

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 12 SEPTEMBER 2002

STRATHCLYDE POLICE SPOTLIGHT REPORT

Report by the Chief Inspector

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

2. SAFER SCOTLAND 4

- 2.1 This Initiative is the latest under the Safer Scotland banner and will commence on 21 October 2002 and finish on 24 December 2002.

- 2.2 The theme will be "Public Reassurance and High Visibility Policing". It will address local concerns including:-

- youth issues/disorder;
- sale and misuse of fireworks; and
- retail crime and a run up to the Festive Season.

3. CRIME TRENDS

- 3.1 Crime figures for the first four months of this year (April - July) show an increase of 10.8% in the Cumnock Area Local Committee area from 656 crimes to 727 crimes.

- crimes of violence, down 15.3% from 111 crimes to 94;
- housebreaking and attempts thereat, down 11.4% from 105 crimes to 93;
- vehicle crime, up 135.8% from 53 crimes to 125;
- other dishonesties, down 8% from 150 crimes to 138;
- crimes of vandalism, down 10.1% from 197 to 177; and
- drug offences, up 58.2% from 67 offences to 106.

- 3.2 Of particular interest, is the reduction in vandalism which is welcomed on the back of a substantial increase throughout last year. There has also been a 146% increase in the detection of drug supply offences from 13 to 32 over the same period last year.

4. PRO-ACTIVITY - CUMNOCK AND DOON VALLEY AREA

- 4.1 For the year to date (April to July), Officers based in Cumnock and Doon Valley have searched 341 persons for drugs and 1,920 person for offensive weapons. 862 visits to licensed premises were also carried out.

- 4.2 Over the same period, Officers dealt with 813 offences of which 205 were disorder related. This is a 27.8% reduction compared to the previous year when there were 284 incidents of disorder.

4.3 Detection rates for the Cumnock and Doon Valley area are 48.5%.

5. DIVISIONAL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND

5.1 The Divisional Partnership Fund which was included in the May Local Committee report, will be brought to the attention of all appropriate local groups by Community Police Officers in the coming weeks. It is hoped that these groups, once appraised of the application procedures, will bid for the funds available through the Divisional Commander at Kilmarnock.

6. RECOMMENDATION

6.1 The Local Committee are asked to note the report.

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20 August 2002

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AGENDA