

**LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Policing and Community Safety Partnership  
(Policing Committee) held in the Island Civic Centre, The Island, Lisburn, on  
Tuesday 15 August 2017 at 5.30 pm**

**PRESENT:**

Alderman M Henderson (Chairman)  
Councillor S Carson  
Councillor U Mackin  
Councillor B Hanvey  
Mr M Busch  
Mrs Y Craig  
Mr P Dean  
Mrs D Guy  
Miss N Kirk  
Mrs P Leeson  
Mrs R Orr  
Mrs Christine McCullough (Vice Chairman)

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Head of Central Support Services  
PCSP Manager  
Members' Services Officer

In Attendance

Chief Inspector L Dobson – PSNI  
Sergeant D Lucas

The Chairman, Alderman M Henderson, welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that this would be his final meeting in the position of Chairman of Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP and that the role would transfer to Councillor A McIntyre at the next meeting.

1. Apologies

It was agreed that apologies be recorded on behalf of Alderman G Rice, Alderman D Drysdale, Councillor M Tolerton, Councillor J Palmer and Mrs D Hancock.

2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

There were no declarations.

3. Three Monthly Report from the PSNI in respect of policing of the district.

The Chairman welcomed Chief Inspector L Dobson, (PSNI) to the meeting who presented her report summarising the policing of the district during the period 1 April 2017 – 31 June 2017 a copy of the report had been previously circulated to members of the PCSP Policing Committee.

She advised that the Northern Ireland Policing Board had introduced a new reporting format in an attempt to streamline what was being used across the

province. She outlined the new format, which, she advised, required additional input from police, and thanked the PCSP Officer (JB) for the assistance he had provided.

As the presentation progressed the following questions were raised and responses made as outlined:

Mrs Y Craig  
Drive-offs from filling stations

Mrs Craig asked how filling station drive-off incidents were to be dealt with going forwards.

Chief Inspector L Dobson responded that in most instances these did not happen on purpose but were simply a matter of regular customers forgetting to pay. Under the new procedures the filling station would pursue these incidents.

Mr P Dean  
Cold Calling Zones

Mr Dean asked how cold calling zones were identified.

Chief Inspector L Dobson responded that this would be done using data gathered in recent years.

Mr Dean then asked what action would be taken if a sign was displayed and ignored and Chief Inspector Dobson responded that this could be progressed through trading standards.

Councillor S Carson  
Matrix Signage

Councillor S Carson asked how many Matrix signs there were and was advised by Chief Inspector Dobson that there were two.

Councillor S Carson  
Churches Forum

Councillor S Carson made reference to the Churches Forum and the fact that around 17 churches were now on board. He wondered what was being done to make the remaining churches in the borough aware of the forum and encourage participation.

Chief Inspector L Dobson advised that PSNI had written to all churches in the district at the outset and the numbers of those participating had been gradually increasing. She advised that these people were heavily committed and it was hoped that the work arising out of the forum would encourage participation from others. She then confirmed that the point of contact was Mark Robinson or John Hanna and that this information had been contained within the original correspondence circulated.

Mrs C McCullough  
Domestic Violence Worker

Mrs C McCullough asked whether the domestic violence worker continued to make a difference.

Chief Inspector L Dobson confirmed that this continued to be the case and advised that police officers had been working to review the process and identify areas for improvement which were being highlighted in an attempt to add value to the project.

(During the above discussion Mr P Dean left the meeting at 6.10 pm returning at 6.12 pm and Miss N Kirk left the meeting at 6.13 pm returning at 6.16 pm)

Mrs C McCullough  
Body Worn Cameras

Mrs C McCullough asked whether the use of body worn cameras have assisted with the provision of evidence.

Chief Inspector L Dobson advised that it was still early days but so far indications were positive.

Councillor S Carson  
Radar Speed Signage

Councillor S Carson asked whether the pole mounted radar speed signs were in permanent locations or could be moved.

The PCSP Manager advised that these were semi-permanent and could be moved. She also confirmed that they were capable of gathering data and outlined that it had been ascertained that these signs do not require Planning Permission and that they could be sourced locally. It was hoped that the PCSP could purchase these and have them installed at hot spot locations.

Councillor B Hanvey  
Collaborative working with Transport NI

Councillor B Hanvey asked what opportunities there would be for collaborative working with Transport NI.

Chief Inspector L Dobson stated that the data collected would be irrefutable and could be used to hold agencies to account. She went on to advise of some recent success at the Leathemstown Road which had been initiated in response to an issue raised by Mr Gordon Fletcher at a PCSP meeting in public, she stated that she was hopeful that measures would be introduced.

Councillor B Hanvey responded that he felt there might be benefit in deploying detections off the main arterial routes as the public were highlighting this as an issue.

At this stage the PCSP Manager undertook to bring data held by the PCSP together in an effort to assist.

This was followed by some discussion on the potential benefits of the introduction of 20 mph speed limits.

Mrs P Leeson

Gender of participants in reduction in offending programmes

Mrs P Leeson asked if the participants in Reduction in Offending programmes were mainly boys and Chief Inspector Dobson confirmed that this was the case.

Miss N Kirk

Clarification on the term 'at risk of serious harm'

Miss Kirk referred to the term 'at risk of serious harm' used within the report in association with the management of offenders and asked whether the risk referred to was to themselves or to others.

Chief Inspector Dobson responded that this would refer to a risk to others.

Strategic Outcome – Tackling Para Militarism

During the presentation of the section of the report entitled 'Strategic Outcome – Tackling Para Militarism' Chief Inspector Dobson advised that a further report would issue in the autumn by way of update on this area of work.

The PCSP Manager stated that the PCSP would be funding this and that the Department of Justice were keen to see progression. She advised that the Consultancy Group were making initial progress and she hoped that they would be in attendance at the next meeting to provide an update.

Mrs P Leeson

Support Hubs

Mrs Leeson referred to support hubs and asked whether any evaluation had been done on the success of these before rolling out to other areas.

Chief Inspector L Dobson responded that feedback from the Derry/Strabane hub had been positive however there remained an element of scepticism. She doubted whether there would be any choice on whether to proceed or not.

The PCSP Manager updated that the Chairman of the Partnership had received an invitation to attend the launch of the Support Hub in Ballymena.

Councillor B Hanvey

Engagement with young people

Councillor B Hanvey said he was concerned as to what PSNI were doing to connect with young people who were settled but might also be susceptible to becoming involved in crime, he was concerned that some young people might be being neglected.

Chief Inspector L Dobson responded that resources were limited and had to be put where they were needed most. She outlined that settled young people would still engage with police through their work in schools, youth clubs and the work experience scheme. She said that police were doing their best to utilise youth programmes run by other agencies in an attempt to maximise opportunities for engagement as they do not currently have resources to run their own programmes.

(During the above discussion Councillor U Mackin left the meeting at 6.50 pm).

Sergeant D Lucas advised that the formation of a Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council Youth Forum would be an example of an ongoing programme which would increase the contact police were having with young people. He went on to provide other examples, alluded to previously by Chief Inspector Dobson, where police engage with young people from various backgrounds.

The PCSP Manager summarised some of the work carried out by the PCSP e.g. the small grants programmes, Bee Safe, Mobile Police Station all of which provided opportunities for police to engage with young people from various backgrounds.

Councillor B Hanvey stated that to date he had not heard how the Youth Council proposed to attract participants and what age span it would encompass.

Chief Inspector Dobson responded that the young people would be aged between 16 and 21.

Councillor Hanvey stated that there was currently only one post primary school in the Carryduff area so he wondered how youth in that area could be drawn in.

Chief Inspector L Dobson responded that this was a partnership arrangement and the various agencies involved would be promoting it through their own programmes. There would also be a publicity campaign and the young people selected would represent the entire area and not just their own. She advised that PCSP members could also publicise this through their own contact groups and individuals within their communities.

#### Mrs P Leeson

#### Involvement of women in Strategic Outcome – Tackling Para militarism

Mrs Leeson referred to the above Strategic Outcome and urged the partnership to include work with women's groups as they have a big role to play.

At the culmination of the presentation of the report, the Chairman thanked Chief Inspector Dobson for her presentation and Mr P Dean stated that he preferred this new reporting template. At this stage the PCSP Manager updated members on how reporting would take place at meetings going forward.

At the request of the Chairman, Councillor S Carson provided some feedback to members on a recent Bike Safe event which he had been nominated by the Partnership to attend and which he found very beneficial and informative.

4. Any Other Business

4.1 Chief Inspector L Dobson  
Text Alert System

Chief Inspector Dobson advised that the Text Alert System was now up and running. This information was noted.

Prior to the close of the meeting the Chairman stated that he wished to express his thanks to the Vice-Chairman for her support throughout the year. The Vice-Chairman then thanked the Chairman for his comments and also for the ongoing support and input he had made during the year.

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 7.05 pm.

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Chairman