

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM – 6 MARCH 2002

SECONDARY SCHOOLS SPEECHMAKING COMPETITION: ANDREW NISBET TROPHY

Report by Director of Community Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. To advise the Forum of the outcome of the Secondary Schools Speechmaking Competition

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. The competition was open to all local secondary schools and was held at Stewarton Academy on 1 February 2002. The four schools who participated were Stewarton Academy; Cumnock Academy, Grange Academy and Loudoun Academy.

3. COMPETITION RESULTS

- 3.1. The winning team of Gemma Leitch and Jane Carruthers were from Cumnock Academy, who will retain the Andrew Nisbet Trophy for one year. They also received a crystal bowl presented by Alex Craig of Ayrshire Occupational Health and Safety Group, and £20.00 in book tokens. The runners-up Louise Cairns and Shona Adam of Stewarton Academy, Coral Dyer and Iain Stewart of Loudoun Academy and Christopher Brown and Robbie Mack of Grange Academy, each received a small silver cup and £10.00 in book tokens.
- 3.2. The theme was "Prevention is Better than Cure". The teams covered every aspect of this topic - from road safety and home safety to teenage pregnancy and deprivation, and provided the audience with innovative and impassioned speeches on diverse aspects of the theme.
- 3.3. Judges for the Competition were Councillor Jimmy Carmichael, Chair of the Community Safety Forum; Superintendent Jim Thomson, Strathclyde Police, "U" Division and Assistant Divisional Officer William Houston, Strathclyde Fire Brigade.
- 3.4. Cumnock Academy will represent East Ayrshire at a Regional Heat of the competition to be held at Eastwood House, Eastwood Park, Giffnock on 12 March 2002.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. The cost of the competition was accommodated within the Community Safety budget and from sponsorship from the Ayrshire Occupational Health and Safety Group.

5. LEGAL/ POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. Nil

6. CONCLUSIONS

- 6.1. Cumnock Academy will represent East Ayrshire at a Regional Heat of the national competition on 12 March 2002. If successful at that stage they will progress to the final to be hosted by South Lanarkshire Council in Hamilton on 20 March.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1. It is recommended that the Forum note the contents of this report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

AGENDA