

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

### NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE – 27 OCTOBER 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 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 31 August 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-August 2004	60	12	2	10	43	6
April 2005 – August 2005	54	15	5	4	24	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, Housebreaking crime has remained static whilst vehicle related crime has shown a considerable decrease. Proactivity in tackling misuse of drugs has resulted in considerable success detecting drug related crimes.

- 2.1.3** Good detection's for dishonesty crimes have also been achieved. Firstly through extensive enquiries, which has resulted in one local man being reported for a number of thefts, in the Stewarton Area, and remanded in Custody. Secondly on 26 September 2005 following reports of two early morning House Breakings in the Dunlop area a search resulted in the culprit being traced near-by where he was detained and following enquiry held in custody for court.
- 2.1.4** The detection rate for group 1 – 7 crimes (all crimes and offences) in the Northern area is currently running at 57%, which is an extremely favourable detection rate.
- 2.1.5** The Ayrshire Division Control Strategy for 2005 – 2006 focus's 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 82 to 65 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 103 to 60 within the designated period. A number of windows were damaged, and one commercial wheelie bin was set on fire at Stewarton Academy. P.C. Mark Lees has embarked on a collaborative initiative with several departments within the school to further address the Vandalism issue and maintain the momentum of recent success.
- 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** Speed Watch Campaign continues within all areas particularly near to schools. Following the tragic events in Livingston High Profile policing around schools has been raising concern among parents that there may be more sinister reasons for the Police attention. Local action, in conjunction with the

schools, has been taken to reassure parents. Areas with mandatory and advisory speed limits have equal priority at this stage to influence driver behaviour and safety.

**4.1.3** Acting on local intelligence on 27 September 2005 a house in Stewarton was searched with a Sheriff Court search warrant. Drugs to the value of £1600 and a four figure sum of cash was seized. One male has been reported for drugs Possession and Supply charges.

**4.1.4** All officers will continue to collate local intelligence to address community concerns and ensure Police activity remains relevant to the needs of the communities within the Northern Area.

## **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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