

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE – 11 March 2004

SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT 'U' DIVISION

Report by Director of Community Services

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 2002 – Jan 2003	18	13	18	62	105	17
April 2003 – Jan 2004	30	11	11	55	93	31

- 3.1.2 The number of 'supplying offences' reported to the Procurator Fiscal increased from 2 to 12.
- 3.1.3 Disorder offences fell from 86 to 80.
- 3.1.4 The detection rate for group 1 – 7 crimes (all crimes and offences) in the Northern area is currently running at almost 64%.

4 FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Nil.

6 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 local officers; and
 - ii) otherwise note the content of this report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil.

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