

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

### IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2007 SAFER STREETS STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

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#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 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 The following crime statistics relate the area of East Ayrshire Beat 40 which relates to Hurlford, Crookedholm, Moscow, Galston, Newmilns, Darvel and Preistland.

- 2.1.2 They cover the period from 1 April 2006 to 31 January 2007.

	Crimes of Violence	House breaking to homes	House breaking to garages and sheds	House breaking to Commercial premises, Schools etc.	Vehicle crime	Drugs	
						Possession	Supply
April 2005 - Jan 2006	134	11	10	12	36	40	22
April 2006 – Jan 2007	147	46	12	25	61	36	22
Since Last Committee	21	9	2	3	14	3	2

- 2.1.3 There has been an increase in crimes of violence compared to the same period last year. 118 violent offences have been detected and 98 were of a minor nature. There has been an overall increase in the number of housebreakings and vehicle crime within the Irvine Valley area. CID and Community Police Officers are actively gathering intelligence to identify

suspects. Work is ongoing to identify drug users in the Irvine Valley area and all members of the community are encouraged to inform Police of any relevant information.

- 2.1.4 The detection rate for group 1 – 7 crimes (all crimes and offences) in the Irvine Valley area is currently running at 66%, which is an extremely favourable detection rate.
- 2.1.5 The Ayrshire Division Control Strategy for 2006 – 2007 focuses on Violent Crime, Domestic Violence, Child Protection 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 increased from 180 to 341 within the designated period. This is due to the amount of proactive policing within the Irvine Valley area and includes 151 detections for street drinking.
- 3.1.3 Vandalism increased from 207 to 226 within the designated period. Education in schools is continuing through projects such as Vamoose to Vandalism.
- 3.1.4 Partnership working is producing results on a number of fronts and is having a positive impact throughout the Irvine Valley with 9 ABC's and 1 UBN in force throughout the area. 1 ASBO has been issued in Darvel.
- 3.1.5 There have been 27 Parent Alert letters issued in the Irvine Valley area as a result of contact cards submitted by Police.

### **4 PROACTIVITY**

- 4.1.1 Police have continued to work closely with Stagecoach, monitoring hotspots on bus routes and searching for alcohol and weapons. This has had a positive effect with a notable reduction on vandalism to buses and youth disorder onboard. A focused effort has been made to target street drinking within the Irvine Valley over the past three months and there has been an increase in alcohol seized and people reported during this period. Adults purchasing alcohol on behalf of youths have been specifically targeted and all off-sales in the area have been advised to be extra vigilant.
- 4.1.2 Local Community officers continue to provide and support youth diversion activities in their areas. This includes work in local schools, youth clubs and other venues, together with financial support for independent groups through the Community Wellbeing Fund. A youth diversion scheme is being planned for the Easter Break with the intention of reducing youth disorder. Several residents

associations will be involved in the initiative as well as schools within the Loudoun Learning Partnership.

- 4.1.3** Focussed initiatives will be made in coming weeks to target violent offenders, housebreakings, outstanding warrants and drug suppliers to deliver a strong message to criminals, prevent crime and improve detection rates.

## **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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