

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council

To: **Environmental Services Committee**

HOME ACCIDENT PREVENTION GROUPS

1st December 2015

For Information

1.0 Report to Committee

Linkage to Corporate Plan	
Strategic Priority	Innovation and Transformation
Objective	To consider the future role of legacy Home Accident Prevention Groups in the delivery of the service
Lead Officer	Bryan Edgar
Cost (if applicable)	N/A

1.1 Background

In response to ES Minute 151103.5.4 the purpose of this report is to consider the future role of the legacy Home Accident Prevention Groups and their contribution to the delivery of the home safety service.

Members will be aware that each of the legacy councils were proactive in the delivery of home safety advice through the work of home safety officers and the local Home Accident Prevention Groups. There were three groups in existence (Ballymoney, Coleraine and Moyle) prior to the establishment of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council, each with its own constitution. Membership included appointed elected members, council officers, representatives from statutory agencies and local volunteers. The Public Health Agency provided modest funding to each of the groups (approximately £850) to promote home safety through various initiatives. The groups have been in operation for some 20 years.

1.2 Details

Home Accident Prevention (NI) produced a paper in advance of Local Government Reform which contained recommendations in line with that programme.

As there are a number of key stakeholders involved, it is intended to facilitate a workshop to review the future role of Home Accident Prevention Groups in January 2016. Invitees to include elected members, statutory agencies, current local volunteers, funders, community planning and performance representatives. The focus will be on efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery whilst meeting local needs. A report with recommendations will be prepared for further consideration.