

# EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE – 26 August 2004

## SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT 'U' DIVISION

Report by William Stafford  
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on behalf of Superintendent Liz Weir  
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### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise Members of the nature and results of policing issues, operations and localised crime figures for the preceding period.

### 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 reported crime 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 4 offences. The current detection rate for group 1 – 7 crimes is also included.

### 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  | 10                      | 5                                   | 1   | 27            | 29        | 18    |
| April 2004 – July 2004 | 11                      | 2                                   | 8   | 29            | 92        | 5     |

- 3.1.2 The number of 'supplying offences' reported to the Procurator Fiscal fell from 9 to 1.
- 3.1.3 Disorder offences rose from 30 to 76.
- 3.1.4 The detection rate for group 1 – 7 crimes (all crimes and offences) in the Northern area is currently running at almost 53%.

#### **4 FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Nil.

#### **5 CONCLUSIONS**

5.1 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.

#### **6 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 6.1 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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