

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM – 2 MARCH 2005

IMPROVING COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLEMENTATION GROUP

Report by Superintendent Liz Weir: Lead Officer Community Safety

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. To advise the Forum of the ongoing actions within the Improving Community Safety Implementation Group in response to the Community Plan Action Plan on Community Safety. The Lead Officer for the Action Plan is Superintendent Liz Weir, Strathclyde Police.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. East Ayrshire's Community Plan brings together partners from the public and voluntary sectors with the community to work together to better plan, resource and deliver quality services that will meet the needs of people that live and work in East Ayrshire between 2003 and 2015.
- 2.2. The Improving Community Safety Action Plan 2003 - 2007 is guided by the overall principles set out in the Community Plan, and is aiming to achieve the action set out in the Action Plan by planning and working together to actively tackle the issues of greatest public concern.
- 2.3. The Community Safety Forum represents the interests of local communities within East Ayrshire in respect of Community Safety and within its remit encouraging ideas and proposals for action in respect of Community Safety in conjunction with the Implementation Group and Community Safety Action Plan.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1. At the last meeting of the Implementation Group, The Community Plan 2nd Annual Review Performance Report and Action Plan Review Process was discussed and members were asked to report to the meeting of 1 March 2005 in respect of progress against actions within the Action Plan and views on the actions within the Plan that require review. It was also recognised that new actions require included in the Plan in light of new developments, for example anti social behaviour.
- 3.2. Members discussed the award bid submitted to the Scottish Executive on behalf of the Community Safety Partnership for 2005 – 2008. This bid is to identify and plan a three year programme to tackle three identified Community Safety Themes. The East Ayrshire bid focuses on Capacity Building within Community

Safety Partnerships, Tackling Violent Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour and Improving Fire, Home and Road Safety. These actions will be included in the Community Safety Action Plan to focus and streamline efforts in targeting Community Safety.

4. FORTHCOMING INITIATIVES

4.1. The following initiatives were discussed :-

1. The Night Football Leagues led by Leisure Services have been launched and on average around 300 young people across 6 venues are taking part each week. Community Police Officers are also involved with project.
2. A bogus caller initiative is being piloted in sheltered housing complexes which will allow an "Identislot" mechanism and viewer display to be added to front doors.
3. The group are working on a year planner that will highlight in advance community safety events that agencies will be involved in during 2005. This will be available on the Council's Intranet.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1. The cost of implementing initiatives will be met from existing resources.

6. LEGAL/AUTHORITY IMPLICATIONS

6.1. Nil

7. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

7.1. Nil

8. CONCLUSIONS

8.1. The Community Safety Partnership comprising The Community Safety Strategic Group; The Community Safety Implementation Group and the Community Safety Forum work jointly on Community Safety Issues identified within the Partnership towards a safer community in East Ayrshire to live, work and play.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1. The Forum is recommended to:

- (1) note the contents of this report and align discussions and activities under the Community Safety Partnership themes identified above.
- (2) submit views on Community Safety Issues to the Implementation Group.

Superintendent Liz Weir
Strathclyde Police

21 February 2005

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Any person wishing to inspect the background papers listed above should telephone 01563 576111 and ask for John Crawford
2. Implementation Officer – Superintendent Liz Weir