

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE – 29 MAY 2002

**SAFER STREETS
POLICING REPORT
'U' DIVISION**

**Report by William Stafford
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on behalf of Superintendent Jim Thomson
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise Members of the nature and results of policing issues, 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 “Safer Streets” a standing item on the Committee’s agenda. Community Safety is the central theme that guides all policing in East Ayrshire. To improve the local interest of this report, several topical areas of specific local interest will now be included.
- 2.2 This report gives a general overview of crime and policing activity in the Local Committee area. Community Constables will continue to report to their respective Community Councils with more detailed information, specific to that area.

3. DISCUSSION

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

	House breaking to homes	House Breaking to garages and sheds	House Breaking to Commercial, Schools etc.	Vehicle crime	Drugs
April 2000 – Mar. 2001	66	65	31	86	29
April 2001 – Mar. 2002	56	10	36	94	92

- 3.1.2 The number of ‘supplying offences’ reported to the Procurator Fiscal has increased from 7 to 32 as a result of a more proactive approach.

4 CRIME BRAKER

- 4.1 The third 'Safer Scotland' campaign, **Crime Braker**, was launched on 28 March 2002 and will run to 31 May 2002. The initiative will seek to target people who traffic and deal in drugs, criminals who cross Divisional or Force Boundaries and those who illegally import goods and substances into Scotland. All Forces will work closely with key partners such as Customs and Excise, Vehicle Inspectorate, Department for Work and Pensions and Trading Standards.
- 4.2 In Strathclyde Police Force area, the Traffic Department will have a key role with a special team being established to work across Divisional boundaries. There will be a specific focus on people who drive under the influence of illegal or prescription drugs.
- 4.3 Lothian and Borders Police will co-ordinate '**Crime Braker**' headed by the Deputy Chief Constable, Tom Wood. The Spotlight Consultancy Unit will co-ordinate the efforts of Strathclyde Police.
- 4.4 Strathclyde Police will work closely with the media to ensure that 'Crime Braker' is well publicised and maintains a high profile. At a national level, a drugs driving awareness advert will be launched in conjunction with the Scottish Road Safety Campaign. A nationwide day of activity is planned and will target drugs driving.

5. SEASONAL CRIME

- 5.1 An analysis of reported crime over the last few years indicates that garden sheds, outhouses and garages are increasingly targeted for lawn mowers, strimmers, bikes etc. at this time of year.
- 5.2 Security advice for outbuildings is readily available from Crime Prevention Officers of the Community Safety Unit at Kilmarnock Police Office, tel. 505010

6 FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Nil.

7 CONCLUSIONS

- 7.1 Policing in East Ayrshire is designed to combat local concerns and problems. The involvement of Members and the local community is essential to reducing crime and the fear of crime.

8 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 It is recommended that Committee: -
- i) identify any local problems which may be addressed by local officers; and

- ii) otherwise note the content of this report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil.

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AGENDA