

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE – 13 SEPTEMBER 2000

### COMMUNITY SAFETY BRANCH - SERVICE PROVISION

#### Report by Local Authority Liaison Officer

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise Members of the roles and duties of the Community Safety Branch of Strathclyde Police.

#### 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the Kilmarnock South Local Committee on 7 June 2000 the community representatives raised the issue of Service Provision of the Community Safety Branch of Strathclyde Police as a local issue for presentation at a committee.

#### 3. DISCUSSION

##### 3.1 Community Safety Branch, Strathclyde Police :

##### 3.1.1 Personnel:

East Ayrshire is covered by a Sergeant and 3 Constables within the department. The Sergeant and 2 Constables are based at Kilmarnock whilst the third Constable is based at Cumnock Police Office. All officers will be in post for a period of 3 years.

##### 3.1.2 Roles and Responsibilities:

The roles and responsibilities of the department include:

- Crime Prevention Surveys on private and commercial premises and the preparation of reports
- Implementation of Strathclyde Police Youth Advisory Service in relation to juvenile offenders
- Assisting in setting up Neighbourhood Watch Schemes
- To organise and present crime prevention initiatives/ talks to schools, youth and adult community groups
- To maintain contact with external security organisations and public agencies to pursue a corporate approach to crime prevention

- To encourage the activities of Crime Prevention Panels
- To promote the implementation of new technological advances in crime prevention hardware in relation to architectural liaison and to survey premises both private and commercial with a view to 'designing out' crime.

### 3.1.3 Examples of Recent Initiatives:

- The adoption of a multi agency approach towards the promotion of pro-active initiatives aimed directly at areas with recognised potential for criminal activity. Recent examples include campaigns concerned with cycle security, garden shed security and vehicle security.
- The delivery of drug and alcohol awareness and personal safety presentations to secondary school pupils, business groups and other concerned groups throughout East Ayrshire.
- The promotion and utilisation of the latest computer technologies to produce a more professional style of Crime Prevention Report aimed at meeting the needs of the local business community and local authority departments.

## 4. FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Nil.

## 5. CONCLUSIONS

5.1 The Community Safety Branch are involved in many different areas of Crime Prevention and Community Involvement throughout East Ayrshire and offer a valuable service to the Community.

## 6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 It is recommended that Committee note the content of this report.

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### LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil.

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**AGENDA**