

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM -27 SEPTEMBER 2000

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 arrangements for the Scottish Accident Prevention Council's (SAPC) Annual Public Speaking Competition and propose that it again be linked to the local competition in which local secondary schools compete for the Andrew Nisbet Trophy.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Last year's competition, held in the Auditorium of the Dean Castle Visitor Centre, was linked to that organised by the SAPC. All secondary schools in East Ayrshire were issued with the title of "Safety Is No Accident", rules and guidelines issued by the SAPC and invited to compete locally for the Andrew Nisbet Trophy.

2.2 Five local schools participated in the competition which was held in January this year, and the winning team, from Kilmarnock's Grange Academy, proceeded to represent East Ayrshire at the local heat of the national competition which took place in Ayr in the Spring. Unfortunately, the team, despite giving a very good performance, did not win through to the final.

3. DISCUSSION

3.1 The theme for the forthcoming SAPC competition is "Accidents and Safety -Who /s responsible?" and it is proposed to invite all local secondary schools to enter one or more teams, each consisting of two members -a Chair and a Speaker -for the local competition. The winning team will again go forward to represent East Ayrshire at national level.

3.2 As in previous years a panel of three judges will be formed. They will ask one question of each team and adjudicate the competition. Two of the judges will be invited from outside organisations; one with an interest in accident prevention and the other with a tradition of public speaking. The remaining judge should be a member of the Forum, to be nominated.

3.3 The Andrew Nisbet Trophy will be presented to the winning school and retained by that school until the following year's competition. In addition,

the winners will each be presented with a small individual trophy and a £30 book token.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The costs of the competition will be accommodated from within the Community Safety budget made available by the Council.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Nil.

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Promotion of a local event, such as this, accords with the Forum's Constitution and the Community Safety Strategy.

7. CONCLUSIONS

7.1 Experience has shown this event to be not only educational, but also enjoyable and informative for audience and participants alike. Local pupils are encouraged to learn more about accident prevention issues before being provided with the opportunity to express their views and opinions on matters which affect all in their community.

7.2 The local press will be invited to cover the event, thereby highlighting the activities of the Forum and its links with local people.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 It is recommended that the Forum agree to:

(i) approve the proposals contained within this report; (ii) nominate one member to act as a judge; and

(iii) authorise the Secretary, in consultation with the Chair, to proceed with the necessary arrangements.

W Stafford
Director of Community Services

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Letter dated 30 August 2000 from Michael McDonnell, Secretary, Scottish Accident Prevention Council.
2. Licensing and Community Safety file no. A/01/06

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 on john.crawford@east-avshire.Gov.uk.

AGENDA