

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM – 21 SEPTEMBER 2005

COMMUNITY SAFETY CO-ORDINATOR - REVIEW OF EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

Report by 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. **Children's Service Plan:** A launch of the Children and Young People's Plan took place at Cumnock Academy on Monday 29th August.
- 3.2. **Home Safety:** An application for funding for £2500.00 has been put forward to the Primary Care Development Fund to supply home safety equipment packs to vulnerable families in East Ayrshire. This will be match funded from the Community Safety Partnership Award Funding.
- 3.3. **Scottish Community Safety Network:** (formerly Scottish Local Authority Community Safety Forum). At the meeting on 12th August the following issues were discussed: Interviews will take place for the post of National Community Safety Development Officer in October; Problem Solving Training will go ahead in November; Reorganisation within the Scottish Executive will see the Anti Social Behaviour Unit, Community Safety Unit and Drugs Teams merge in the Justice Department and be known as the Safer Communities Division.
- 3.4. **Danger Detectives:** Danger Detectives finished on 15th September. It was attended by over 1500 primary six school children in East Ayrshire. A full report will follow at the meeting of the Forum in December.

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/AUTHORITY IMPLICATIONS

5.1. Nil

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Nil

7. CONCLUSIONS

7.1. The Community Safety Co-ordinator will continue to liaise with other departments and outside organisations to promote the initiatives described in the report.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1. The Forum is invited to note the contents of this report

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

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