

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM – 4 DECEMBER 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:** A seminar to review the Plan will take place on Thursday 5th December 2002 at The Park Suite, Rugby Park. Anyone, with a relevant interest, wishing to attend the seminar should contact the Community Safety Co-ordinator.
- 3.2. **Community Safety Awards:** Information on the Awards for 2003- 2004 has been received. A meeting of the Community Safety Strategic Partnership Group will meet on Monday 9 December 2002. The meeting will discuss progress on these years' projects and also what should be included in the programme for 2003 – 2004.
- 3.3. **Community Plan:** Action Plans have been set for the Community Safety Section within the Community Plan. The Plans have to be approved by Core Team members and will be available in April 2003.
- 3.4. **Multi-Agency Domestic Abuse Forum:** The launch of the Domestic Abuse Strategy took place on 26 November at Crosshouse Hospital.
- 3.5. **Community Health Improvement Project (C.H.I.P. van):** The Community Safety Co-ordinator continues to visit communities throughout East Ayrshire.
- 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 the AGM on Wednesday 11 December in Edinburgh.

3.7 **Scottish Local Authorities Community Safety Forum:** The next meeting of the Forum will be on 10 January 2003.

3.8. **Firework Safety:** Final figures in relation to accidents/injuries recorded regarding the use/misuse of fireworks are available from the Community Safety Co-ordinator.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1. Projects are financed from existing budgets held by the partnership organisations and from the Scottish Executive Community Safety Awards.

6. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6.1. Nil

7. CONCLUSIONS

7.1. The Community Safety Co-ordinator will continue to liaise with other departments and outside organisations to promote the initiatives described in the report.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1. The Forum is invited to note the contents of this report

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

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