

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE - 10 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 to July) show a decrease of 20.1% in the Doon Valley Local Area Committee area from 219 crimes to 175.

- Crimes of violence, down 20% from 55 crimes to 44;
- Housebreaking and attempts thereat, down 12.9% from 31 crimes to 27;
- Vehicle crime, down 41.6%, from 12 crimes to 7;
- Other dishonesties, down 30.3% from 33 crimes to 23;
- Crimes of vandalism, down 28.4% from 109 crimes to 78; and
- Drug offences, down 66.6% from 9 offences to 3.

3.2 Of particular interest is the largest reduction in vandalism which is welcomed on the back of a substantial increase throughout 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 1920 persons 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 Community Partnership Fund which was included in the May Local Area 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 Committee are asked to note the report.

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19 August 2002

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AGENDA