

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – 14th SEPTEMBER 2005

IMPROVING COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLEMENTATION GROUP

Joint Report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services and Supt. Liz Weir, Strathclyde Police, 'U' Division

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Community Services Committee of a proposal from the Improving Community Safety Implementation Group to provide Local Area Committees, on a bi-annual basis, with information on progress made against the six aims contained within the Improving Community Safety Action Plan.
- 1.2 The six aims included in the Improving Community Safety Strategy are:
- reducing crime – violent crime; drugs misuse; anti-social behaviour and vandalism
 - working with young people to reduce the likelihood of being involved in crime
 - maintain and improve public safety
 - promote road safety and reduce road accidents
 - develop safety initiatives to help people feel more safe and secure
 - improve safety in neighbourhoods and homes.

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. By planning together, working together and achieving together, the issues that cause greatest public concern can be tackled.
- 2.3 In order to streamline and promote community safety activity throughout East Ayrshire, the Improving Community Safety Implementation Group, led by Supt. Liz Weir, Strathclyde Police, was set up to determine and implement action plans as set out in the Improving Community Safety Strategy.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 At the last meeting of the Implementation Group on 21st June 2005 copies of the Community Plan 2nd Annual Review Performance Report and Action Plan Review, in respect of the Improving Community Safety Theme were discussed.
- 3.2 Following discussion, it was determined that it may be appropriate to provide information regarding the Action Plan to Local Area Committees.
- 3.3 The Community Safety Co-ordinator will monitor progress of the actions and report on a bi-annual basis to Local Area Committees summarising the work undertaken by the Implementation Group, and related issues raised at the Community Safety Forum on topical or local issues which may be of general interest.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Costs will be met from existing resources.

5. LEGAL/AUTHORITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Nil

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Nil

7. CONCLUSIONS

- 7.1 It has been proposed that a report summarising the work undertaken by the Improving Community Safety Implementation Group, related issues raised at the Community Safety Forum and topical or local issues which may be of general interest be reported to the seven Local Area Committees on a bi-annual basis.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 The Community Services Committee is invited note the contents of the report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil.

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