

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE – 8th MARCH 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 2006 to 31 January 2007.

	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 – Jan 2006	89	26	5	7	45	14	13
April 2006 – Jan 2007	102	16	13	20	44	14	0
Since Last Committee	32	1	0	4	18	2	0

- 2.1.2 Violent crime is up 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 crime remains the same in this reported period.

2.1.3 The detection rate for group 1 – 7 crimes (all crimes and offences) in the Northern area is currently running at 58%, which is a favourable detection rate.

2.1.4 The Ayrshire Division Control Strategy for 2006 – 2007 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 from 100 to 127 within the designated period, the majority of which were Breach of the Peace offences. Of the number of offences committed, 123 have been detected. Police Pro-activity is further evidenced by 10 Action Plans submitted over the reporting period. These Action Plans have targeted areas of concern to the community and have included Youth Disorder, Youth Diversion and Road Traffic.

3.1.3 Vandalism has increased from 117 to 170 within the designated period.

3.1.4 There are currently no Anti-Social Behaviour Orders in place within the Northern Area. However, 3 ABCs have been administered. 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 Over the reporting period, 97 Parent Alert Letters have been 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. Recently a youth was charged with committing a total

of 9 vandalisms within the Lainshaw Estate, Stewarton over the last 6 months. This has led to new lines of enquiry which are still under investigation and it is anticipated that further charges will be preferred against other youths.

- 4.1.3** The Police Licensing Dept is working closely with East Ayrshire Council and local off-sale licensees, to detect where alcohol, confiscated from persons drinking in public and in particular, children in possession of alcohol are obtaining it from. If we can deter and prevent these persons from obtaining the alcohol in the first place then hopefully this will impact on the levels of crime and anti-social behaviour experienced within our communities as a result of its consumption.

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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