

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM - 6 DECEMBER 2000

COMMUNITY SAFETY OFFICER - REVIEW OF EVENTS AND INITIATIVES

Report by Director of Community Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. To advise Forum members of developments and initiatives undertaken by the Community Safety Officer.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. In accordance with East Ayrshire Council Community Safety Strategy a Community Safety Officer was appointed to implement the strategy and to co-ordinate and drive forward safety initiatives.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1. **Safer East Ayrshire:** Groups continue to meet in Barshare, Catrine, Dalmellington and New Cumnock. Future initiatives include Experiential Learning for the Elderly; Security door locks and progressing the use of the Community House in Barshare. Anyone interested in forming a "safer group" in their area, please contact the Community Safety Officer.
- 3.2. **Ayrshire & Arran Accident Prevention Group:** A sub-group has been set up for the purpose of identifying and clarifying each partner agency's current accident prevention priorities for action over the short and medium term.

A Conference will be held in 2001, the topic of which will be Alcohol and Drug Misuse and Falls in the Elderly.

- 3.3. **Danger Detectives:** The event once again proved to be a success with thanks being extended to all those who supported the event.
- 3.4. **East Ayrshire Alcohol and Drug Forum:** Due to lack of support the information evening for parents did not take place at the Grand Hall Kilmarnock on Tuesday 3rd October. Those parents who did respond have been invited to attend an informal buffet supper on Tuesday 5 December. The purpose of this will be to consult with parents and carers and identify the needs and concerns they may have about their children with regard to drugs and alcohol.

3.5. **Scottish Home Safety Officers Group:** An "Off the Job Safety" seminar will take place on 5 April 2001 at Scottish Power, Cathcart Business Park, Glasgow. The overall aim of the seminar is to highlight the cost of home accidents, assist and encourage employers to implement innovative ways to address this problem and to facilitate a partnership approach to "off the job safety". (Seminar Programme Attached)

3.6. **Community Safety Challenge Competition:** Five Community Safety Projects have been entered for the Challenge competition:-

- I. "Caring for Carers" Projects
- II. Safe Barshare Community Initiative
- III. "Positive Diversions"
- IV. Kilmarnock South Outreach and Detached Youth Work with Vulnerable People Project
- V. Yipworld.com Detached Streetworkers Initiative

4. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1. Projects are financed from existing budgets held by the partnership organisations

5. **LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

5.1. Nil

6. **CONCLUSIONS**

6.1 The Community Safety Officer will continue to liaise with other departments and outside organisations to promote the initiatives described in the report.

7. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. For further information please contact John Crawford, Head of protective Services on 01563 576111 or email: john.crawford@east-ayrshire.gov.uk

AGENDA