

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM – 5 MARCH 2003**

### **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. In 2002 – 2003 the Scottish Executive allocated £4 million to all Scottish Councils' Community Safety Partnerships. East Ayrshire Received a total of £126,801.76.
- 2.2. The same amount (£4 million) is available this financial year 2003 – 2004.

#### **3. DISCUSSION**

- 3.1. The funding allocation throughout Scotland for the Community Safety Award Programme in 2003 - 2004 is £4 million. The same sum will be available to Community Safety Partnerships in 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 14 January 2003 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 2003 as directed.

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

##### **Aim 1 – Improve capacity of work undertaken by the Community Safety Section**

Two additional members of staff to deal with specific Community Safety issues and to provide administration support.

##### **Aim 2 – Improve efficiency of CCTV monitoring**

Two additional members of staff to monitor existing CCTV cameras in East Ayrshire.

**Aim 3 – To set up Community Safety Challenge Fund within Partnership**

Provide funding for small-scale community safety initiatives within partnership area.

**Aim 4 - Promote Community Safety through Dialogue Youth Initiative**

Promote Community Safety through Young Scot Smartcard.

**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. 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  
NIL**

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