

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE – 26 JANUARY 2005**

**SAFER STREETS  
POLICING REPORT  
'U' DIVISION**

**Report by William Stafford  
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on behalf of Superintendent Elizabeth Weir  
Operations Commander  
East Ayrshire**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To advise Members of crime figures relative to the Kilmarnock South 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.

**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 2003 – Sept 2003 | 23                      | 14                                  | 10  | 201           | 123       | 56    |
| April 2004 – Sept 2004 | 41                      | 10                                  | 20  | 110           | 192       | 72    |

3.1.2 The number of 'supplying offences' reported to the Procurator Fiscal rose from 8 to 21.

3.1.3 The number of disorder offences rose from 190 in 2003 to 206 in 2004.

3.1.4 The detection rate for Group 1–7 crimes (all crimes and offences) crimes is currently running at 60%.

#### **4 BETTER NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES FUND**

4.1 No updated report is available at this time.

#### **5 FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 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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#### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**Nil.**

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