

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

IRVINE VALLEY LOCAL COMMITTEE – 13 NOVEMBER 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.
- 2.2.1 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 **Crime Trends** (all figures relate to the Local Committee area)

	House breaking to homes	House breaking to garages and sheds	House breaking to Commercial premises, Schools etc.	Vehicle crime	Drugs
April 2001 – Aug .2001	19	7	5	47	33
April 2002 – Aug. 2002	15	11	26	58	20

- 3.1.2 The number of ‘supplying offences’ reported to the Procurator Fiscal fell from 13 to 2.

4 SAFER SCOTLAND, PHASE 4

- 4.1 On **Monday 21 October 2002** The Association of Chief Police Officers in Scotland (ACPOS) will launch the fourth phase of Safer Scotland. It will run until **Monday 6 January 2002**. For the second time during 2002, all of Scotland's Police Forces including British Transport Police will link in a co-coordinated and focused manner.
- 4.2 The main remit of this campaign will be to promote **Reassurance and Visibility** within communities. Safer Scotland intends to return the media spotlight to community based Police work and by doing so, emphasise aspects of policing which address reassurance, visibility and positive engagement with local communities.
- 4.3 An overriding principle of this phase is the reassurance theme and the initiation of informal contact with communities during high visibility policing. While high visibility policing has it's place, 'this is not just about yellow jackets', but about an integrated approach that should, wherever possible, be complimented by other measures designed to initiate contact with our communities in order to deliver the reassurance message.
- 4.4 Phase 4 of Safer Scotland will see the Police Service and it's partners focus their combined efforts on highlighting, tackling and publicising issues relating to:
- Youth Disorder
 - Firework Misuse
 - Vandalism
 - Alcohol Misuse
 - Anti-social Driving issues
 - Festive Public Safety
 - Winter Road Safety & Festive Road Safety
- 4.5 The Police Service does not work in isolation and will rely on the support and assistance of Local Authorities, **Trading Standards**, the Fire Service, alongside nationally recognised agencies such as Age Concern and Young Scot to name but a few.

5 FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Nil.

6 CONCLUSIONS

- 6.1 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.

7 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 It is recommended that Committee: -

- i) identify any local problems which may be addressed by a 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