

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE – 11 May 2004

SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT - 'U' DIVISION

Report by Director of Neighbourhood Services
on behalf of Superintendent Liz Weir
Sub Divisional Officer
East Ayrshire

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise Members of the nature and results of policing issues, operations and localised crime figures the preceding period.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Members previously agreed to make “Safer Streets” a standing item on the Committee’s agenda. Community Safety is the central theme that guides all policing in East Ayrshire.
- 2.2.1 This report gives a general overview of crime in the Local Committee area. Community Constables will continue to report to their respective Community Councils with more detailed information, specific to that area. 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 will now be included in the report. The figure given is the sum total of these offences.

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 **Crime Trends** (all figures relate to the Local Committee area)

	House breaking to homes	House breaking to garages and sheds	House breaking to Commercial premises, Schools etc.	Vehicle crime	Vandalism	Drugs
April 2002 – Feb 2003	33	12	55	306	201	143
April 2003 – Feb 2004	62	39	69	306	165	119

- 3.1.2 The number of ‘supplying offences’ reported to the Procurator Fiscal fell from 28 to 22.

3.1.3 Disorder offences fell from 670 in 2002/03 to 636 in 2003/04.

3.1.4 The detection rate for Group 1 – 7 crimes (all crimes and offences) is currently running at 69%.

4 FUTURE 'SAFER STREETS' REPORTS

4.1 Community safety is not just about crime statistics, it is also about how the fear of crime is addressed. With public reassurance high on the police agenda, Superintendent Liz Weir will review the way in which police activity and statistics are reported to the public in East Ayrshire so that better quality and more focused information relevant to the local context can be provided to Local Committees and other groups.

4.2 Superintendent Weir is keen to move away from a purely statistical report and would welcome views on the type of information and reporting process members would find most useful.

4.3 Anyone wishing to make comment should contact Sergeant Jim Richmond at Council HQ, London Road, Kilmarnock. Tel. 01563 576512

5 FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS - Nil.

6 CONCLUSIONS

6.1 Policing in East Ayrshire is designed to combat local concerns and problems. The involvement of Members and the local community is essential to reducing crime and the fear of crime.

7 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 It is recommended that Committee: -

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

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Director of Community Services
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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS - Nil.

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