

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

### IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE – 9 NOVEMBER 2005 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 2005 to 31 August 2005.

	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 2004-August 2004	84	8	2	8	10	34
April 2005 – August 2005	72	4	4	4	21	21

- 2.1.3 Through high visibility policing and good work from various departments within the police there has been an overall reduction in the number of housebreakings within the Irvine Valley area. Unfortunately there has been a slight increase in vehicle related crime. Drugs detections still remain at a high level. These detections are as a direct result of proactive work by the police.

- 2.1.4 The detection rate for group 1 – 7 crimes (all crimes and offences) in the Irvine Valley area is currently running at 62%, which is an extremely favourable detection rate.
- 2.1.5 The Ayrshire Division Control Strategy for 2005 – 2006 focuses 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 fell from 110 to 71 within the designated period. This decrease is largely due to the amount of proactive policing within the Irvine Valley area.
- 3.1.3 Vandalism increased slightly from 99 to 106 within the designated period.
- 3.1.4 Targeted patrols are continuing to have a positive effect which is being complemented by the work carried out by out community officers in all schools, youth clubs and organisations. These inputs are designed to encourage Good Citizenship and Positive Behaviour, while discouraging disorder, drunkenness and vandalism.
- 3.1.5 Partnership working is producing results on a number of fronts, and continuing collaboration on Acceptable Behaviour Contracts is having a positive impact throughout the valley.
- 3.1.6 The Antisocial Behaviour Unit and police coordinator have been collating relevant information and intelligence. Six persons in the Irvine Valley area are presently subject of investigation for future ABCs or ASBOs.

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

- 4.1.1 Regular patrols on foot, by vehicle and pedal cycle have been carried out, allowing greater visibility throughout the area. Additional resources through overtime patrols by community constables, shift personnel and special constables have been deployed in response to community concerns, particularly youth and alcohol related disorder, drug related crime and speeding.

- 4.1.2** Police in the Irvine Valley continue to make arrests for such crimes as heroin dealing and other drug offences, serious assault and acquisitive crime. A number of persons have also been reported for carrying knives and other offensive weapons. Electronic tagging continues to have a positive effect by restricting the movement of offenders.
- 4.1.3** The alcohol initiative begun in partnership with East Ayrshire Council, EAC Licensing Board, Strathclyde Police and other partners, is having a positive effect, and other licence holders within the Irvine Valley area have agreed to sign up and follow the voluntary code of conduct.
- 4.1.4** The Road Safety Action Plan is designed to influence driver behaviour, reduce the number of road traffic accidents/fatalities/injuries and to allay fears of the community regarding speeding drivers. Community police officers have been out using these devices in parts of the Irvine Valley where speeding has been reported by community groups or individuals. A number of drivers have been warned regarding inappropriate speeds, and others have received fixed penalty notices. Road safety is a concern, particularly during winter months, and officers will be increasingly vigilant.
- 4.1.5** Youth Diversion from crime forms a large part of the Community Safety Action Plan and considerable work has been done over the last months by Community Planning Partners to provide opportunities in East Ayrshire. Community Police are liaising with Leisure Services to maintain a related programme of diversion to capture the interest of young people through the winter months.

## **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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