

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – 10 APRIL 2002

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP AWARD PROGRAMME: 2002-2003

Report by Director of Community Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Committee of the outcome of the funding arrangements by the Scottish Executive in respect of the Community Safety Partnership Award Programme.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Community Safety Partnership Award Programme replaces the “Make our Communities Safer” Challenge Competition administered by the Scottish Executive.
- 2.2. The award is made up of two elements – formulated award based on size of population and crimes per head of population and a variable award allocated on a points system. The £4m annual funding package is apportioned as follows:
- 40% allocated according to size of population in each local authority area
 - 40% allocated according to percentage of crimes per head of population
 - 20% allocated according to the quality of the application.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 On 23 October 2001 East Ayrshire Community Safety Partnership was allocated a formulated award £94,196.23 subject to:
- Strong evidence of a strategic community safety partnership in place that includes council services, police and fire services and others as appropriate
 - Submission of an action plan for relevant financial year for the partnership with a strong emphasis on mainstream services being targeted towards community safety
 - Nominated officer/staff with community safety responsibility

The Scottish Executive were satisfied that East Ayrshire met the above criteria and paid the full amount.

3.2 The submission to support the formulated award and variable bid was approved by an Emergency Powers Committee on 1st February.

3.3 On 15 March 2002 East Ayrshire Community Safety Partnership were allocated a variable award of £32,605.53. This amount was allocated on points system with consideration given to the following issues:

- Evidence that partnership arrangements are in place at a strategic level
- A strategy document produced by the strategic partnership
- Specific and comprehensive strategic action plan produced
- Community safety audit carried out
- Evidence of monitoring and evaluation of the overall plan
- Statistical evidence to support the plan
- Action plan priorities and clear targets set
- Co-ordination arrangements
- Presentation

3.4 The total amount paid to East Ayrshire Community Safety Partnership in 2002-2003 is therefore £126,801.76

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Community Safety activity and initiatives as identified in the action plans will be met from the above award plus existing resources.

5. LEGAL AUTHORITY/IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Nil.

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Nil

7. CONCLUSIONS

7.1 The Scottish Executive has awarded grants amounting to £126,801.76 in respect of the above Award.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the contents of the report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS – Nil

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AGENDA