

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM – 5 JUNE 2002**

### **SCOTTISH ACCIDENT PREVENTION COUNCIL – MEETING OF THE WATER AND LEISURE SAFETY COMMITTEE ON 27 MARCH 2002**

#### **Report by Director of Community Services**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To advise the Forum of matters dealt with, and discussed, at the SAPC Water and Leisure Safety Committee meeting on 27 March 2002.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 East Ayrshire Council is represented at the quarterly meetings of the Water and Leisure Safety Committee by Councillor Jimmy Carmichael and William Stafford, Director of Community Services. As neither of the usual representatives were able to attend the March meeting, East Ayrshire was instead represented by Ann Williams, Acting Principal Officer, Community Safety

#### **3. DISCUSSION**

- 3.1 At the beginning of the meeting members received a presentation from Di Standley, Chief Executive, Royal Life Saving Society on the subject of enhancing training in life support. Ms Standley outlined the aims of the "Lifesavers" is to develop and implement programmes for training and education in water safety, rescue and life support. To establish new programmes throughout the country and develop an award scheme. She highlighted the fact that swimming lessons were not compulsory in Scotland, but that the National Curriculum in England children aged 5 – 16 years had a statutory entitlement to PE, with swimming as one of the six areas of activity specified. In 2000 the swimming programme was renamed to include swimming activities and water safety with an emphasis on the contribution to safety. She concluded that a start had been made in regard to water safety and lifesaving training, and the RLSS will continue to press for changes in Scotland, to strive for improved standards and reduce accidents and deaths.

- 3.2 Discussion followed on the following issues:

A copy of the SAPC leaflet was passed round

An update was given on the Speechmaking Competition. This event would remain a core part of the organisation. Lockerbie High School, Dumfries, won the overall final.

The Conference will be again held in Crieff, with topics and speakers to be identified by Summer.

A copy of the Rospa document 'Drownings in the UK 2000' was circulated.

Funding for 2002-2003 was discussed with the possibility of using the money for a video production to be distributed to schools to include three scenarios – children/ponds; youths/reservoirs and adults/alcohol.

#### **4. FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Nil.

#### **5. CONCLUSIONS**

5.1 Representation at the Water and Leisure Safety committee ensures that East Ayrshire plays its part in the promotion of Water and Leisure Safety generally. The date of the next meeting is 26 June 2002 at Dunfermline.

#### **6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

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3 April 2002  
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#### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. Agenda and papers issued in respect of Water and Leisure Safety Committee meeting on 27 March 2002

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

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**AGENDA**