

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE – 4 SEPTEMBER 2002

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 “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 -- Jul .2001	21	6	5	29	13
April 2002 – Jul. 2002	9	4	6	31	4

- 3.1.2 The number of ‘supplying offences’ reported to the Procurator Fiscal fell from 4 to 0.

4 **CRIME BRAKER** (update)

- 4.1 The third 'Safer Scotland' campaign, **Crime Braker**, launched on 28 March 2002, concluded a very successful run on 31 May 2002. From a Force perspective, the initiative was a great success with £2.5 million drugs recovered mostly during their transport phase. 1044 offenders were detected for a wide variety of offences from driving under the influence of alcohol (467), driving under the influence of drugs (41) to theft/reset, firearms offences and possession/supply of drugs. A total of 22000 vehicles were stop/checked resulting in the recovery of stolen cars to the value of £174500.
- 4.2 In East Ayrshire, 511 vehicles were stopped and checked with 149 being searched, 740 persons were also searched. £23000 of stolen property was recovered. A total of 3 persons were reported for drug related offences.

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