

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM – 21 September 2005

SCOTTISH ACCIDENT PREVENTION COUNCIL - WATER AND LEISURE 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 Water and Leisure Safety Committee.
- 1.2 The Committee is chaired by Janet Castro of the Royal Life Saving Society.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Water and Leisure Safety Committee meets quarterly and the last meeting was held on 6th July 2005 in Giffnock. Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillor O'Neill who was represented by John F. Crawford, Head of Protective Services. The Licensing and Community Safety Manager, deputising for the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services, also attended.
- 2.2 Prior to addressing the meeting agenda, the committee was given a presentation regarding 'Managing visitor safety in British Waterways' by Peter Wade, Visitor Safety Advisor, British Waterways. It should be noted that British Waterways is not responsible for any waterways in the East Ayrshire Council area.

3. CORE SECTION

- 3.1 The minutes of the previous meeting of 6 April 2005 were considered and approved.
- 3.2 Under 'Matter Arising' it was advised that the Secondary Schools' Public Speaking Competition would be run again in 2006 but then would be subject to evaluation.
- 3.3 The Secretary reported to members on the business transacted at the last meeting of the Executive Committee on 2 June 2005. He advised that in future, minutes of the Executive Committee would be circulated to all functional committee members prior to committees meeting.
- 3.4 Representation had been made to the Office of the First Minister regarding the appointment of a Water Safety Advisor. The Chair reported that she had learned that the correspondence had been passed to the Sports Division of the Scottish

Executive and that clearance was being awaited for a reply to be sent back to the committee.

- 3.5 Under 'Other Competent Business' the Chair advised that part of the business of the recent Executive Committee centred on the future of the Scottish Accident Prevention Council. This generated considerable discussion amongst members particularly having regard to the relationship between the SAPC and Community Safety Partnerships. In the final analysis, members considered it appropriate for the SAPC to continue in its present form, as it was a beneficial platform for the interchange of initiatives and good practice.

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. Water and Leisure Safety Committee papers issued by Melville Mitchell, Secretary, on 27 May 2005.

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