

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM – 22 SEPTEMBER 2004

IMPROVING COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLEMENTATION GROUP

Joint Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services and Superintendent Liz Weir, Strathclyde Police “UC” Sub Division.

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. To advise the Forum of the outcome of the Improving Community Safety Implementation Group: Community Planning – Improving Community Safety Action Plan.

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 Theme is guided by the overall principles set out in the Community Plan, therefore, by planning together, working together and achieving together we can actively tackle the issues that cause greatest public concern.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1. In order to streamline and promote community safety activity throughout East Ayrshire, the Improving Community Safety Implementation Group, led by Supt. Liz Weir, was set up to determine and implement action plans as set out in the community safety strategy.
- 3.2. At the last meeting of the Group the following issues were discussed:-
 1. Agencies and departments to consider actions in the community plan relating to their own area of work, and try where possible to link to other agencies and action plans.
 2. All action plans from 2005 to be reviewed and amended.
 3. How best to publicise community safety activity within East Ayrshire

4. FORTHCOMING INITIATIVES

- 4.1. The following initiatives were discussed

1. In the past Trading Standards and Community Police Officers have carried out visits to registered retailers of fireworks. It was suggested enforcement officers from the Fire Brigade will visit large trading outlets.
2. Enhance Fireworks display to include information outlets e.g. CHIP van and Health Information.
3. Nursery packs to be distributed to all Pre 5 establishments containing toys and information related to fire safety.
4. Support publicity campaigns through Community Pharmacists regarding awareness of the dangers of prescribed medicines.
5. Supporting publicity campaigns through European Mobility Week – “In town without my car day”, a town centre based initiative featuring safer routes to school and various other healthy activities.
6. A multi-agency Christmas initiative is being developed to include various aspects of community safety prevalent during the festive period.

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. It was agreed that the co-ordination of all community safety activity should be passed through the Implementation Group.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1. The Forum is recommended to:
 - (i) note the contents of this report

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6th September 2004

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 – Ann Williams