

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK CENTRAL LOCAL COMMITTEE – 20 MARCH 2001

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

| 3.1.1 | | Housebreaking | Vehicle Crime | Drugs |
|-------|------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|
| | April 1999 – Jan. 2000 | 147 | 206 | 96 |
| | April 2000 – Jan. 2001 | 163 | 249 | 68 |

- 3.1.2 The increase in vehicle related crime refers to vehicle left unattended within the town centre. Owners are being reminded not to leave valuable in view and to use security devices whenever possible. During the period compared the number of persons charged with ‘supplying offences’ has decreased from 22 to 2.

3.2 Pro Active Initiative

- 3.2.1 The Community Safety Department at Kilmarnock Police Office is currently working on anti vandalism programmes.
- 3.2.2 On the 8 March 2001 the Community Safety Department held a woman's safety evening at the Grand Hall in Kilmarnock as part of International Women's Day.
- 3.2.3 The incidents of break-ins to garden sheds normally rises at this time of the year and persons are reminded to ensure that locks on sheds are secure and that wherever possible property within sheds is security marked.

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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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil.

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AGENDA