

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 6 NOVEMBER 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 Reported crime within the Cumnock Area Local Committee area for the first six months of the year (April-September) shows a decrease of 18.9% from 1,036 crimes last year to 840.

- crimes of serious violence - up 46% (up from 15 crimes to 22);
- housebreakings and attempts thereat - down 17.7% (down from 141 crimes to 116);
- vehicle crime - down 50.5% (down from 186 crimes to 92);
- other dishonesties - down 31.3% (down from 204 crimes to 140);
- vandalism - down 0.4% (down from 255 crimes to 254); and
- drug offences - down 10.2% (down from 127 offences to 114).

3. PRO-ACTIVITY

3.1 For the year to date, Officers based in the Cumnock and Doon Valley area have searched 468 persons for drugs. 1,842 searches for weapons have also been carried out, with 15 knives/offensive weapons being recovered, and 726 visits to licensed premises, all aimed at reducing violence and disorder within the community.

3.2 Drinking in public offences are up 134% from 35 to 82 as a consequence of targeted Action Plans in all communities.

3.3 Over the same period Officers dealt with 1,063 offences, of which 334 were disorder related. This is a 4% increase on the previous year, when there were 321 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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