

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE - 23 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 Doon Valley Local Committee area for the period April 2003 to January 2004 shows a decrease of 15.6% from 416 crimes last year to 351 (-65).

- Crimes of serious violence are down 5% (down from 20 to 19 crimes);
- Housebreakings and attempts thereat are down 39.6% (down from 53 to 32 crimes);
- Vehicle crime is up 24.3% (up from 28 crimes to 37);
- Other dishonesties are down 5.6% (down from 54 crimes to 51);
- Vandalism is down 10.8% (down from 166 crimes to 148); and
- Drug Offences are down 23.8% (down from 21 offences to 16).

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 Committee are asked to note the report.

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8 March 2004

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