objective of the meeting was to identify the current services available in relation to pre-driver training and avoid duplication and confusion. An information pack will be developed and issued to schools detailing the services available from the different sources.

## **7. SCHOOL CROSSING PATROLS**

- 7.1** A training DVD for School Crossing Patrols has been developed in partnership with Educational Services. This will be copied and issued to all existing staff and will form part of the induction training for new staff.

## **8. PUBLICITY**

- 8.1** Road safety staff are currently working on establishing a distribution network for publicity materials in support of national and local campaigns. A calendar of events / campaigns is being drawn up to identify those initiatives to be supported.

## **9. KERBCRAFT**

- 9.1** Pedestrian training continues in six schools under the Kerbcraft scheme. The future of this scheme remains in question due to funding issues.

## **10. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 10.1** The Forum is invited to note the terms of this report.

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