

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM – 7 JUNE 2006

SCOTTISH ACCIDENT PREVENTION COUNCIL - HOME SAFETY COMMITTEE

Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Forum of the business dealt with at the last meeting of SAPC Home Safety Committee.
- 1.2 The Committee is chaired by Jim Black, City of Edinburgh Council.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Home Safety Committee meets quarterly and the last meeting was held on 1 March 2006 in Edinburgh. Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillor Smith and John F. Crawford, Head of Protective Services. The Licensing and Community Safety Manager was in attendance.
- 2.2 Prior to addressing the meeting agenda, the committee was given a brief overview of the contents of the Health Education Population Survey – Accidents and Safety 1996 – 2004. A copy of this document has been given to the Community Safety Analyst and Monitoring Officer.

3. CORE SECTION

- 3.1 The minutes of the previous meeting of 7 December 2005 were considered and approved.
- 3.2 The Chairman advised that the Executive of the SAPC had decided to employ a consultant to examine the existing structure of the Council and to identify areas for improvement.
- 3.3 It was intimated that the Child Accident Prevention Trust had approached the SAPC with a view to securing sponsorship to assist with the running of the UK wide Child Safety Week between 19 and 25 June 2006. The Executive Committee had decided to give £10,000 towards this initiative, albeit it is towards the end of the school term in Scotland, which makes it difficult to get involvement from the schools.
- 3.4 It was also intimated that the judging for the 2006 Scottish Accident Prevention Awards had been carried out on 22 February 2006. Of the 7 projects considered, 2 were given silver awards (Fife Road Safety Initiative and Aberdeen Safer Communities Trust). None of the projects achieved gold status.

- 3.5 The SAPC Annual Conference will be held at Crieff Hydro on 11 and 12 September 2006. Following discussion on the topics for the workshop sessions the Chairman intimated he and the Secretary would make suggestions as to suitable topics to the Executive Committee. Richard Whetton, Scottish Executive Community Safety Co-ordinator, will be invited to attend and address the Conference.
- 3.6 Brief reports were received in respect of 2 of the 5 Home Safety Sub Committees. In respect of Mandatory Powers, the proposal to have the post of Home Safety Officer made mandatory has now been passed to the Scottish Parliament Local Government and Transport Committee. Oral and written evidence will be provided to this Committee at a date still to be intimated.
- 3.7 The Home Safety in the Curriculum Sub Committee advised that a 'directory of home safety initiatives' was now nearing completion and would provide teachers with an overview of the various and numerous initiatives available in respect of home safety.

4. FINANCIAL/POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Nil.

5. CONCLUSIONS

- 5.1 The members discussed a range of issues, and the future structured work of the Committee.

6. RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 Members of the Community Safety Forum are invited to note the content of this report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Home Safety Committee papers supplied by Josie Iles, Secretary, Home Safety Committee.

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