

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL
KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE – 25 May 2004
SAFER STREETS
POLICING REPORT
'U' DIVISION
Report by William Stafford
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on behalf of Superintendent Elizabeth Weir
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To advise Members of crime figure relative to the Kilmarnock North Local Committee area.

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 and policing activity 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. Beat 35 refers to Northwest Kilmarnock.

3. DISCUSSION

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

3.1.1 **Northwest Kilmarnock**

	House breaking to homes	House breaking to garages and sheds	House breaking to Commercial premises, Schools etc.	Vehicle crime	Vandalism	Drugs
April 2002 – Mar 2003	167	49	49	277	247	264
April 2003 – Mar 2004	166	38	34	223	216	180

3.1.2 The number of 'supplying offences' in Northwest Kilmarnock reported to the Procurator Fiscal fell from 76 to 59.

3.1.3 The number of 'disorder' offences in Northwest Kilmarnock rose from 282 to 312.

3.1.4 The detection rate in Northwest Kilmarnock for group's 1 – 7 crimes (all crimes and offences) is currently running at 65%.

3.1.4 **New Farm Loch**

	House breaking to homes	House breaking to garages and sheds	House breaking to Commercial premises, Schools etc.	Vehicle crime	Vandalism	Drugs
April 2002 – Mar 2003	53	34	24	197	185	103
April 2003 – Mar 2004	68	29	42	191	162	159

3.1.5 The number of 'supplying offences' in New Farm Loch reported to the Procurator Fiscal was 74 compared to 47 for the same period last year.

3.1.6 The number of 'disorder offences in New Farm Loch rose from 151 to 191.

3.1.7 The detection rate in New Farm Loch for group's 1 – 7 crimes (all crimes and offences) is currently running at 63%.

4 **BETTER NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES FUND**

4.1 No updated report is available at this time.

5 **FUTURE 'SAFER STREETS' REPORTS**

5.1 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.

- 5.2 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.
- 5.3 Anyone wishing to make comment should contact Sergeant Jim Richmond at Council HQ, London Road, Kilmarnock. Tel. 01563 576512

6 FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Nil.

7 CONCLUSIONS

- 7.1 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.

8 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 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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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

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