

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

### KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE – 29<sup>th</sup> August 2006 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 31, 32, 33, 34 and 38, which relate to Kilmarnock Town Centre, Bonnyton, Piersland, Grange, Bentinck, Howard, Gargieston, Crosshouse, Knockentiber and Gatehead.

- 2.1.2 They cover the period from 1 April 2005 to 30 Jun 2006.

	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 – Jun 2005	63	7	2	6	35	20	12
April 2006 - Jun 2006	91	9	6	11	34	45	19

- 2.1.3 Housebreakings have shown a slight increase whilst vehicle related crime has shown a decrease. Pro activity in tackling misuse of drugs has resulted in continued success in detecting drug related crimes with 45 crimes being reported compared to 20 in the same period last year.

**2.1.4** The detection rate for group 1 – 7 crimes (all crimes and offences) in the Central area is currently running at 75%, which is an extremely favourable detection rate.

**2.1.5** The Ayrshire Division Control Strategy for 2005 – 2006 focus' on Violent Crime & Domestic Abuse, management of Registered and Non-Registered Sex Offenders, Child Protection, Drugs and Anti Social behaviour. Efforts over the 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 132 to 195 within the designated period.

**3.1.3** Vandalism has increased from 65 to 77 within the designated period.

**3.1.4** There are currently 2 Anti-Social Behaviour Orders in place within the Central Area (Bonnyton and Kilmarnock Town Centre). Local officers work closely with partner agencies including the Housing Department, Neighbourhood Disputes Team, SACRO mediation service as well as Atrium Homes to address local concerns at the earliest opportunity by the most effective means.

### **4. AREAS REQUIRING POLICE ATTENTION**

**4.1.1** The Scott Ellis playing fields, Samson Ave and St Andrew's church areas have continued to be considerably calmer since the last L.A.C report. Rigorous policing by both community and shift patrol officers has accounted for this continued decrease in disorder related activity. The methods used to target and solve the problem of youth disorder in areas include:- taking notes of the names of the persons involved, alerting parents about their child's involvement in a group causing disorder or giving concern, taking the juvenile home if they are in possession of alcohol or if they have consumed alcohol and referring them to the East Ayrshire youth alcohol scheme, arresting / reporting for detected offences and recently delivering 'parent alert letters' to the child's home address during Friday day time.

**4.1.2** Youths continue to be attracted to the Gargieston area, with the wooded area surrounding Mount House being the focal point. The numbers have continued to decrease as the methods to solve the problems have been implemented. Barbadoes Place has also calmed considerably using the same methods.

**4.1.3** Kilmarnock Town Centre continues to be policed by 4 police officers, using high profile and plain clothes duties. These officers are now well known to the local shopkeepers, active shoplifters, radio link and CCTV operators.

Recently whilst working a plain-clothes initiative within the town centre clothing to the value of £150 was recovered. These officers are certainly making their presence felt and proving their worth.

## **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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