

**EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM – 3 MARCH 2004**  
**COMMUNITY SAFETY CO-ORDINATOR - REVIEW OF EVENTS AND INITIATIVES**

**Report by Director of Community 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:** the bid for funding has been put forward to the Scottish Executive.
- 3.2. **Home Security:** A total of 48 referrals have been received so far. There have been less referrals in the north of the authority and reminder notices have been sent to agencies. It must be remembered that funding for this initiative is limited.
- 3.3. **Scottish Home Safety Officers Group:** The Group continue to meet and discuss ways of taking forward issues concerning home safety.
- 3.4. **Scottish Local Authorities Community Safety Forum:** The next meeting of the Forum is on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2004
- 3.5. **Bogus Callers Initiative:** this event will take place at the Park Hotel on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April. Gwyneth Guthrie (Mrs Mack) will be talking at the event and there will be a drama presentation from "Baldy Bain". The purpose of the event is to highlight the problem and dangers of Bogus Callers and the Nominated Neighbour Scheme. For more information contact the Community Safety Unit.

**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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18<sup>th</sup> February 2004

### LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

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