

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM – 6 MARCH 2002
COMMUNITY SAFETY CO-ORDINATOR - 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 Co-ordinator

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. In accordance with East Ayrshire Council Community Safety Strategy a Community Safety Co-ordinator was appointed to implement the strategy and to co-ordinate and drive forward safety initiatives.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1. **Children's Service Plan:** East Ayrshire plan is now published titled "Inspiring Children and Young People". One of the thematic priorities was 'Children and Young People's Safety' and covered issues such as Child Protection; Personal Safety on the Internet; Safe Play Areas; Home Safety; Personal Safety and Road Safety. Copies of the Plan are available from the Community Safety Co-ordinator.
- 3.2. **Children's Charter:** The launch of the Children's Charter took place on Thursday 24 January. One aspect of the Charter was children's rights to safety. One child each from St. Sophia's and Galston Primary Schools gave a presentation highlighting the importance of children's safety, using Danger Detectives as their example.
- 3.3. **Heartstart:** The Community Safety Co-ordinator met with a representative from Heartstart Ayrshire and Arran to discuss the possibility of holding courses to anyone interested in learning Emergency Life Support. A copy of the information is attached, please contact Ann Williams for further information.
- 3.4. **East Ayrshire Alcohol and Drug Forum:** Due to the restructuring of local Fora, further meetings have been cancelled.
- 3.5. **Retail Crime Seminar:** A seminar was held at the Dean Castle with the primary intention of bringing together representatives from town centre retailers, in order to raise awareness of retail crime in the area and how the judicial system deal with it.

- 3.6. **Scottish Home Safety Officers Group:** The Group continue to meet and discuss ways of taking home safety issues forward. The next meeting of the Group is on Wednesday 20 February in Paisley.
- 3.7 **Scottish Local Authorities Community Safety Forum:** The next meeting of the Forum will be the AGM on Friday 15 March in Perth.
- 3.7. **International Women's Week:** Events to celebrate International Women's Week will take place between 4th – 11th March. The Community Safety Co-ordinator and Police Liaison Officer have organised a number of information events to be held in Supermarkets throughout East Ayrshire.

4. PREVIOUS FORUM RESPONSE

- 4.1. This section of the report is in response to issues/questions raised at the Community Safety Forum on 7 December 2001.
- 4.1.1 Ayrshire and Arran Health Intelligence Team have been contacted with regard to the incidence of cancer within the local area and are sending out information.
- 4.1.2 Health Authority statistics on injuries caused by fireworks and/or bonfires within the local area were given to Councillor Coffey as requested. (Information attached).
- 4.1.3 Letters were sent to all Forum members with regard to attendance and location of the Forum.
- 4.1.4 Information was provided to Councillor Coffey on the arrangements for the provision of swimming lessons to primary school children.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. Projects are financed from existing budgets held by the partnership organisations

5. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. Nil

6. CONCLUSIONS

- 6.1 The Community Safety Co-ordinator 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

1. For further information please contact John Crawford, Head of protective Services on 01563 576111 or email: john.crawford@east-ayrshire.gov.uk

AGENDA