

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM -6 DECEMBER 2000

COMMUNITY SAFETY OPEN DAY

Report by Director of Community Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise Members of a proposed Community Safety Open Day to be held at Council Headquarters during June 2001.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum is a multi agency partnership concerned with promoting safer communities in the local authority area. Although the partners in the Forum have been involved in various initiatives there has never been a major outlet for advertising the work, which is and has been done in the past.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 In previous years both Strathclyde Police and Strathclyde Fire Brigade have held successful 'open days' within East Ayrshire promoting community involvement and multi agency working.
- 3.2 The proposed Forum Open Day would allow for the community safety message to be delivered to a large audience in a fun and informative way.
- 3.3 East Ayrshire has limited hard standing sites that would be appropriate for such an event and the close proximity of an indoor venue for smaller displays would also be advantageous. Council Headquarters in London Road is one venue that offers sufficient hard standing areas, the car parks, and internal display areas.
- 3.4 External displays could feature 'in action' displays by Strathclyde Police, Strathclyde Fire Brigade and the Ambulance Service as well as Road Safety, Water Safety, various departments from the emergency services, Council and other partners.
- 3.5 No formal discussions have taken place with the partners regarding the proposed event.

4. FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Nil.

5. CONCLUSIONS

- 5.1 The proposed event would raise public awareness of Community Safety within East Ayrshire and allow the partners to show what they are presently doing and what they intend to do in the future with regards to Community Safety.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 It is recommended that Committee: -

- i) agree the formation of a working group to develop the proposed open day;
- ii) agree the membership of the working group with nominations from individuals and partners; and
- iii) otherwise note the content of this report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil.

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AGENDA