

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE - 19 MARCH 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. BACKGROUND

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

3. SPOTLIGHT - CRIMES OF VIOLENCE

- 3.1 The Safer Streets Spotlight continues until 31 March 2002. During January and February of this year, crimes of violence in the Doon Valley area fell from 30 to 23 (-23.3%). In the year to date, such crimes have fallen by 6 from 153 crimes to 147 (-3.9%), which is against the trend throughout the Force.
- 3.2 During January and February, throughout the Cumnock and Doon Valley area 710 persons were searched with regard to offensive weapons and 15 weapons seized. A further 138 persons were searched under the Misuse of Drugs Act legislation.
- 3.4 Visits to licensed premises for the same period numbered 483.

4. CRIME TRENDS

- 4.1 Crime figures for the year to date show an increase of 18% in the Doon Valley Local Committee geographical area from 502 crimes to 594 crimes:-
- Housebreakings and attempts thereat down 11.4% from 79 crimes to 70;
 - Vehicle crime up 57.1% from 42 crimes to 66;
 - Other dishonesties down 3.6% from 84 crimes to 81;
 - Crimes of violence down 3.9% from 153 to 147;
 - Crimes of vandalism up 55.5% from 173 to 269; and
 - Drugs offences down 33.3% from 42 offences to 28 (however supply charges are up 50% from 10 offences to 15).

5. PRO-ACTIVITY

- 5.1 For the year to date, Officers based in the Cumnock and Doon Valley area searched 824 persons for drugs and 4,171 persons for offensive weapons. 2,193 visits to licensed premises were also carried out.

5.2 Over the same period, Officers dealt with 1,089 offences, of which 658 were disorder related. This is a 9.8% increase compared to the previous year, when there were 599 incidents of disorder for the same period.

5.3 Detection rates for the Cumnock and Doon Valley area are 41.1%.

6. RECOMMENDATION

6.1 The Local Committee are asked to note the report.

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11 March 2002

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AGENDA