

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 31 JANUARY 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 As a consequence of an increase in crimes of violence across the Force area, it has been decided that the Spotlight on Safer Streets will continue until 31 March 2002.

- 3.2 The aims will continue to be three-fold:-

- to reduce violent crime;
- to reduce the fear of crime; and
- to challenge violence wherever it occurs.

- 3.3 During December, 390 persons were searched and 7 offensive weapons seized.

- 3.4 Visits to licensed premises, which are an integral theme of the Spotlight, numbered 337 throughout the Cumnock and Doon Valley area.

- 3.5 There were 36 crimes of violence, compared to 42 for December 2000.

#### **4. CRIME TRENDS**

- 4.1 Crime figures for the first 9 months of this financial year show a decrease of 9.3% in the Cumnock Area Local Committee geographical area from 1,768 crimes to 1,603 crimes:-

- Housebreakings and attempts thereat down 23.2% from 314 crimes to 241;
- Vehicle crime down 7.8% from 178 crimes to 164;
- Other dishonesties down 29% from 496 crimes to 352;
- Crimes of violence up 3% from 261 to 269; and
- Crimes of vandalism up 59.8% from 294 to 470.

## **5. PRO-ACTIVITY**

- 5.1** During the first 9 months, Officers based in the Cumnock and Doon Valley area searched 722 persons for drugs and 3,461 persons for offensive weapons. 1,710 visits to licensed premises were also carried out.
- 5.2** Over the same period, Officers dealt with 863 offences, of which 556 were disorder related. This is a 13% increase compared to last year, when there were 492 incidents of a disorder nature for the same period.
- 5.3** Detection rates for Cumnock and Doon Valley area are 41.6%.

## **6. RECOMMENDATION**

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

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18 January 2002

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**AGENDA**