

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM – 2 JUNE 2004

FUNDING FOR SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. To advise the Forum of 'Community Safety Partnership – additional funding for sport, leisure and transport initiatives targeted at 12 – 16 year age group over the school's summer break', and the way in which the funding was utilised.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. General street disorder and petty crime traditionally increase over the school summer holiday period. To attempt to reduce the number of unsupervised young people causing such disorder, and the number of calls received by police linked to this, the Scottish Executive distributed £1 million to Community Safety Partnerships to fund access to leisure and supported transport initiatives.
- 2.2. East Ayrshire Council Community Partnership was allocated £29,449.00 based on crime figures and population.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1. The following bids were allocated funding:
 1. Sports programme with the aim of preventing 12 – 18yr olds hanging around the streets – EAC, Leisure Services.
 2. Outdoor activities targeted at 12 – 14 year olds and 14 – 16 year olds – Kilmarnock Learning Partnership.
 3. EA Extreme – sports initiative – EAC, Leisure Services
 4. Sports activities at North West Youth Centre, XL Club and New Farm Loch – EA Support to Communities.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. The cost of implementing the Projects was met from the Scottish Executive Summer Fund Programme.

5. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1. Nil

6. CONCLUSIONS

6.1. In 2003 this proved to be an excellent way of keeping young people occupied during the summer holidays. It is anticipated that the funding this year will involve more young people and will prove to have an impact on crime for the period July/August 2004.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1. The Forum is invited to note the contents of this report

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

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