

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM – WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH, 2005

ROAD SAFETY PROGRAMME

Report by Executive Director of Development and Property Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Forum of road safety education initiatives currently being carried out by the Department of Development and Property Services

2. PRIMARY SCHOOLS

- 2.1 Streetsense has now been issued to schools and staff have been carrying out in-service training for teachers on the resource. Staff continue to take part in Health Fairs/Safety Days in primary schools.

Traffic Trails have been developed for several schools.

3. JUNIOR ROAD SAFETY OFFICER (JRSO) SCHEME

- 3.1 Currently there are 8 schools in this scheme. A number of others have expressed an interest in taking part.

4. CYCLE TRAINING

- 4.1 Twenty schools have registered for the scheme to date.

5. SCHOOL TRAVEL CO-ORDINATOR

- 5.1 The School Travel Co-ordinator continues to work with schools in the development of school travel plans and in developing three “walking buses”. A cycle shelter is to be supplied to Netherthird Primary School in Cumnock.

6. THEATRE GROUPS

- 6.1 A road safety play for P6 pupils was performed in seven schools and was very well received.

7. KERBCRAFT

7.1 Child pedestrian training is currently underway in six schools.

8. PUBLICITY

8.1 A campaign on drink/driving was held over the Christmas period.

8.2 Publicity on safe parking at schools was carried out in February 2005.

8.3 A working group has been set up to organise events to take place during Walk to School Week (23-27 May 2005)

9. EUROPEAN MOBILITY WEEK/IN TOWN WITHOUT MY CAR DAY

9.1 Arrangements are in hand for European Mobility Week and In Town Without My Car Day which will be held in September 2005. A wide range of activities are planned for both events.

10. BETTER NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES FUND

10.1 The Assistant Road Safety Training Officer continues to develop a programme for schools and is liaising with community groups. A Traffic Trail has also been developed for a Nursery School in the area.

11. SAFER DRIVING

11.1 Talks on driving are being arranged for drivers employed at Scottish Coal depots in East Ayrshire.

12. RECOMMENDATIONS

12.1 The Forum is invited to note the terms of this report.

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