

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM - 6 JUNE 2001

SCOTTISH ACCIDENT PREVENTION COUNCIL -MEETING OF THE HOME SAFETY COMMITTEE ON 7 MARCH 2001

Report by Director of Community Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Forum of matters dealt with, and discussed, at the SA PC Home Safety Committee meeting on 7 March 2001.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 East Ayrshire Council is represented at the quarterly meetings of the Home Safety Committee by Councillor George Smith and John Crawford, Head of Protective Services. As neither of the usual representatives were able to attend the March meeting East Ayrshire was instead represented by Joe Donnelly, Principal Officer -Trading Standards.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 Members discussed at some length the recent redundancies at SAPC and expressed regret at having lost two valued members of staff.
- 3.2 The matter of speakers for the conference in September was discussed by members who suggested delegates hear about a variety of topics including residential sprinklers; use of mobile telephones and accidents and injuries.
- 3.3 The Chair exhibited the draft SAPC leaflet and asked that members send him ideas and safety tips for possible inclusion.
- 3.4 The Chair reported on the progress made by the Mandatory Powers Sub-Committee and reported that the matter had been debated by the Scottish Parliament following the tabling of a motion by Cathy Jamieson, MSP.
- 3.5 There was some discussion on fire safety and the use of domestic sprinklers. In addition, ADO Bertram reported that the rate of fire injuries in Scotland was greater than in England. Although there are fewer fires the resulting injuries are more severe.
- 3.6 Jim France reported on the work of the Scottish Home Safety Officers Group and highlighted the forthcoming Off the Job Seminar scheduled to take place in early April.

4. FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Nil.

5. CONCLUSIONS

5.1 Representation at the Home Safety Committee ensures that East Ayrshire plays its part in the promotion of Home Safety generally. Councillor Smith has been active in promoting gas safety and mandatory powers.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 The Forum is invited to note the contents of the report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Agenda and papers issued in respect of Home Safety Committee meeting on 7 March 2001.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers detailed above should telephone 01563 576111 and ask for Mr John Crawford, Head of Protective Services or email at john.crawford@east-ayrshire.gov.uk.

AGENDA