

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 26 JUNE 2003

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** Crime continues to fall within the Cumnock Area Local Committee area with a decrease of 14.6% from 2,205 crimes to 1,882 crimes for the fiscal year April to March:-

- crimes of serious violence, down 55.6% from 88 crimes to 39;
- housebreakings and attempts thereat, down 29.4% from 333 crimes to 235;
- vehicle crime, up 20.6% from 282 crimes to 340;
- other dishonesties, down 25.4% from 472 crimes to 352;
- vandalism, down 28.3% from 622 crimes to 496; and
- drug offences, up 22.3%, from 184 offences to 225.

- 2.2** Vehicle crime continues to be of concern in the Cumnock Area Local Committee area, however, through a pro-active, intelligence led approach there has been a 34.7% reduction since the last report and we remain committed to maintaining this reduction.

- 2.3** Drug supply offences are up 38% from 42 to 58 with possession offences also up 15.6% from 141 to 163.

- 2.4** Serious assaults are down 49% from 55 to 28 in the Cumnock Area Local Committee area and down 42.5% in the Cumnock and Doon Valley Area as a whole from 80 to 46.

3. PRO-ACTIVITY

- 3.1** For the Fiscal year April to March, Officers based in the Cumnock and Doon Valley Area have searched 1,157 persons for drugs. 6,799 searches for weapons have also been carried out, as well as 2,819 visits to licensed premises.

- 3.2** Over the same period, Officers dealt with 2,465 offences, of which 633 were disorder related. This is a 10.6% reduction on the previous year when there were 708 incidents of disorder.

- 3.3** The detection rate for the Cumnock and Doon Valley area stands at 46.4%

4. RECOMMENDATION

4.1 The Local Committee are asked to note the report.

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