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Report to:	Road Safety Forum
Date of Meeting:	16 February 2011
Report by:	Executive Director (Enterprise Resources)

Subject:	Kerbcraft Road Safety Training Initiative
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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 an on-road 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 have been offering Kerbcraft Road Safety Training for some time 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.

3.3 The schools which participated in the Kerbcraft Scheme in the school term commencing January 2010 were:- Beckford, Glenlee, Hamilton School for the Deaf, High Blantyre, St. Blane's, St. Cuthbert's and St. John's Primary School, Hamilton.

- 3.4 At Beckford Primary School, nineteen Primary one pupils, six volunteers and the Home School Partnership Worker participated on Friday afternoons. The Home School Partnership Worker also helped to recruit parent volunteers.
- 3.5 Glenlee Primary School and Hamilton School for the Deaf received training on a Thursday afternoon. Glenlee Primary had forty-four Primary two pupils and Hamilton School for the Deaf had sixteen pupils. Three volunteers returned to help from the previous year.
- 3.6 High Blantyre Primary School had forty-eight pupils participating. The children from the support base also took part with their teachers. Five volunteers helped with the scheme, three from the Parent Council, one new volunteer and one parent that has helped out for the last two years.
- 3.7 St. Blane's Primary School's thirty-nine Primary one pupils received training. Two new volunteers joined the two existing volunteers.
- 3.8 St. Cuthbert's Primary School had no parent helpers/volunteers. The School Travel Plan Co-ordinator and Home School Partnership Worker trained twenty-four Primary two pupils.
- 3.9 At St. John's Primary School, Hamilton the School Crossing Patroller and three new parent helpers joined the three existing parent helpers. The pupils from the Additional Support Needs classes also took part.
- 3.10. Five schools participated in training from August to December 2010. These schools were St. Cuthbert's, St. Joseph's, St. Ninian's, St. Paul's and Townhill Primary.
- 3.11. St. Cuthbert's Primary School had thirty-five Primary two pupils who received training on Thursday mornings. Two parent helpers volunteered to help as well as the Home School Partnership Worker.
- 3.12. St. Joseph's Primary School completed their last training session in January 2011 with thirty-four pupils taking part.
- 3.13. St. Ninian's Primary School had thirty-three Primary two pupils participating on Wednesday afternoons. The Home School Partnership Worker helped with the training as well as two new parent volunteers.
- 3.14. St. Paul's Primary School had fourteen Primary one pupils who took part in training on a Tuesday morning. Five volunteers, the class teacher and the Home School Partnership Worker all helped with the training. With the new school entrance/exit opening during the last few weeks of training, this was incorporated into the training.
- 3.15. Townhill Primary School had forty-seven Primary two pupils who took part in Kerbcraft. This year ten volunteers helped on Tuesday afternoons, with three of last year's volunteers returning to help. The other seven volunteers all had a child in Primary two. Taking account of the location of the new school, Melfort Road and Luss Brae were used for Safe Places training as well as checking driveways.
- 3.16. Seven schools are timetabled to participate in the Kerbcraft Scheme in January 2011;- Beckford, Glenlee, Hamilton School for the Deaf, High Blantyre, St, Blane's, St. John's, Hamilton and Udston Primary School.

3.17. Kerbcraft Information sessions are arranged by School Travel Plan Co-ordinators in advance of training commencing at each school. For example, for schools starting training in January 2011, information sessions were held in each school during November/December 2010. These give parents/guardians the opportunity to come along and find out what it entails and ask questions. It also provides an opportunity to complete any Disclosure Forms and discuss timetable arrangements for the training. Kerbcraft leaflets are given to pupils who will be participating in the scheme to give their parent/guardian more information and provide the opportunity for them to take part.

4. Employee Implications

4.1. None.

5. Financial Implications

5.1. 3.17 Kerbcraft leaflets – 1,000 leaflets - £160.00 – Funded by Road Safety Revenue Budget.

6. Other Implications

6.1. Risk assessment of routes used are carried out by the School Travel Plan Co-ordinator prior to training commencing.

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, volunteers, parents and pupils to ascertain the effectiveness of training received is completed at the end of training.

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Link(s) to Council Objectives/Improvement Themes/Values

- 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

- Road Safety Forum February 2010

List of Background Papers

None.

Contact for Further Information

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