

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE – 23 JANUARY 2001

SAFER STREETS POLICING REPORT 'U' DIVISION

Report by Director of Community Services

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 "Spotlight" a standing item on the Committee's agenda. A 'Spotlight' report will only be included where a Force or local 'Spotlight' has taken place. 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 are 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 2000 -- Nov .2000	29	5	5	33	22
April 2001 – Nov. 2001	38	10	12	53	16

- 3.1.2 The number of persons charged with 'supplying offences' was 4, which is down 6 on the same period for the previous year.

3.2 Pro Active Initiative

3.2.1 The 'UP2U' bus has proved very popular with children throughout Ayrshire and goes from strength to strength. Other Forces have shown an interest in the concept with a view to launching similar initiatives.

4. OPERATION SPOTLIGHT

4.1 From 1 October 2001 to the end of the year, a total of 941 offensive weapon searches were carried out in the Kilmarnock area with 21 seizures being made. Among the weapons recovered were an 18" machete, a varied selection of knives, a baseball bat and various other adapted items. Officers made 390 visits to licensed premises during the same period.

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.

6.2 Sergeant James Richmond has now take over the role of Police Liaison Officer from Sergeant Hugh Mitchell. Sergeant Richmond can be contacted at 01563 576512 if you wish to discuss any matter with him.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 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