

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE – 19 May 2004

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

**Report by William Stafford
Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services
on behalf of Superintendent Elizabeth Weir
Sub Divisional Officer
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 2002 – Feb 2003	69	28	23	142	173	110
April 2003 – Feb 2004	30	16	10	246	158	73

- 3.1.2 The number of 'supplying offences' reported to the Procurator Fiscal fell from 47 to 9.
- 3.1.3 The number of disorder offences rose from 163 in 02/03 to 234 in 03/04.
- 3.1.4 The detection rate for Group 1–7 crimes (all crimes and offences) crimes is currently running at 69%.

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 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

Nil.

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