

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE - 31 MAY 2000

OPERATION SPOTLIGHT Report by Director of Community Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To advise Members of the nature and results of "Spotlight" operations, localised crime figures and ongoing initiatives over the preceding period, and to advise of forthcoming initiatives.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Members previously agreed to make "Spotlight" a standing item on the Committee's agenda. To improve the local interest of this report, several topical areas of specific local interest will now be included.

3. DISCUSSION

3.1 Operation Spotlight :

3.1.1 **Safer Streets: Saturday 22 April 2000**

No of persons searched	Male	16 & over	37
	Male	Under 16	11
	Female	16 & over	05
	Female	16 & under	03

There were no weapons seized during these searches.

No of licensed premises visited 33
There were no offences detected

3.1.2 **Safer Streets: Saturday 6 May 2000**

No of persons searched	Male	16 & over	48
	Male	Under 16	22
	Female	16 & over	3
	Female	16 & under	2

There was 1 person arrested for possession of a knife.

At approximately 00.30 a.m. on Sunday 7 May 2000 a 17 year old male was arrested for possession of a 5" lock knife. This apprehension was not in the Irvine Valley area.

3.2 **Crime Trends** (all figures relate to the Local Committee area)

3.2.1	Housebreaking	Vehicle Crime	Drugs
April 1998- March 1999	198	115	38
April 1999 -March 2000	118	86	58

3.2.2 The increase in drug related offences is due to the pro active policing methods being employed and also the quantity and quality of information being received from the public. During the period compared the number of persons charged with 'supplying offences' has increased from 6 to 18, an increase of 300%.

3.3 **Pro Active Initiative**

3.3.1 The Community Involvement Branch has been engaged with seminars for Doctors surgeries and hotels on personal safety .

3.3.2 The summer holiday campaign regarding keeping your home secure while you are on holiday has begun. Local offices hold a stock of leaflets or more can be obtained from the Community Involvement Branch at Kilmarnock Police Office.

4. **FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Nil.

5. **CONCLUSIONS**

5.1 "Spotlight" operations are designed to combat local concerns and problems. The involvement of Members and the local community is essential to the success of the "Spotlight" philosophy.

5.2 Sergeant Hugh Mitchell, Police Liaison Officer, can be contacted at 01563 576512 if you wish to discuss any matter with him.

6. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

6.1 It is recommended that Committee: -

- i) identify any local problems which may be addressed by a "Spotlight" operation; and
- ii) otherwise note the content of this report.

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 17 May 2000
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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS **Nil.**

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AGENDA