

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM – 6 DECEMBER 2000

SAPC ROAD SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE – 1 NOVEMBER 2000

Report By Director of Development Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to inform the Forum of matters discussed at the most recent meeting of the Scottish Accident Prevention Council's Road Safety Sub-Committee which was held on 1 November 2000.

2. SCOTTISH ACCIDENT PREVENTION COUNCIL (SAPC)

- 2.1** The SAPC is a national organisation set up to promote home, road, leisure and water safety. Membership is made up of Elected Members and officers from local authorities, as well as other bodies with an interest in accident prevention. Sub-committee meetings are held 3/4 times a year.

3. ROAD SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE – 1 NOVEMBER 2000

- 3.1** Twenty three members attended this meeting. Business was conducted under the following headings.

3.2 Matters Arising

A reply had been received from COSLA on the SAPC submission that additional funding for road maintenance and road safety was required and that it should be ring-fenced.

COSLA's Road Safety Task Group had now considered this, and although they agreed on the importance of road safety could not accept that it was an easy target for local authorities and so would not support ring-fencing. However, they proposed a joint task force with the SAPC to carry out an audit of local authority spending in this area.

It was noted that agricultural vehicles had the same liability as other vehicles when using the road.

A letter had been sent to the Association of Transport Co-ordinating Officers (School Transport Supervisors) on their policy on the fitting of seat belts for school journeys. They had no specific policy on this, it being up to individual local authorities. It was noted that seat belts can be required as a condition of contract if so desired. Possible difficulties with enforcement were noted.

It was noted that £5.2 million had been made available to local authorities for safer routes to school programmes.

The Executive Director of the Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety (PACTS) was unable to address the meeting due to travel difficulties. There was some discussion on the feasibility of a comparable body for Scotland.

No reply had been received from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders on the proposal to have head restraints fitted as standard on vehicles.

3.3 NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY COMMITTEE

Issues discussed at the most recent meeting included:

- A long term trial of traffic signs for non-traffic messages.
- Support for regulations requiring the fitment of seat belts in all vehicles.
- ROSPA's response to Tomorrow's Roads, the government strategy for road safety. They suggested a need to desegregate targets, questioned increased penalties and holding children responsible for their own safety, and welcomed the formation of a Road Safety Advisory Panel and the Think campaign
- the release of the ACPO drugs and driving training pack.

3.4 PARLIAMENTARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT SAFETY

Minutes of the AGM, extracts from Hansard, and notification of the Westminster Lecture had been received.

3.5 DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT TRANSPORT AND THE REGIONS

The Think campaign was noted, as was the new version of the Highway Code for Young Road Users.

3.6 SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE

An amendment to the Motor Vehicles (Competitions and Trials) legislation had been made.

3.7 ASSOCIATION OF CHIEF POLICE OFFICERS SCOTLAND

The Drink Drive campaign will run from the 11 December 2000 to 8 January 2001 and include seat belts and speeding as well as drink driving. Street theatre will be used at the launch.

Martin Papworth, ACC Traffic, Strathclyde Police will be standing down as the Secretary of the Road Policing Standing Committee. The new ACC Traffic for Strathclyde will be Colin McKerragher.

3.8 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence from the following organisations was noted.

AA Foundation	Family and the School Run
West Of Scotland RS Forum	School gate parking
Prince Michael RS Award	Entry Form
TIC	Winter Safety Campaign
TIC	Tyre Safety Week & pressure survey
IAM	Speed limit review
CTC	Autumn 2000 Cycle Digest
TRL	September news
North Ayrshire Council	Transport Strategy
DSA	Safer motorcycling
Investigator Training Services	Training Packages
First Group	Launch of Yellow School Bus Campaign
June Smith	Congratulations on Safer Footways leaflet
Provost Frances Duncan	Resignation

3.9 2000 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Feedback on the conference had been very good.

3.10 SCHOOL TRANSPORT SAFETY

This would be discussed at the next meeting.

3.11 AOCB

It was intended to prepare a leaflet on the work of the SAPC and issue this to all households in Scotland.

The Scottish Executive has set up a working group on School Transport.

The dangers of handling fuel were noted.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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AGENDA