

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

### KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE – 9<sup>th</sup> May 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, Knockintiber and Gatehead.

- 2.1.2 They cover the period from 1 April 2005 to 31 Mar 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 2004 – Mar 2005	388	49	11	71	215	109	34
April 2005 - Mar 2006	316	52	15	46	132	102	50

- 2.1.3 There has been a significant reduction in violent crime this reporting period. Housebreakings have shown a marginal increase in domestic HB's whilst there is a marked decrease in HB's to schools and commercial premises. Vehicle related crime has shown a considerable decrease. Pro activity in tackling misuse of drugs has resulted in continued success in detecting drug related crimes.

**2.1.4** The detection rate for group 1 – 7 crimes (all crimes and offences) in the Central area is currently running at 68%, 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 fell from 767 to 607 within the designated period. This decrease is largely due to an increased police presence within the Central area.

**3.1.3** Vandalism has dropped from 357 to 256 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 calmed considerably since the last L.A.C report. Rigorous policing by both community and shift patrol officers has accounted for this 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 disorderly or concerning group, 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 decreased as the methods to solve the problems have been implemented. We will continue to target this area together with Barbadoes Place, which has also been an area where youths gather and cause disorder.

**4.1.3** Since the beginning of March 2006, Kilmarnock Town Centre has been policed by 4 police officers. These officers have now made themselves well known to the local shopkeepers, active shoplifters, radio link and CCTV operators and have proven their worth. Within the Town Centre area, since 1 March 2006, there has been 39 reports of theft by shoplifting / 35 detected, 9 detected possessions of suspect controlled drugs and 2 cases of fraud, which gives you an idea of how much work these officers have to deal with.

## **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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