

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

### KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE – 21 MARCH 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 to the area of East Ayrshire Beat 35 Northwest Kilmarnock, which relates to Onthank, Altonhill, Wardneuk, Longpark and Knockinlaw, also Beat 36 New Farm Loch and The Dean.

- 2.1.2 They cover the period from 1 April 2005 to 31 January 2006.

#### Beat 35 Northwest Kilmarnock

	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	
						Possession	Supply
April 2004-Jan 2005	207	98	17	32	183	75	30
April 2005 – Jan 2006	195	82	36	28	152	119	29

## **Beat 36 New Farm Loch**

	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	
						Possession	Supply
April 2004-Jan 2005	234	40	4	15	109	67	66
April 2005 – Jan 2006	137	29	11	12	74	84	52

**2.1.1** Through high visibility policing and good work from various departments within the police there has been a substantial reduction in the number of crimes of violence. Housebreakings have also shown an overall decrease. Vehicle related crime has shown a considerable decrease in both areas. Pro activity in tackling misuse of drugs has resulted in continued success detecting drug related crimes.

**2.1.2** The detection rate for group 1 – 7 crimes (all crimes and offences) in the Kilmarnock North area is currently running at 63% average.

**2.1.3** The Ayrshire Division Control Strategy for 2005 – 2006 focus' on Violent Crime, Acquisitive Crime, Vandalism 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 621 to 568 within the designated period. This decrease is largely due to an increased police presence within the Kilmarnock North area.

**3.1.3** Vandalism has decreased slightly from 588 to 578 within the designated period.

**3.1.4** There are currently 2 Anti-Social Behaviour Orders in place within the North Area. 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 PROACTIVITY**

### **4.1.1 Northwest**

Patrols by local Community Officers Jenny Ellis and Benn Lord continue in the area together with routine shift patrols. Calls to the Morven Ave, Ardgour Rd and Ardgour PI areas have decreased and the increased police presence and action in the area is thought to be a contributory factor. The main area of complaint is youth disorder within the Altonhill area and focussed efforts will be made to solve this problem.

### **4.1.2 New Farm Loch**

The main issue concerning police, education and local wardens in the New Farm area has been rival fighting between pupils from James Hamilton Academy and St Joseph's Academy. The fighting can occur prior to school starting, at lunchtime and finishing time. There are periods where the fighting stops for days and then there is an upsurge. The location of the activity also changes. Together with both schools the local community officer Lynne Burns has visited the schools to speak with the pupils regarding the violence and it is hoped that this will have some effect. Names of pupils involved have also been noted and parent alert letters will be sent out. We will continue to monitor and police the area concerned.

## **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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