

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 11 APRIL 2002**

**STRATHCLYDE POLICE SPOTLIGHT REPORT**

**Report by the Chief Inspector**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To advise the Local Committee of crime trends within their area.

**2. BACKGROUND**

2.1 Agreement was reached between the Council and the local Police Commanders to provide information on crime matters affecting local communities.

**3. SPOTLIGHT - CRIMES OF VIOLENCE**

3.1 The Safer Streets Spotlight continues until 31 March 2002. During January and February of this year, crimes of violence in the Cumnock Area Local Committee geographical area fell by 29.1% from 48 crimes to 34.

3.2 In the year to date, such crimes have fallen by 6 from 309 to 303 (-1.94%) which is contrary to the trend in the Force area.

3.3 During January and February, throughout the Cumnock and Doon Valley area, 710 persons were searched with regard to offensive weapons and 15 weapons seized. A further 138 persons were searched under the Misuse of Drugs Act legislation.

3.4 Visits to licensed premises for the same period numbered 483.

**4. CRIME TRENDS**

4.1 Crime figures for the year to date (April to February) show a decrease of 6.9% in the Cumnock Area Local Committee area from 2,110 crimes to 1,964:-

- Housebreakings and attempts thereat down 22.8% from 389 crimes to 300;
- Vehicle crime up 5.1% from 212 crimes to 223;
- Other dishonesties down 24.8% from 564 crimes to 424;
- Crimes of violence down 1.9% from 309 crimes to 303;
- Crimes of vandalism up 35.1% from 380 crimes to 586; and
- Drugs offences down 43.1% from 304 offences to 173.

**5. PRO-ACTIVITY - CUMNOCK AND DOON VALLEY AREA**

**5.1** For the year to date, Officers based in the Cumnock and Doon Valley area searched 824 persons for drugs and 4,171 persons for offensive weapons. 2,193 visits to licensed premises were also carried out.

**5.2** Over the same period, Officers dealt with 1,089 offences, of which 658 were disorder related. This is a 9.8% increase compared to the previous year, when there were 599 incidents of disorder for the same period.

**5.3** Detection rates for Cumnock and Doon Valley area are 41.1%.

**6. RECOMMENDATION**

**6.1** The Local Committee are asked to note the report.

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20 March 2002

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**AGENDA**