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| Report to:       | <b>Road Safety Forum</b>                         |
| Date of Meeting: | <b>3 February 2010</b>                           |
| Report by:       | <b>Executive Director (Enterprise Resources)</b> |

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| Subject: | <b>Kerbcraft Road Safety Training Initiative</b> |
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Advise the Forum of the progress of the Kerbcraft Road Safety Training Initiative within South Lanarkshire.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Forum is asked to note the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) That the Forum note the content of the report and continue to support the Kerbcraft initiative.

## 3. Background

3.1. The Kerbcraft Road Safety Training Scheme is a pedestrian training scheme which was initiated by the Scottish Executive and backed by the Department for Transport. The project aims to reduce child pedestrian casualties and fatalities and is designed to aid the long term progress of assisting children to becoming independent pedestrians in the future. This is a community based project which depends on volunteer participation to succeed.

There are three key skills which are taught over a four week period. These skills are:-  
Skill 1 – Choosing Safer Places and Routes to Cross the Road  
Skill 2 – Crossing Safely between Parked Cars  
Skill 3 – Crossing Safely at Junctions.

3.2 The twelve primary schools which receive Kerbcraft Road Safety Training are;- Beckford, Glenlee, High Blantyre, Hamilton School for the Deaf, St. Blane's, St. Cuthbert's, St. John's (Hamilton), St. Joseph's, St. Ninian's, St. Paul's, Townhill and Udston.

Eleven of these schools, within the former North Hamilton and Blantyre Social Inclusion Partnership area, were successful in their bids for the provision of Kerbcraft training. Methodology for assessing submissions was based primarily on local child pedestrian accident statistics and measures of deprivation in the catchment area of each school. Hamilton School for the Deaf was subsequently included due to sharing a campus with Glenlee Primary School.

- 3.3 The schools which participated in the Kerbcraft Scheme in August - December 2009 were: St. Joseph's, St. Ninian's, St. Paul's, Townhill and Udston Primary School.
- 3.4 Seven schools will participate in the January to summer 2010 term. These schools are Beckford, St. Johns (Hamilton), High Blantyre, St. Blane's, St. Cuthbert's and Glenlee and Hamilton School for the Deaf.
- 3.5 St. Joseph's Primary School has thirty nine Primary 2 pupils participating in the Kerbcraft Scheme. There has been an excellent response for volunteers with four of last year's volunteers returning and one new volunteer attending the volunteer training. The children have completed their training and enjoyed the experience.
- 3.6 Townhill Primary School has fifty six pupils participating this year. Two new volunteers attended the volunteer training and one previous volunteer returned. The children have started and are making good progress with their training.
- 3.7 Udston Primary School has twenty one pupils in Primary 2 taking part. Three volunteers who have been involved with the scheme in previous years have returned again this year to help with the training. A photo call was held at Udston to promote the scheme and congratulate the children on completing their training.
- 3.8 St. Ninian's Primary School has twenty Primary 2 pupils who are enjoying their Kerbcraft training every week. Unfortunately no volunteers were recruited. The Home School Partnership Worker at the school has been very supportive and has helped to try and recruit volunteers and has helped with the scheme each week.
- 3.9 St. Paul's Primary School has twenty three Primary 1 pupils participating this year. At the school the Home School Partnership Worker helps each week as does the classroom assistant. Volunteers have shown an interest and take part in some of the training.
- 3.10 A new Kerbcraft leaflet and poster has been designed by South Lanarkshire Council Corporate Communications section. The leaflet gives parents/ guardians more information about what Kerbcraft is and gives them the opportunity to complete a 'tear off' slip if they are interested in participating. The leaflets have been given out to all children who are going to be participating in Kerbcraft to try and encourage parent/guardian volunteers and posters will be displayed in schools.
- 3.11 Kerbcraft information sessions are arranged by the School Travel Plan Co-ordinator in advance of training starting at a school. For example, the schools that started training in January 2010 received an information session in November/December 2009. This gives parents/guardians who may be interested in helping with the scheme a chance to come along and find out what it is about and ask any questions. It also provides an opportunity to complete any Disclosure Forms and discuss timetable arrangements for the training.

#### **4. Employee Implications**

- 4.1. This initiative is particularly labour intensive and takes up approximately 60% of the time available to one member of staff within the Road Safety Section.

## **5. Financial Implications**

- 5.1. Posters – 150 posters - £41.25 approximately  
Leaflets – 1,000 leaflets - £314.50 approximately  
These items were funded by the Road Safety Revenue Budget.

## **6. Other Implications**

- 6.1 None.

## **7. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

- 7.1 This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and therefore, no impact assessment is required.
- 7.2 Consultation with Head Teachers to measure the effectiveness of the initiative was completed and is available from the Road Safety Section.

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### **Link(s) to Council Objectives**

- Improve Community Safety
- Improve health and increase physical activity
- Improve the lives of vulnerable children, young people and adults
- Sustainable Development
- People focused

### **Previous References**

None

### **List of Background Papers**

None

### **Contact for Further Information**

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:-

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