

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM - 22nd SEPTEMBER 2004

SAPC HOME SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING ON 1ST SEPTEMBER 2004

Report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services

1. PURPOSE

- 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 Mr. Jim Slack, City of Edinburgh Council.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Home Safety Committee of the Scottish Accident Prevention Council meets quarterly and the last meeting was held on 1st September 2004 in Glasgow. The meeting was attended by Councillor George Smith. The Head of Protective Services was unable to attend and was substituted by the Licensing and Community Safety Manager.

3. CORE SECTION

- 3.1 As previously intimated the Annual SA PC Conference will be held on 13 and 14 September 2004. In addition to the 4 workshops, there will be an opportunity to put questions to a panel of MSP's. It was determined that the Home Safety Sub Committees should consider and provide suitable questions.
- 3.2 The Secretary to the Committee gave a very report on behalf of RoSPA . She also intimated that this would be her last meeting as she is moving to the post of Scottish Road Safety Manager.
- 3.3 The Secretary gave a report on the National Home and Leisure Safety Committee held on 16 June 2004 in London. She indicated that the NHLS Committee had been asked, and agreed, to write to the Depute Minister for Health at the Scottish Executive regarding data collection in Scotland.
- 3.4 A brief report was provided on the business of the Scottish Home Safety Officers Group.
- 3.5 Verbal reports were received from each of the Home Safety Sub Committees viz. Statistics, Mandatory Powers, Safety by Design, Home Safety Policy and Home Safety in the Curriculum. The Sub Committees are at a very early stage in their development, with the only real matter of significance being that the Mandatory Powers Sub Committee has lodged a petition with the Scottish Parliament Petitions Committee. Indications from the Clerk to this Committee are very favourable.

3.6 Under Any Other Business, an incident where a young child managed to crawl out of a window in a high rise block of flats in Glasgow was discussed. It was requested that the Secretary write to all housing sections and associations in Scotland drawing their attention to this incident.

3.7 The Annual General Meeting of Scottish Accident Prevention Council will be held in Glasgow on Wednesday, 29 September 2004.

4. FINANCIAL/POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Nil.

5. LEGAL AUTHORITY/IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Nil.

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Nil.

7. CONCLUSIONS

7.1 It is considered that the new sub committee structure will enable the Home Safety Committee to maintain a focus on safety matters particularly within the home environment.

8. RECOMMENDATION

8.1 The Community Safety Forum is invited to note the report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Minutes of SAPC Home Safety Committee held on 1st September 2004.

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