

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 23 MAY 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 March meeting of this Local Committee. As previously stated, a Safer Scotland Campaign that will focus on and target drug related issues will commence in the near future. Details and timescales are not available at present but will be verbally updated at the meeting.

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

- 4.1 During March and April, overall crime in the Cumnock Area Local Committee geographical area fell by 35.7% from 406 crimes to 261:-

- housebreakings and attempts threat down 39%, from 79 to 48;
- vehicle crime down 40%, from 42 to 25;
- other dishonesties down 61%, from 120 to 47; and
- crimes of violence and drug offences, throughout the Cumnock and Doon Valley Area also fell by 19% and 51% respectively with 89 crimes of violence in March and April this year compared to 110 last year. Drug offences fell from 61 to 30 in the same period.

- 4.2 The major issue which is an ongoing problem, not only in Cumnock but throughout the Doon Valley as well, is vandalism. Over the last two months, vandalism in this Local Committee Area has risen by 33% from 63 to 84 crimes.

#### **5. PRO-ACTIVITY**

- 5.1 For the year 2000/2001 (April to March), Officers based throughout Cumnock and Doon Valley Area searched 737 persons for drugs and 4,584 persons for offensive weapons. 2,126 visits to licensed premises were also carried out.

**5.2** Over the last year, those Officers also dealt with 1,134 offences of which 654 were disorder related which is 26% down on last year from 868 incidents. (Disorder in Cumnock Area fell by 31% from 686 to 472).

**5.3** The detection rate for March and April in the Cumnock Area is 53.7% which compares favourably against last year's detection rate of 51% and the force detection rate of 44%.

## **6. RECOMMENDATION**

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

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**AGENDA**