

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE - 27 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 January 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