

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE – 8 September 2004

SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT 'U' DIVISION

Report by William Stafford
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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 – July 2003	8	5	6	61	58	20
April 2004 – July 2004	22	5	11	77	109	35

3.1.2 The number of 'supplying offences' reported to the Procurator Fiscal rose from 2 to 10.

3.1.3 The number of disorder offences rose from 101 to 132 in 2004.

3.1.4 The detection rate for Group 1–7 crimes (all crimes and offences) crimes is currently running at 55%.

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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