

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

### EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM – 1 JUNE 2005

#### 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 Safety Strategy a Community Safety Co-ordinator was appointed to implement the strategy and to co-ordinate and drive forward safety initiatives.

#### 3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1. **Scottish Executive Community Safety Funding:** Funding for £107,441.18 was received for 2005 - 2006
- 3.2. **Home Security:** The final phase of home security equipment should commence installation on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2005. It is intended to seek more funding for this very successful initiative.
- 3.3. **Scottish Home Safety Officers Group:** The Group met on 15<sup>th</sup> April at South Lanarkshire Council and the following issues were discussed:
  - Proposed ban on baby walkers, and
  - A petition to the Scottish Parliament re a statutory function for Home Safety Officers in all Councils.
- 3.4. **Scottish Community Safety Network:** The AGM was held at East Dumbartonshire Council on 15<sup>th</sup> April. The Community Safety Co-ordinator was elected as a member to serve on the Network's Executive and will continue to be an active member of the Network which has been successful in significantly raising the profile of Community Safety in Scotland. The next meeting of the Network is on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2005.
- 3.5. **National Child Safety Week 20 – 26 June**

All Primary 6 children in East Ayrshire have been invited to take part in an initiative aimed to encourage them to become reporters on any of the following subjects in relation to safety:

- Leisure and Recreation
- Dangers within the home
- Vehicle problems in and around your school, and
- Fire safety.

#### **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/POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1. Nil

#### **6. CONCLUSIONS**

- 6.1. The Community Safety Co-ordinator will continue to liaise with other departments and outside organisations to promote the initiatives described in the report.

#### **7. RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

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17<sup>th</sup> May 2005

#### LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

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