

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 25 MARCH 2004

STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

Report by the Chief Inspector

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** To advise the Local Committee of crime trends within their area.

2. CRIME TRENDS

- 2.1** Reported crime within the Cumnock Area Local Committee area for the period April 2003 to January 2004 shows a decrease of 11.7% from 1,604 crimes last year to 1,149 (-188).

- crimes of violence - up 35.1% (up from 24 crimes to 37);
- housebreakings and attempts thereat - up 6.2% (up from 196 crimes to 209);
- vehicle crime - down 52.7% (down from 296 crimes to 140);
- other dishonesties - down 31.4% (down from 303 crimes to 208);
- vandalism - up 4.1% (up from 393 crimes to 410); and
- drug offences - down 12.6% (down from 190 offences to 166).

3. PRO-ACTIVITY

- 3.1** For the year to date, Officers based in the Cumnock and Doon Valley area have searched 767 persons for drugs. 3,347 searches for weapons have also been carried out, with 35 knives/offensive weapons being recovered, and 1,560 visits to licensed premises, all aimed at reducing violence and disorder within the community.
- 3.2** Drinking in public offences are up 28.5% from 83 to 116 as a consequence of targeted Action Plans in all communities.
- 3.3** Over the same period Officers dealt with 1,754 offences, of which 526 were disorder related. This is a 0.5% decrease on the previous year, when there were 529 incidents of disorder.
- 3.4** The detection rate for the Cumnock and Doon Valley area is 45.7%.

4. RECOMMENDATION

4.1 The Local Committee are asked to note the report.

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8 March 2004

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