

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM – 4TH JUNE 2003

SAPC HOME SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING ON 5TH MARCH 2003

Report by the Director of Community Services

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To advise the Forum of the business dealt with at the last meeting of SAPC Home Safety Committee.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Home Safety Committee of the Scottish Accident Prevention Council meets quarterly and the last meeting was held on 5th March 2003 in Aberdeen. As this date coincided with the regular meeting of East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum, the East Ayrshire Council representatives on Home Safety Committee (Councillor George Smith and John F Crawford) were unable to attend.
- 2.2 Sergeant David Nicol, Local Authority Liaison Officer, Aberdeenshire Council gave a presentation on how Home Safety fits into Community Safety.
- 2.3 The Annual SAPC Conference will again be held in Crieff Hydro this year but this will be the last time and members are to suggest alternative venues to Michael McDonnell, SAPC Secretary as soon as possible.
- 2.4 A leaflet designed by the Committee was launched at the Child Safety Centre in Pollock on 28th February 2003 designed to highlight public attention on home safety. The leaflet will be circulated to all local authorities who will in turn be invited to distribute these.
- 2.5 The proposal to submit a petition to the Scottish Parliament seeking a mandatory requirement for councils to appoint a Home Safety Officer continues to make progress.
- 2.6 Councillor Topping, Chair, thanked all Elected Members for their assistance over the last four years and wished them all well in the forthcoming Elections.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 The Home Safety Committee continues to provide a valuable forum for discussion and exchange of views on all home safety issues. While the progress on having a mandatory requirement to appoint Home Safety Officers has not been as good as expected, the Committee will continue to make every effort to find a way of achieving their objective.

4. FINANCIAL/POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Nil.

5. CONCLUSIONS

- 5.1 The Home Safety Committee of the Scottish Accident Prevention Council has completed a full cycle of meetings over the last four years and awaits the outcome of the forthcoming Elections with interest.
- 5.2 At that time it will be for the Home Safety Committee, the unitary authorities and emergency services to consider the ongoing delivery of this important function.

6. RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 The Community Safety Forum is invited to note the report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Minutes of SAPC Home Safety Committee held on 5th March 2003.

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