

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 29 MARCH 2001**

#### **STRATHCLYDE POLICE SPOTLIGHT REPORT**

##### **Report by the Chief Inspector**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To advise the Local Committee of Spotlight activity and other crime trends.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

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

#### **3. SPOTLIGHTS**

- 3.1 There have been no force spotlights since the February meeting of this Local Committee. The next major spotlight from a Force perspective will focus on drugs related issues and will commence in the early Summer on a date that has still to be confirmed.
- 3.2 From a local view point over the last 6 weeks Officers have continued to be deployed throughout the Cumnock and Doon Valley area targeting disorder, vandalism and licensed premises with varying degrees of success.
- 3.3 Disorder during January/February fell by 10.6% and is down 26.4% on the year to date (April-February). This can largely be explained by the focused policing of disorder hotspots throughout the Cumnock and Doon Valley area.
- 3.4 Vandalism continues to rise with a 40% increase in January and February from 69 incidents to 97 and a 14% rise on the year to date from 473 incidents to 542.

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

- 4.1 During January/February, overall crime rose 3.7% (15 crimes) and but for the substantial increase in both drugs offences and vandalism would have shown a marked decrease, overall:-

- housebreakings and attempts threat up 2%, from 81 - 83;
- vehicle crime down 25%, from 51 - 38;
- other dishonesties down 29%, from 120 - 85;
- crimes of violence down 2%, from 81 - 79;
- vandalism up 40% from 69 - 97; and
- drugs offences up 85%, from 26 - 48.

**4.2** The detection rate up to the end of February is 53.4% compared to a force rate of 43%.

**5. PRO-ACTIVITY**

**5.1** For the year to date (April - January) Officers based in the area searched 554 persons for drugs and 3,850 persons for offensive weapons. They have also visited licensed premises on 1,780 occasions.

**5.2** During those 10 months, they dealt with 973 offences of which 564 were disorder related and 721 detected road traffic offences.

**6. RECOMMENDATION**

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

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**AGENDA**