

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

### NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE – 16 MAY 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 – Feb. 2000	<b>83</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>20</b>
	April 2000 – Feb. 2001	<b>59</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>28</b>

- 3.1.2 During the period compared the number of persons charged with ‘supplying offences’ has increased from 0 to 12.

- 3.1.3 The main drug type being seized in this area is cannabis.

#### 3.2 Pro Active Initiative

- 3.2.1 An Experiential Learning Day was held in the Grand Hall, Kilmarnock on 24 April 2001, run by the members of Kilmarnock and Loudoun Crime Prevention Panel. All secondary schools in the area were invited to send along a representation from their first year (40 pupils) to either a morning or afternoon session. Various organisations including Road Safety, Fire Service, Police and Prison Service were in attendance to discuss issues raised.

- 3.2.2 On Wednesday 25 April 2001 Kilmarnock and Loudoun Crime Prevention Panel launched their 'Vandalism 2001' Initiative aimed at reducing litter and vandalism within the area of schools.

3.2.3 At a recent Child Minders conference at Kilmarnock College inputs were delivered on the topic of 'Danger Strangers' regarding child safety.

#### **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**