

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

### NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE – 25 AUGUST 2005 SAFER STREETS STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

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#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 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 to the area of East Ayrshire Beat 39 which covers Stewarton, Dunlop, Kilmaurs, Lugton, Fenwick and Waterside North.

They cover the period from 1 April 2005 to 30 June 2005.

	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
April 2004- June 2004	46	8	2	7	21	3
April 2005 – June 2005	39	7	2	3	20	10

- 2.1.2 Through high visibility policing and good work from various departments within the police there has been an overall reduction in the number of crimes of violence,. Housebreakings and vehicle related crime have also shown a marginal decrease. Proactivity in tackling misuse of drugs has resulted in considerable success detecting drug related crimes.

- 2.1.3 Good detections for dishonesty crimes have also been achieved through extensive enquiries, which have resulted in two local men and separately two travelling criminals being reported for thefts.
- 2.1.4 The detection rate for group 1 – 7 crimes (all crimes and offences) in the Northern area is currently running at 65%, which is an extremely favourable detection rate.
- 2.1.5 The Ayrshire Division Control Strategy for 2005 – 2006 focuses on Violent Crime, Acquisitive Crime, Vandalism and Anti Social behaviour. Efforts over the year will impact positively on the above figures.

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

- 3.1.1 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.
- 3.1.2 Disorder offences fell from 62 to 49 within the designated period. This decrease is largely due to an increased police presence within the Northern area.
- 3.1.3 Vandalism has dropped considerably from 67 to 32 within the designated period and work continues during the summer months with School Watch to address the seasonal effects on this type of crime.
- 3.1.4 There are currently no Anti-Social Behaviour Orders in place within the Northern Area. Local officers work closely with partner agencies including the Housing Department, Neighbourhood Disputes Team, SACRO mediation service as well as Atrium Homes to address local concerns at the earliest opportunity by the most effective means.

### **4. PRO-ACTIVITY**

- 4.1.1 High profile patrols utilising Community Constables, Shift personnel and Special Constables have continued to target the areas of concern within the Northern Area. Action plans for additional resources have been submitted and approved, allowing greater coverage and flexibility.
- 4.1.2 The education phase of the Community Officers, Speed Watch Campaign, has commenced. Local officers are targeting areas highlighted by residents, Community Councils, and Councillors. Areas with mandatory and advisory speed limits have equal priority at this stage to influence driver behaviour and safety.
- 4.1.3 The Walking Bus at Nether Robertland Primary School also entered service before the School holidays. This initiative, led by the pupils themselves through their committee known as the School Investigation Team, is designed to address Road Safety for Children. The team received funding through the

Community Safety Fund and is supported by Police and East Ayrshire Partners. This sustainable joint working which also involves pupils and parents, addresses the Main themes of the Community Plan of; Improving opportunities, Improving Community safety, Improving Health, and Improving the environment.

## **5. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**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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