

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE - 22 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 Doon Valley Area has fallen by 0.8% from 117 to 116:-

- housebreakings and attempts threat down 51%, from 31 to 15;
- vehicle crime down 65%, from 23 to 8;
- other dishonesties down 44%, from 18 to 10; 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 throughout the Doon Valley Area is vandalism. Over the last two months, vandalism has increased by 186% from 23 crimes to 66.

#### **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 the Doon Valley has fallen by 9% from 200 to 182).

**5.3** The detection rate for March and April in the Doon Valley Area is 49.8% which compares to 49.3% to the same period last year and a force detection rate of 44%.

## **6. RECOMMENDATION**

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

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**AGENDA**