

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM – 1 MARCH 2006
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 **Local Action Fund:** East Ayrshire has been awarded Scottish Executive funding that will support the provision of services, projects and activities universally available to all young people. This money will be available to small, locally run projects which aim to make a real difference to the communities in which they are based through the provision of high quality services and facilities. For example, building or improving local community facilities, buying sports or leisure equipment and running clubs or activities at times which are convenient for young people. Closing date for applications is 15th March 2006.
- 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 Community Safety Network :** The AGM will take place in April. A Community Safety Co-ordinator has been appointed by the Scottish Executive to work with Community Safety Partnerships throughout Scotland.
- 3.4. **Safer Families Seminar:** The seminar will take place at the Park Hotel on Wednesday 22nd February. The aim is to raise awareness of the various services that provide home safety and security measures to the homes of vulnerable residents in East Ayrshire.

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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