

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM – 2 MARCH 2005
COMMUNITY SAFETY CO-ORDINATOR - REVIEW OF EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

Report by the 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:** The proposal for funding has been put forward to the Scottish Executive. Reducing Violent Crime and Improving Home Safety are the priorities that the Community Safety Partnership will target over the next three years.
- 3.2. **Scottish Home Safety Officers Group:** The Group continue to meet and discuss ways of taking forward issues concerning home safety.
- 3.3. **Scottish Local Authorities Community Safety Forum:** A proposal has been put forward to change the name of the Forum to the 'Scottish Community Safety Network'. This reflects the changes that have taken place in community safety nationally over the past three years. The Community Safety Co-ordinator attended a training session and a package has been issued to all members of the Network and training/information will be delivered to members of the Community Safety Partnership in East Ayrshire during 2005 – 2006.
- 3.4. **Alcohol Initiative - Shortlees:** In partnership with the Communities Schools Pathways, Stagecoach UP2U bus and Community Wardens, an initiative has been running since January 2005 in an effort to combat under-age drinking. A report will be available at the next meeting.

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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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

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