

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

### DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE – 17 MAY 2005 SAFER STREETS STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

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#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1.1 To advise Local Committee Members of Crime Figures and Police activity within their area. Community Constables will continue to report to their respective Community Councils with more detailed information. This meeting will also provide an opportunity for members to provide feedback to Strathclyde Police on areas of concern and to have these concerns addressed.

#### 2. CRIME TRENDS

2.1.1 Due to a National change in the method by which crimes were recorded in April 2004 there has been a dramatic increase on crime figures throughout Strathclyde Police area.

2.1.2 The following crime statistics relate to the area of East Ayrshire Beat 48 which relates to Drongan, Dalrymple and Rankinston, also Beat 49 Dalmellington and Patna. Collectively known as the Doon Valley.

2.1.3 They cover the period from 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005.

#### Beat 48 Drongan, Dalrymple and Rankinston

	Crimes of Violence	House breaking to homes	House breaking to garages and sheds	House breaking to Commercial premises, Schools etc.	Vehicle crime	Drugs Possession and Supply
April 2003- March 2004	31	11	5	4	18	5
April 2004 – March 2005	47	7	2	3	5	13

## **Beat 49 Dalmellington and Patna**

	Crimes of Violence	House breaking to homes	House breaking to garages and sheds	House breaking to Commercial premises, Schools etc.	Vehicle crime	Drugs Possession and Supply
April 2003- March 2004	71	3	6	9	24	14
April 2004 – March 2005	158	11	3	14	18	30

**2.1.4** Through high visibility policing and good work from various departments within the police there has been a slight increase in the number of housebreaking's within the Doon Valley area, but there has been a substantial reduction in vehicle related crime. There has been an increase in detection's for drug related offences. It should be born in mind that these detections are all as a result of proactive work by the police.

**2.1.5** Violent crime is an area which has been affected by the Scottish Crime Recording Standards, ensuring that there is a more accurate reporting and recording of these crimes. Domestic violence had an impacted upon these figures. Due to a number of high profile campaigns, victims feel more confident in reporting instances of Domestic Violence. Whilst this is having an impact on crime figures it is a positive step forward.

**2.1.6** The detection rate for group 1 – 7 crimes (all crimes and offences) in the Northern area is currently running at 66%, which is an extremely favourable detection rate.

**2.1.7** The Ayrshire Division Control Strategy for 2005 – 2006 focus's on Violent Crime, Acquisitive Crime, Vandalism and Anti Social behaviour. Efforts over the next year will impact positively on the above figures.

### **3. OVERVIEW ON ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

**3.1.1** Disorder offences, defined by the Scottish Executive as Breach of the Peace, Urinating in Public, Drunk and Incapable and Consumption of Alcohol in a Public Place.

**3.1.2** Disorder offences rose from 147 to 243 within the designated period. This increase is largely due to the amount of proactive policing within the Doon Valley area.

- 3.1.3** Vandalism rose from 179 to 243 within the designated period. Vandalism is one of the areas most affected by the introduction of the National change in crime figures, as there is now more accurate reporting and recording of vandalism.
- 3.1.5** The focus of police attention in relation to disorder over recent weeks has been Cedar Terrace, Dalrymple and Bellsbank Primary School, Dalmellington. Additional patrols are being utilised in these areas at highlighted problem times.
- 3.1.6** Due to the vandalism increase in the Dalmellington and Patna area, community officers have recently attended local youth groups along with the support of the anti vandalism bus. This was well received and will be repeated throughout the area.
- 3.1.7** Targeted patrols, in conjunction with the input provided by community officers at schools and local youth groups are having an overall positive effect in relation to discouraging anti social behaviour within the area.
- 3.1.8** The ASB team and Police ASB liaison officer are presently carrying out enquiries in the Dalrymple area, which may result in further action being taken.

#### **4. PRO-ACTIVITY**

- 4.1.1** Community Officers are carrying out regular cycle patrols within their respective areas allowing easier access by residents. Additional patrols will continue to prioritise the identified areas of local concern in relation to youth disorder and the increase in assaults.
- 4.1.2** The Community Safety Action Plan incorporates youth diversion from crime. At present building work is under way within Dalmellington on 'The Zone' which will initially provide a café style environment along with learning opportunities for 16-25yr olds.
- 4.1.3** With the recent installation of traffic calming and mini-roundabout in Dalmellington a programme of driver education will be introduced followed by enforcement. In addition due to the purchase of speed detection equipment local officers will carry out the monitoring of vehicle speeds at locations throughout the Doon Valley.

## **5. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**5.1.1** It is recommended that the Committee: -

- i) identify any local problems which may be addressed by local officers;  
and
- ii) otherwise note the content of this report.

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### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**Nil.**

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