

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 5 SEPTEMBER 2001

MEMBERSHIP OF EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM

Report by Director of Community Services

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To seek nomination of a community representative and a substitute for membership of the East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum is a partnership of local statutory and voluntary organisations, local enterprise, council officials, elected members and community groups who can contribute to improving community safety.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 Representation is required from groups in East Ayrshire in order that the community safety message reaches every community and that the particular issues pertaining to each community are taken into account when action plans are being developed.
- 3.2 The Local Committee is currently represented by Watson Muirhead who was appointed last year to serve on the Forum until June 2001. As the Forum meets only quarterly, it is proposed that any representative and substitute nominated now remain Forum members for the duration of their membership of the Local Committee unless they wish to stand down at an earlier date. Continuity of membership is also better suited to the new three tier structure of the community safety partnership which will lead to greater involvement of Forum members in short, medium and long term working groups.

4. FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Nil.

5. CONCLUSIONS

- 5.1 East Ayrshire Community Safety Forum encourages community participation in developing and implementing the Council's Community Safety Strategy throughout East Ayrshire. In accordance with recommendations and guidance received from the Scottish Executive and Audit Scotland a new three tier partnership structure is being implemented. The new structure will ensure strategic input and commitment from the key partners, the Council, the Police and Fire Services and the Health Service. In addition, Forum members will play a more active part in the development of community safety activities via working groups which will be established to examine issues of particular concern and devise appropriate action plans.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 The Committee is invited to:-

- (i) nominate a community representative and substitute to represent the Local Committee on the Forum; or
- (ii) otherwise note the contents of this report.

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Director of Community Services

21 August 2001

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. For further information please contact John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services on 01563 576111 or email john.crawford@east-ayrshire.gov.uk

Implementing officer: Ann Williams, Community Safety Co-ordinator.

AGENDA