

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DOON VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE - 27 JANUARY 2004

STRATHCLYDE POLICE REPORT

Report by the Chief Inspector

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

2. CRIME TRENDS

Crime figures for the fiscal year April to November 2003 show a decrease of 16.5% for the Doon Valley Area Local Committee Area from 338 crimes to 282 crimes.

- Crimes of serious violence are up 6.7% from 14 to 15 crimes.
- Housebreakings and attempts thereat are down 37% from 46 to 29 crimes.
- Vehicle crime is up 14.8% from 23 crimes last year to 77.
- Other dishonesties are up 2.1% from 45 crimes to 46.
- Vandalism is down by 18.8% from 138 crimes to 112.
- The number of drug possession offences are down 42.9% from 14 offences to 8 offences.

3. PRO-ACTIVITY

- 3.1** For the fiscal year April to November, Officers based in the Cumnock and Doon Valley Area have searched 602 persons for drugs. 2582 searches for weapons have also been carried out, with 28 knives/offensive weapons being recovered, as well as 1005 visits to licensed premises.

- 3.2** Drinking in public offences are up from 57.8% from 64 to 101 as a consequence of targeted Action Plans in all communities.

- 3.2** Over the same period Officers dealt with 1436 offences of which 427 were disorder related. This is a 0.5% reduction on the previous year when there were 429 incidents of disorder.

- 3.3** The detection rate for the Cumnock and Doon Valley area stands at 46.4%.

4. RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1** The Committee are asked to note the report.

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