

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM – 6 MARCH 2002**

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY AWARD PROGRAMME**

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

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

- 1.1. To advise the Forum of the Community Safety Awards and the Aims set out by the Community Safety Strategic Partnership Group.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1. Previously the Scottish Executive awarded councils throughout Scotland a total of £3 million to fund CCTV and Community Safety Projects. This was by way of the “Make Our Communities Safer” CCTV and Community Safety Challenge Competition, whereby councils had to bid for money.
- 2.4. The “Community Safety Award programme” replaces, from 1 April 2002, the “Make Our Communities Safer” CCTV and Community Safety Challenge Funding.

#### **3. DISCUSSION**

- 3.1. The funding allocation throughout Scotland for the Community Safety Award Programme in 2002-2003 is £4 million. The same sum will be available to Community Safety Partnerships in 2003-2004 and 2004-2005. East Ayrshire Council received £94,196.23 per annum. This amount makes up 80% (40% based on population and 40% allocated according to percentage of crimes per head of population), of the total award, the remaining 20% will be allocated on receipt of Action Plans.
- 3.2. East Ayrshire Community Safety Strategic Partnership Group met on 7 January 2002 to discuss the Award and set Action Plans based on community consultation and statistics available from relevant agencies.
- 3.3. The following Aims were agreed by partners and submitted to the Scottish Executive on 31 January 2002 as directed.

#### **Community Safety Award Action Plans Summary:**

##### **Aim 1 - Analyse Community Safety Needs in East Ayrshire**

To set Community Safety priorities and establish a baseline for Community Safety in East Ayrshire.

**Aim 2 - To Market Community Safety**

Market Community Safety as a concept that underpins all partnership working in East Ayrshire, and increase public awareness of Community Safety.

**Aim 3 – Provide Alternatives to Addiction in North West Kilmarnock and Shortlees/Riccarton**

Build on existing initiatives and extend the availability of the Alternatives to Addiction scheme operated in the Coalfield SIP area by the Bridge Project to North West Kilmarnock and the Shortlees/Riccarton area of Kilmarnock

**Aim 4 - Promote Community Safety to Young People, Adults and Families**

Promote, good citizenship and positive lifestyle choices for young people, adults and families.

**Aim 5 – To Support Appointment of Domestic Abuse Training Officer**

To support the application for funding for a Domestic Violence Training Officer

**Aim 6 - Increase Personal Safety Awareness**

Provide personal safety awareness training to those most vulnerable in the community.

**Aim 7 – Improving the Night Time Environment**

To upgrade lighting in public parks and footpaths.

**Aim 8 – Improving Driver Behaviour**

Target young drivers by introducing post-test training into the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year curriculum.

**Aim 9 - Create a Safer and More Secure Home Environment**

Improve safety and security within the home.

**Aim 10 - Improve Efficiency of Existing CCTV in East Ayrshire**

Develop a strategy to improve the infrastructure of CCTV in East Ayrshire.

**4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1. The cost of implementing the Action Plans will be met from the Community Safety Allocated Award.

**5. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1. Nil

## **6. CONCLUSIONS**

- 6.1. East Ayrshire already has measures in place to implement the Community Safety Strategy
- 6.2. Community Safety Award money will enable greater co-ordination of projects and initiatives already being carried out by council services. It will also provide funding for innovative Community Safety projects.

## **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**