

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM – 2 JUNE 2004

STRATHCLYDE FIRE BRIGADE – COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING

Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. To advise the Forum of funding received from Strathclyde Fire Brigade Community Partnership Fund.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. £50,000.00 had been made available by Strathclyde Fire Brigade for community safety projects. Community Safety Partnerships were invited to bid for the money
- 2.2. Funding applications were made on behalf of the Community Safety Forum for two initiatives:-
 - 1) To provide funding for Fire Safety play kits to each of the pre-5 establishments in East Ayrshire (51).
 - 2) To provide funding for a grass fire initiative to be held in Bellsbank.

3. OUTCOME

- 3.1 Both applications were successful and following awards were made:-
 - £3000.00 in respect of nursery packs that would ensure that children would receive an early and fun introduction to the fire service and learn to respect the service as they grow older. Packs will be disseminated by the Fire Brigade with training and advice given to head teachers, and
 - £2000.00 in respect of the grass fires initiative in an effort to find ways of alleviating the problem including an experiential event for all Primary 6 & 7 children in the area and a poster and press campaign. The campaign has in the first instance proved to be a success with a reduction in fires from 2003. The steering group has agreed to role out the initiative and will meet again in October to discuss plans for 2005.

4. FINANCIAL

- 4.1 All costs of the above projects have been met so far from Strathclyde Fire Brigade Community Partnership Fund.

5. LEGAL/ POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Nil

6. CONCLUSIONS

6.1 Funding from Strathclyde Fire Brigade Community Partnership Fund will further enhance the work that is currently being done through the Community Safety Forum and further strengthen the partnership.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 It is recommended that the Forum note the contents of this report.

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Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services

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8 April 2004

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers listed above should telephone 01563 576111 and ask for Mr John Crawford, Head of Protective Services or email john.crawford@east-ayrshire.gov.uk

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