

## **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 and Police activity within their area.

#### **2. CRIME TRENDS**

- 2.1** Reported crime within the Local Committee area for the period 1 March 2004 to 30 April 2004 shows a 40% increase, from 57 crimes recorded over a similar period last year, to 95.

- There have been 5 crimes of serious violence, up from 2, an increase of 60%.
- 4 housebreaking crimes, down from 8, a reduction of 50%.
- 8 crimes in relation to motor vehicles, up from 5, an increase of 37.5%.
- 15 other crimes of dishonesty, up from 3, an increase of 80%.
- 41 acts of vandalism, up from 38, an increase of 7.3%.
- 9 drug offences, up from 1, an increase of 89%.

- 2.2** In relation to the foregoing, a marked increase in crimes of dishonesty has occurred in the area. In depth analysis has been carried out, but no patterns have been established.

- 2.3** The following notable detections have been made within the same period:-

- A 20 year-old Dalrymple youth has been reported for theft of a motor vehicle, theft by opening lockfast places, and vandalism; breach of the peace and vandalism; breach of the peace; and 5 acts of vandalism.
- A 21 year-old Catrine youth has been reported for theft of a motor vehicle, theft by OLP from a motor vehicle and 2 thefts in Coalhall.
- An Auchinleck man has been reported for 2 thefts in Drongan.
- A 30 year-old man and a 21 year-old youth, both from Dalmellington, have been reported for a housebreaking at Bellsbank Primary School.

#### **3. PRO-ACTIVITY**

- 3.1** For the period 1 March 2004 to 30 April 2004, Officers based in the Cumnock & 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 Committee are asked to note the report.

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30 April 2004

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