

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

### KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2007 SAFER STREETS STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

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#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1.1 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 37, which relates to Bellfield, Shortlees, Riccarton and Kirkstyle.

2.1.2 They cover the period from 1 April 2006 to 31 January 2007.

	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 2005-Jan 2006	122	33	7	8	114	51	17
April 2006 – Jan 2007	151	16	9	17	94	33	13
Since Last Committee	34	3	2	7	24	9	5

2.1.3 Of the 151 crimes of violence committed 133 were of a minor nature and 109 were detected. Housebreakings to dwellings were almost reduced by a half. There is also drop in vehicle related crime this period.

2.1.4 The detection rate for group 1 – 7 crimes (all crimes and offences) in the Southern area is 60%, which is a favourable detection rate.

**2.1.5** The Ayrshire Division Control Strategy for 2006 – 2007 focuses on Violent Crime, Domestic Abuse, Drugs and Antisocial behaviour. Efforts over the next year will impact positively on the above figures.

### **3. OVERVIEW ON ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

**3.1.1** Disorder offences are 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 crimes increased from 176 to 246 within the designated period. 235 offences have been detected. This is due to the amount of proactive policing within the South area. 60 Action Plans have been implemented since April 2006, targeting anti-social behaviour, road traffic and drugs.

**3.1.3** Vandalism rose from 177 to 250 within the designated period. A review of vandalism is currently being carried out in order to identify any patterns or persistent offenders.

**3.1.4** Targeted patrols are continuing to have a positive effect, which is being complemented by the work carried out by out community officers in all schools, youth clubs and organisations. These inputs are designed to encourage Good Citizenship and Positive Behaviour, while discouraging disorder, drunkenness and vandalism.

**3.1.5** There are currently 3 ASBO's (antisocial behaviour orders), 17 ABC's (acceptable behaviour contracts) and 8 UBN (Unacceptable Behaviour Notice) in place in this area. The Anti Social Behaviour Unit and Police Anti Social Behaviour Liaison Officer continue to work together to address anti social behaviour issues in the South area.

**3.1.6** Currently the Wardens are working closely with Community Officers providing useful intelligence, recently it has been more drugs related.

**3.1.7** 39 Parent Alert Letters have been sent in this area during the designated period.

### **4. PROACTIVITY**

**4.1.1 Shortlees** – Additional resources continue to target the identified disorder hotspots of Central Avenue & Shortlees Crescent. Juveniles continue to be the main offenders and some youths are presently under curfew. Vandalism is also an area of concern that is being given additional Police attention. Several complaints have been received of cars driving erratically in the area & these matters are being addressed by the Traffic Department who are targeting the area with extra patrols and Action Plans.

**4.1.2 Bellfield** - Whatriggs Road area is still being given extra attention as youths continue to congregate at the shops causing annoyance to residents. The "Mosquito" system is being looked at by Community Council for use in area of Whatriggs Road. Vandalism and general youth

disorder still remains a problem & the area will receive continued police attention.

## **RECOMENDATIONS**

- 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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