

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM – 1 MARCH 2006

SCOTTISH ACCIDENT PREVENTION COUNCIL - HOME SAFETY COMMITTEE

Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Forum of the business dealt with at the last meeting of SAPC Home Safety Committee.
- 1.2 The Committee is chaired by Jim Black, City of Edinburgh Council.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Home Safety Committee meets quarterly and the last meeting was held on 7 December 2005 in Edinburgh and Councillor Smith was in attendance. Apologies were submitted on behalf of Mr. John F. Crawford, Head of Protective Services who was represented by the Assistant Community Safety Co-ordinator.
- 2.2 Prior to addressing the meeting agenda, the committee was given a presentation by Mr. Malcolm Duncan, area coordinator for 'SELECT', an assessment company for the Electrical Contractors of Scotland, on the topic of electrical safety in the home.

3. CORE SECTION

- 3.1 The minutes of the previous meeting of 7 September 2005 were considered and approved.
- 3.2 Under 'Matter Arising' Mr. David Radford gave an update on the Home Safety Audit (full details in minute) He went on to explain that all major agencies have a different system for recording similar events like road accidents and this on occasion gave out differing statistics. He hoped that in the not too distant future analysts would work with the same package and stressed there would have to be a common approach to the provision and management of statistical information.
- 3.3 The subject of the National Children's Safety week was raised by the members who were concerned that the dates provided for the National event clashed with local school holidays. It was agreed that those supporting this National event should run their campaign to suit the local schools and their local Education Department.
- 3.4 The representative from the Scottish Home Safety Officers Group reported on their new web site and that at their AGM the members had agreed to change the

name of the group to that of Home Safety Scotland. The work of the group was praised by members present.

4. FINANCIAL/POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Nil.

5. CONCLUSIONS

5.1 The members discussed a range of issues, and the future structured work of the Committee.

6. RECOMMENDATION

6.1 Members of the Community Safety Forum are invited to note the content of this report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Home Safety Committee papers issued by Josie Isles, Secretary.

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