

# EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

## COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM - 5 MARCH 2003

### SAPC ROAD SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE 6 NOVEMBER 2002

#### Report By Director of Development Services

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Forum of matters discussed at the meeting of the Scottish Accident Prevention Council's Road Safety Sub-Committee which was held on 6 November 2002.

#### 2. SCOTTISH ACCIDENT PREVENTION COUNCIL (SAPC)

- 2.1 The SAPC is a national organisation which promotes home, water, road and leisure safety. Its membership is made up of Elected Members and officers from local authorities as well as other organisations involved in accident prevention. Sub-committee meetings are held quarterly.

#### 3. ROAD SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE

- 3.1 Nineteen members attended the meeting. Business was conducted under the following headings.

##### 3.2 Matters Arising

Following discussion about the Government's proposal for legislation to make it illegal to use hand-held mobile phones, members agreed that the SAPC should support this but at the same time register their disappointment that a total ban on using mobiles including hand-free systems was not being considered by the Government.

The SAPC response to the pedal cycles consultation had been sent off, and was available on the SAPC website.

Work on the proposed accident prevention leaflet was progressing well and it was anticipated that funding would be made available for its production and distribution.

##### 3.3 National Road Safety Committee

A report on the meeting of the National Road Safety Committee held on 16 September 2002 was tabled (see Annexe 1).

##### 3.4 Parliamentary Advisory Committee for Transport Safety

It was agreed to send a representative to the next Westminster Lecture on Transport Safety. The theme would be Transport Accident Investigation.

##### 3.5 Department for Transport

The Secretary tabled the Road Accidents Great Britain 2001 report; a new theory test leaflet; hazard perception testing consultation results; European minimum driving test standards consultation; and results and consultation on young large goods vehicles drivers scheme.

### **3.6 Scottish Executive**

The Secretary reported that the following had been received from the Scottish Executive:

A Safe Place to Live - A Consultation on Homezones  
Research commissioned by the Scottish Road Safety Campaign on Cycling on Scotland;  
the Foolsspeed campaign; Road Safety and Social Inclusion; Work-related Road Safety;  
Why Parents Drive Children to School and Child Accidents en route to school.

### **3.7 ACPOS**

The Safer Scotland campaign would start on 11 November 2002 and focus on anti-social driving. The Christmas campaign would take place in December. Future campaigns would be a No Speeding day on 1 April 2003 and school transport and school trips.

### **3.8 Correspondence**

Newsletters and reports had been received from various bodies.

### **3.9 AOCB**

It was noted that the highway code applies to all road users and that pedestrians and cyclists using mobile phones could pose a danger by doing this.

## **4. RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

## **ANNEXES**

### **1. National Road Safety Committee**

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