

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE – 11th January 2007 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 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 November 2006.

	Crimes of Violence	House breaking to homes	House breaking to garages and sheds	House breaking to Commercial premises, Schools etc.	Vehicle crime	Drugs	
						Possession	Supply
April 2005 – Nov 2005	66	23	5	6	33	13	13
April 2006 – Nov 2006	70	15	8	16	26	12	0

- 2.1.2 Violent crime is up slightly on the same period last year. Domestic Housebreakings are down although housebreaking to garages, schools and commercial premises are up. Vehicle related crime shows a decrease on last year's figures. Detected drug related crimes are down also this reporting period.

- 2.1.3 The detection rate for group 1 – 7 crimes (all crimes and offences) in the Northern area is currently running at 59%, which is a favourable detection rate.
- 2.1.4 The Ayrshire Division Control Strategy for 2005 – 2006 focuses on Violent Crime, Acquisitive Crime, Vandalism and Antisocial 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 increased slightly from 76 to 83 within the designated period, the majority of which were Breach of the Peace offences.
- 3.1.3 Vandalism has increased from 94 to 106 within the designated period.
- 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. Community Officers are pro-actively working to tackle antisocial behaviour issues and updating the Antisocial Behaviour Unit with names of persistent offenders for further action under antisocial behaviour legislation.
- 3.1.5 There were 17 Parent Alert Letters sent out as a result of Juvenile Contact Cards being submitted by police officers in this area.

4. LOCAL IMPACT

- 4.1.1 As can be observed from the foregoing crime figures, the detection rate for crimes committed has fallen slightly. There has been an increase in the amount of vandalisms occurring, particularly within Stewarton and this may be affecting the rate.
- 4.1.2 When crimes are occurring, a great deal of effort has been made to detect those responsible and report them to the P.F. or Reporter to the Children's Panel as appropriate. Several youths have been questioned in relation to the ongoing spate of vandalisms and as a result some have now been detected. There are still enquiries ongoing and it is anticipated that more charges will follow. Hopefully this will impact on future figures.
- 4.1.3 The Police are working closely with East Ayrshire Council at youth diversion strategies and are delighted that the Council are providing flood-lit, "Multi-Use Games Areas" which will shortly be constructed in Strandhead Park, Stewarton and in Habbieauld Road, Kilmaurs. These will be excellent facilities

that will allow youngsters to participate in sport, even during the dark winter evenings and hopefully divert them from other, anti-social activities. In addition, East Ayrshire Council are also erecting a split level play park near to Springwell Place, Stewarton which will provide a much needed and safe environment for children to play in.

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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