

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL
COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM – 3 MARCH 2004

ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMME

Report By Director of Development Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** The Purpose of this Report is to inform the Forum of work carried out by road safety training staff in the Department of Development Services.

2. PRE FIVES

- 2.1** A number of talks on road safety have been given to children in nursery schools and playgroups.

3. PRIMARY SCHOOLS

3.1 PROJECT WORK

Most schools are undertaking road safety project work with the Ways to Safety resource. Talks and traffic trails have been carried out in a number of schools and staff have participated in Health Fairs.

3.2 CYCLE TRAINING

This is available for P6/P7 pupils. Eleven schools participated last term and a further 17 have so far indicated they will do it in the summer term.

3.3 WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

This will be held between 24 – 28 May 2004. The aim is to encourage parents to walk with their children to school rather than come by car.

3.4 JUNIOR ROAD SAFETY OFFICER (JRSO) SCHEME

Six schools are about to start this scheme. Two more pupils from P6 or P7 are appointed as JRSO's and carry out activities aimed at raising awareness of road safety among pupils and parents.

3.5 STREETSENSE

A new resource for primary schools called Streetsense will be introduced after the summer to all primary schools. It will replace Ways to Safety.

4. SECONDARY SCHOOLS

- 4.1 Staff attended a Health Fair in Kilmarnock Academy and are providing pre driving courses to Auchinleck Academy.

5. DRIVER VISION TEST

A Keystone Driver Vision Tester has been purchased with the help of Community Safety Small Grants Funding. The tester checks acuity, colour blindness, stereoscopic vision, contrast sensitivity and peripheral vision.

6. CHILD PEDESTRIAN TRAINING

This project which aims to recruit parents as volunteers to train Primary 1 children continues to develop.

7. BETTER NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES FUND

The project officer continues to work with schools and the community in the promotion of road safety.

8. SCHOOL TRAVEL CO-ORDINATOR

Funding has been received from the Scottish Executive for the appointment of a School Travel Co-ordinator for a period of two years. The purpose of the post is to encourage walking and cycling to school rather than travelling by car.

Work under the Safer Routes to School programme continues. Travel surveys will be completed for all schools later this year and a number of engineering measures are now in place near schools and others are planned.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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