

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

### KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2007 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 2006 to 31 January 2007.

#### 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 | Supply |
| April 2005-Jan 2006   | 195                | 81                      | 36                                  | 28  | 152           | 115        | 29     |
| April 2006 – Jan 2007 | 201                | 67                      | 25                                  | 34  | 106           | 98         | 39     |
| Since Last Committee  | 30                 | 13                      | 2                                   | 14  | 38            | 26         | 6      |

- 2.1.3 Crimes of violence are showing an increase, the majority of which are petty assaults with no particular trend identified. 143 violent offences have been detected, including 1 male for the murder of Easton Nicol. Housebreaking to homes and sheds are down whilst there has been an increase in commercial housebreaking. However, 1 male was arrested and charged with over 30 commercial housebreakings. Vehicle crime is down from 152 to 106 crimes.

Detections for drugs possession are down but this is a result of Police pro-activity. There is a positive increase in detections for drugs supply.

**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 | Supply |
| April 2005-Jan 2006   | 137                | 29                      | 11                                  | 12  | 73            | 83         | 50     |
| April 2006 – Jan 2007 | 136                | 23                      | 9                                   | 10  | 68            | 61         | 47     |
| Since Last Committee  | 22                 | 1                       | 4                                   | 3   | 15            | 9          | 8      |

**2.1.4** Crimes of violence have decreased over this reporting period and 107 violent offences were detected. The majority of violent crime continues to be petty assaults with no pattern identified. Housebreakings show an overall decrease as does vehicle related crime. There has been a slight decrease in detections for possession of drugs and drugs supply.

**2.1.5** The detection rate for group 1 – 7 crimes (all crimes and offences) in the Kilmarnock North area is currently 64%. This is up on the same period last year.

**2.1.6** The Ayrshire Division Control Strategy for 2006 – 2007 focuses on Violent Crime, Domestic Abuse, Child Protection and Anti-Social Behaviour.

**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 rose from 568 to 691 within the designated period, with 663 having been detected. The majority of which are Breach of the Peace offences. The successful detection rate is due to the high pro-activity in these areas and the implementation of action plans. There have been 64 disorder action plans implemented for these areas during this reporting period.

- 3.1.3** Vandalism has decreased slightly from 577 to 517 within the designated period.
- 3.1.4** There are currently 2 Anti-Social Behaviour Orders, 4 Acceptable Behaviour Contracts and 4 Unacceptable Behaviour Notifications in place in the Kilmarnock 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.
- 3.1.5** Wardens continue to work closely with the Community Officers providing valuable intelligence, particularly with regards to suspected drug dealing and thus leading to further pro-activity.
- 3.1.6** 51 Parent Alert letters have been sent out in the Kilmarnock North area, indicating to parents that their child has been involved or associated with others who have come to the attention of the police, whether through antisocial behaviour or criminal acts.

## **4 PROACTIVITY**

### **4.1.1 NORTHWEST**

Youth disorder around the area of Tesco's store and the nearby shops has reduced. The youths have relocated to the Wardnuek area where they are congregating and causing general annoyance to residents in Craufordland Road. However, groups of youths have been dispersed and juvenile contact cards submitted. Reports have been received regarding a large group of youths congregating at the shops and surrounding streets in the Altonhill area. Community wardens and police have given this area extra attention with 2 ABC's being issued to date and more to follow. This area will receive extra attention over the coming weeks in order to tackle the issue. 2 males have been arrested and remanded in custody for the recent robberies at Tesco and Spar, Dean Street. Peter Irons, North West Youth Project has again started up the Thursday Night Football Initiative which was extremely successful last year and had a marked effect on youth disorder in the area.

### **4.1.2 NEW FARM LOCH**

Extra attention has been given to Russell Court, Kennedy Drive and Lindsay Drive due to reports of youths congregating in the area. A pupil from St Josephs Academy has been reported for being in possession of a knife whilst in school after being named in connection with arranged fights between local schools. Extra attention has been provided to St Joseph's Academy in relation to the inter-school fights and this has had the desired effect. Community Police Officers will continue to provide extra supervision to James Hamilton Academy on Friday evenings as complaints have been received regarding youths causing annoyance during the indoor football sessions. Cycle patrols have been started at night to prevent the recent spate of

vandalism within the Courts areas. Due to complaints from local residents about speeding motorists in the Kennedy Drive area, Falcon speed gun will be utilised on several future dates.

## **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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