

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM -7 MARCH 2001

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 and Dalmellington. At the moment Catrine and New Cumnock have not met for some time as membership has temporarily dropped away. Dalmellington Group are holding a Community Safety Evening on Thursday 12 April.
- 3.2. **Ayrshire & Arran Accident Prevention Group:** The Conference will be held in the McDonald Education Suite, Ayr Hospital on 22 March 2011 the topic of which will be Alcohol and Drug Misuse and Falls in the Elderly.
- 3.3. **Danger Detectives:** The event this year will be held at The Dean Castle Country Park.
- 3.4. **East Ayrshire Alcohol and Drug Forum:** At a Conference held in Shortlees on 19th October 2000, fifteen people expressed a concern about drug and alcohol misuse in the area and indicated a willingness to take part in a local Drugs and Alcohol Forum. Letters have been sent inviting those interested to attend a Forum to be held in April.
- 3.5. **Home Safety:** The DTI have agreed 5 core areas of home safety in their strategy and funding is available for projects which take into account Burns and Scalds; Garden Safety; Carbon Monoxide; DIY and Falls. Full details on the funding criteria can be found on the DTI website www.dti.gov.uk/homesafetynetwork.
- 3.6. **Carbon Monoxide:** The DTI Carbon Monoxide trailer visited nine communities throughout East Ayrshire during the week beginning 22nd

January .Scottish Gas supplied ten carbon monoxide detectors (worth £25.00 each) as prizes for those people who visited the trailer and took part in the competition.

- 3.7 **Community Safety Day:** A meeting is being held on 7th March to discuss the forthcoming Community Safety Day. Details are not available yet, but the event will possibly take place in June.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Projects are financed from existing budgets held by the partner 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

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AGENDA