

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 20 MAY 2004

STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

Report by the Chief Inspector

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Local Committee of crime trends and Police activity within their area.

2. CRIME TRENDS

- 2.1 Reported crime within the Cumnock Area Local Committee area for the period 1 March 2004 to 30 April 2004 shows an 8.8% reduction, from 295 crimes recorded over a similar period last year, to 269.

- There have been 6 crimes of serious violence, down from 10, a reduction of 40%;
- 33 housebreaking crimes, down from 39, a reduction of 15.4%;
- 17 crimes in relation to motor vehicles, down from 34, a reduction of 50%;
- 55 other crimes of dishonesty, down from 59, a reduction of 6.8%;
- 76 acts of vandalism, down from 103, a reduction of 26.2%; and
- 50 drug offences, up from 35, an increase of 30%.

- 2.2 In relation to the foregoing, the following notable detections have been made within the same period:-

- a 19 year-old New Cumnock youth has been reported for 2 housebreakings within the village;
- a 24 year-old Stewarton man has been reported for four sneak-in thefts in Auchinleck;
- a 21 year-old Catrine youth has been reported for theft of three vehicles in Catrine, theft by housebreaking and theft of motor vehicle in Muirkirk, theft of motor vehicle, theft by OLP from a motor vehicle and two thefts in Coalhall; and
- a 26 year-old Glasgow man has been reported for three frauds of considerable value at a Cumnock bank.

- 2.3 In addition, a number of drug Search Warrants have been executed, with the following results:-

- a 40 year-old Auchinleck man has been reported for 11 drug offences;
- a 34 year-old New Cumnock man has been reported for six drug offences; and
- a 34 year-old Cumnock woman has been reported for four drug offences.

3. PRO-ACTIVITY

- 3.1** For the period 1 March 2004 to 30 April 2004, Officers based in the Cumnock and Doon Valley area have reported 14 persons for drinking in public offences; searched 156 persons for drugs; carried out 704 weapon searches with 10 knives/offensive weapons being recovered; carried out 580 visits to licensed premises, all aimed at reducing violence and disorder within the community. In addition, 12 areas of local concern have been designated as standing complaints and these have been visited on 587 occasions. 106 juvenile contact cards have also been submitted.
- 3.2** Over the same period, Officers dealt with 301 offences, of which 85 were incidents of disorder.

4. RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1** The Local Committee are asked to note the report.

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