

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM – 24 SEPTEMBER 2003**

### **FUNDING FOR SUMMER ACTIVITIES**

#### **Report by Director of Community Services**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1. To advise the Forum of 'Community Safety Partnership – additional funding for sport, leisure and transport initiatives targeted at 12 – 16 year age group over the school's summer break', and the way in which the funding was utilised.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1. General street disorder and petty crime traditionally increase over the school summer holiday period. To attempt to reduce the number of unsupervised young people causing such disorder, and the number of calls received by police linked to this, the Scottish Executive distributed £1 million to Community Safety Partnerships to fund access to leisure and supported transport initiatives.
- 2.2. East Ayrshire Council Community Partnership was allocated £29,449.00 based on crime figures and population.

#### **3. DISCUSSION**

- 3.1. The turnaround time for submission of proposals was only four days and in the time the following projects were identified:
  1. Continuation through the holidays of the Hillhead Project – Community Safety Trek – four Learning Partnerships and 120 young people were involved from St Joseph's Academy, Kilmarnock Academy, Cumnock Academy and Doon Academy.
  2. Golf Competition – Annanhill Pitch and Putt Course. Approximately 130 under sixteen year olds attended the competition over a period of 5 weeks. The competition was run by Strathclyde Police, Stagecoach Buses and East Ayrshire Council. Free transport was available from the South of the area and Thistle Taxis provided this free of charge.
  3. North West Youth Project – summer activities with the "Youthie", Knockinlaw/New Farm Loch Youth Club

4. EA Extreme - With free entry to Council leisure facilities at the Hunter Centre, the Gavin Hamilton Centre and Games Halls at Catrine, New Cumnock and Muirkirk. Over 2800 young people took advantage of the scheme.
- 3.2. Approximately 3500 children took advantage of the free activities and feedback has been positive. An evaluation of the event will be available at the next meeting of the Forum.

#### **4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1. The cost of implementing the Projects was met from the Scottish Executive Summer Fund Programme.

#### **5. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1. Nil

#### **6. CONCLUSIONS**

- 6.1. This proved to be an excellent way of keeping young people occupied during the summer holidays. It is anticipated that funding may be available in the future and with time to plan initiatives more young people can take part in the schemes.

#### **7. RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

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#### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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