

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 29 JANUARY 2004

STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

Report by the Chief Inspector

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

2. CRIME TRENDS

2.1 Reported crime within the Cumnock Area Local Committee area for the period April to November 2003 shows a decrease of 14% from 1,336 crimes last year to 1,149 (-187).

- crimes of violence - up 41.9% (up from 18 crimes to 31);
- housebreakings and attempts thereat - down 7.6% (down from 171 crimes to 158);
- vehicle crime - down 51.8% (down from 247 crimes to 119);
- other dishonesties - down 33.5% (down from 263 crimes to 175);
- vandalism - up 14.5% (up from 329 crimes to 385); and
- drug offences - down 16.4% (down from 165 offences to 138).

3. PRO-ACTIVITY

3.1 For the year to date, Officers based in the Cumnock and Doon Valley area have searched 602 persons for drugs. 2,582 searches for weapons have also been carried out, with 28 knives/offensive weapons being recovered, and 1,005 visits to licensed premises, all aimed at reducing violence and disorder within the community.

3.2 Drinking in public offences are up 57.8% from 64 to 101 as a consequence of targeted Action Plans in all communities.

3.3 Over the same period Officers dealt with 1,436 offences, of which 427 were disorder related. This is a 0.5% decrease on the previous year, when there were 429 incidents of disorder.

3.4 The detection rate for the Cumnock and Doon Valley area is 46.4%.

4. RECOMMENDATION

4.1 The Local Committee are asked to note the report.

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12 January 2004

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