

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM – 1 JUNE 2005

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP AWARD PROGRAMME 2005 - 2008

Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. To advise the Forum of the Community Safety Partnership Award Programme and the aims set out by the Community Safety Strategic Partnership Group.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. For 2005 – 2008 the primary objective of the Community Safety Partnership Award Programme is to deliver and impact on the overall outcomes achieved from Award funding. Partnerships are expected to follow a problem solving approach to identifying, evidencing and planning a three year programme to tackle up to three local community safety problems.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1. The funding allocation throughout Scotland for the Community Safety Award Programme in 2003 - 2004 is £4 million. The funding for each Partnership has been set at 90% of the average award provided to each Partnership from 2002 – 2005. The award for East Ayrshire will be £107,441.15 annually until 31 March 2008.
- 3.2. The remaining 10% of the annual allocation of £4 million is to be applied by the Scottish Executive to provide central support to Partnerships in the shift towards a problem-solving approach to community safety through funding a number of initiatives including:
 - a national problem-solving training, support and best practice programme
 - an annual Scottish Community Safety Convention
 - a Community Safety Partnership Development Co-ordinator
 - support for the Scottish Community Safety Network
 - up to two local problem-solving projects with national impact and best practice implications.

- 3.3 East Ayrshire Community Safety Implementation Group met in December 2004 to discuss the Award and set Action Plans based on community consultation and statistics available from relevant agencies.
- 3.4 The Group agreed that the main aim was to strengthen the Community Safety Partnership through capacity building with the priorities being:
- reducing/tackling crime and fear of crime especially violent crime
 - tackling anti social behaviour with an emphasis on drug and alcohol misuse
 - improving home, fire and road safety.
- 3.5 Following the 2nd Annual review of the Community Plan: Improving Community Safety Section the Interventions contained within the Community Safety Award Bid reflect the main aims of the Plan;
- reducing crime – violent crime; drugs misuse; anti-social behaviour and vandalism
 - working with young people to reduce the likelihood of being involved in crime
 - maintain and improve public safety
 - promote road safety and reduce road accidents
 - develop safety initiatives to help people feel more safe and secure
 - improve safety in neighbourhoods and homes.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. The cost of implementing the plans will be met from the Community Safety Allocated Award plus any additional funding from bids applied for by the Partnership.

5. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. Nil

6. CONCLUSIONS

- 6.1. Community Safety Award money will enable greater co-ordination of projects and initiatives already being carried out by the Partnership. It will also provide funding for innovative Community Safety projects.

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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