

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM -22 SEPTEMBER 2004

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. PRE-FIVES

- 2.1 Staff took part in an event at Hillbank Nursery School.

3. PRIMARY SCHOOLS

- 3.1 A new resource called Streetsense is being issued this term.

4. JUNIOR ROAD SAFETY OFFICER (JRSO) SCHEME

- 4.1 This continues to develop and is proving popular with schools.

5. CYCLE TRAINING

- 5.1 A new cycle training scheme is being introduced this year. It is very similar to the old scheme but allows schools to opt for continuous assessment of pupils rather than have a test at the end of the training.

6. SCHOOL TRAVEL CO-ORDINATOR

- 6.1 A School Travel Co-ordinator has now been appointed. Her remit is to liaise with school communities and other agencies to encourage children and their parents to walk to school rather than travel by car.

7. SECONDARY SCHOOLS

- 7.1 Road safety plays for S 1 and S5/6 pupils will take place in several secondary schools next month.

8. KERBCRAFT

- 8.1 Child pedestrian training continues in schools.

9. SAFER ROUTES TO SCHOOL

- 9.1** The travel survey of the final group of schools has been completed and safety audits will be completed in the near future

10. DANGER DETECTIVES

- 10.1** Staff participated in this year's experiential learning programme, which is aimed at all Primary 6 pupils in East Ayrshire. The scenario was of an accident in which a child cyclist had been hit by a car. Pupils were asked to identify factors that could have helped cause the accident and the injuries to the driver and cyclist.

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

- 11.1** The Council is taking part in this European initiative which aims to promote the use of sustainable modes of transport and improve the quality of the urban environment.

A number of events are being held in Foregate Square and The Cross on 22 September 2004. These include dance demonstrations, pipers and art work by local schools, old fashioned street games, the CHIP van, cycling skills, aerobics, Strathclyde Police, the Walking Bug and the Towdabout, a play area for young children.

12. BETTER NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES FUND

- 12.1** Further funding will allow the continuation of the road safety education programme. This had proved successful in providing an enhanced service to nursery and primary schools and playgroups and in raising awareness of road safety with community groups.

13. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 13.1** The Forum is invited to note the terms of this report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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