

**LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Policing and Community Safety Partnership held in the Island Civic Centre, The Island, Lisburn, on Tuesday 15 January 2019 at 5.33 pm**

**PRESENT:** Councillor B Hanvey (Chairman)  
Councillor S Carson  
Councillor A P Ewing  
Councillor B Mallon  
Councillor A McIntyre  
Councillor T Mitchell  
Councillor John Palmer  
Councillor R Walker  
Mr M Busch  
Mrs Y Craig (Vice-Chairman)  
Mr P Dean  
Ms D Hancock  
Ms P Leeson  
Ms C McCullough

**IN ATTENDANCE:** PCSP Manager  
Member Services Officer

**Designated Organisations**

Chief Inspector J Wilson, Police Service of Northern Ireland  
Superintendent D Beck, Police Service of Northern Ireland  
Mr A Hannaway, Northern Ireland Housing Executive  
Mr P Thompson, Probation Board for Northern Ireland  
Mr S McDowell, Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service  
Dr M Murray, South Eastern Trust

The Chairman, Councillor B Hanvey, welcomed everyone to the meeting, and thanked the Deputy Chairman, Mrs Y Craig for chairing the previous meeting. He then proceeded by outlining the evacuation procedures in the case of an emergency.

1. **Apologies**

It was agreed that apologies be recorded on behalf of Alderman M Henderson MBE, Kelvin Doherty, Youth Justice Agency and Carmel Connelly, Head of Business and Democratic Services. An apology had also been recorded on behalf of Niall McIvoy, Area Manager with the Probation Board for Northern Ireland who had intended to provide the Partnership with a deputation at the meeting.

2. **Minutes**

It was proposed, seconded and agreed as outlined below that the following Minutes as circulated be confirmed and signed:

- (i) Minutes of the Private Meeting of the Independent Members of the PCSP held on Tuesday 18 September, 2018 – minutes proposed by Ms C McCullough, seconded by Mr P Dean.
- (ii) Minutes of the Private Meeting of the PCSP held on Tuesday 18 September, 2018 – minutes proposed by Councillor S Carson, seconded by Mrs Y Craig.
- (iii) Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Policing Committee held on 20 November, 2018 – minutes proposed by Ms D Hancock seconded by Mr M Busch.

3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

The Chairman, Mr B Hanvey, invited the Partnership to declare any Interests they might have in relation to the business of the meeting.

There were no declarations of interest made at this stage however, during the course of the meeting the following declaration of interest had been made.

- Mr P Dean declared an interest in item 6.9 of the PCSP Managers Report Lisburn Commerce Against Crime on the basis he was a Member of the Board of Lisburn Commerce Against Crime.

4. Deputation by Mr Niall McEvoy, Probation Board for Northern Ireland (Item 1 of the PCSP Managers Report)

In the absence of Mr Niall McEvoy, Probation Board for Northern Ireland it was agreed to recommend that this item be deferred to another forthcoming meeting of the Partnership.

5. Deputation by Copius Consulting on Tackling Paramilitarism and Embedding a Culture of Lawfulness (Item 2 of the PCSP Managers Report)

It was agreed by the Partnership that the Deputation by Copius Consulting be received when the representative arrived.

6. Report of PCSP Manager

It was agreed that the report and recommendations of the PCSP Manager be adopted, subject to any decision recorded below, and other items noted.

6.1 Probation Board Northern Ireland

This item refers to item 4 of the report.

6.2 Copius Consulting - Confidential

This item refers to item 5 of the report.

Dr M Murray, South Eastern Trust, entered the meeting at 5.40 pm.

### 6.3 Update from Statutory Organisations

The following update from Statutory Organisation representatives was provided and information noted.

#### a) Superintendent D Beck, PSNI

Superintendent D Beck provided the Partnership with a visual presentation in relation to the establishment of a Support Hub, and with the aid of power point he explained that the initiative is based on multi-agency approach to help vulnerable people or a family unit by sharing relevant information which helps create a full picture of particular circumstances and by doing this, early intervention could be identified and implemented to reduce a person's vulnerability and improve their wellbeing. He outlined the challenges faced and the vision for its development.

Following his presentation Superintendent D Beck responded to Members' questions which covered a range of issues including:

- Support from the Voluntary Sector
- Chief Executive engagement.
- Age range of people referred to the support hubs.
- How the Support Hubs are managed
- The crucial nature of early intervention to creating positive outcomes.

The Chairman, Councillor B Hanvey thanked Superintendent D Beck for his comprehensive overview of the Support Hubs.

Mrs Y Craig left the meeting at 6.14 pm and returned at 6.18 pm.

### 6.4 Confidential Report of the PCSP Manager

It was agreed that the report and recommendations of the PCSP Manager's Confidential Report be adopted, subject to any decisions recorded below, and other items noted.

#### 6.4.1 Copius Consulting

The PCSP Manger invited and introduced Darren McArdle, Senior Partner of Copius Consulting into the meeting at 6.15 pm to provide Members with an update on their works with the police on tackling paramilitarism and embedding a culture of lawfulness.

With the aid of power point Mr McArdle delivered an outline of the work Copius had been involved in with the various groups across the City, the challenges they faced and the next steps required.

Following his presentation Mr McArdle responded to a number of questions from the Partnership. The Chairman, Councillor B Hanvey thanked Mr McArdle for his presentation and he left the meeting at 6.58 pm.

It was agreed to recommend that Copius continue with this work on behalf of the Partnership.

It was further agreed to recommend that re-engagement of the sub group should commence in taking this initiative forward.

Mr A Hannaway left the meeting at 6.59 pm and returned at 7.03 pm.

Mrs Y Craig left the meeting at 6.59 pm.

#### 6.5 Update from Statutory Organisations Continued

The PCSP Manager proposed that in order to get through all the items of the meeting that the Committee agree to receive no further updates on this item unless there were issues that required Members attention.

#### 6.6 Anti-Social Behaviour in Lisburn and Castlereagh

The PCSP Manager provided Members with details of anti-social behaviour issues that had been reported for the period of 24 November, 2018 to 13 January, 2019 in areas of Princess Diana Gardens/Millbrook and Queens Bridge Tunnel, where large groups of youths had been gathering. She further provided an update on security arrangements that had been put in place covering Lagan Valley Island which was hoped to diminish future gatherings.

Chief Inspector, J Wilson provided the partnership with an update on anti-social behaviour and stated that in monitoring trends over the years results had shown a decrease of anti-social behaviour, he stated that this district had not been receiving the high level of anti-social behaviour of that of neighbouring districts. In light of the recent events he reassured Members that patrols had been widened into the areas of concern, and that they would continue their efforts with local schools. He acknowledged that whilst large crowds of youths gathering could be intimidating to others, to incriminate such young people was not ideal as this could have detrimental impact for them in later years.

It was agreed to recommend that the Partnership consider other ideas and facilities that would prevent large groups gathering in public areas.

A lengthy discussion took place in relation to the speed of traffic on the Saintfield Road whereby a number of incidents had occurred including fatalities. Members questioned the PSNI on what actions had been.

Superintendent D Beck advised that the PSNI were working extremely hard to cover all services within the district and reminded Members that a snapshot had been provided to them at a previous meeting as an appreciation of the challenges they faced on a daily basis. He assured Members that the PSNI were committed and engaged with the community and that it was very difficult to get it right all the time.

Councillor A McIntyre left the meeting at 7.21 pm and returned at 7.27 pm.

Councillor T Mitchell, Councillor B Mallon and Mr S McDowell, Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service, left the meeting at 7.32 pm.

Mr Bush left the meeting at 7.46 pm and returned at 7.48 pm.

6.7 Public Consultation on Local Policing – Ivanhoe Hotel

Members noted the information provided relating to the public consultation meeting which took place in the Ivanhoe Hotel facilitated by the PSNI in October, 2018 and were advised that the findings would be expected by mid-February, 2019.

6.8 TrueCall

Members were provided with a report detailing the outcomes of the 95 TrueCall devices which had been purchased and installed by the PCSP over the last two years. Over 95% of nuisance calls that were received had been blocked and it was estimated that 28 scams had been prevented estimating a savings of £97,596. Members noted that a further 57 devices had been purchased by the Partnership for installation over the coming months.

6.9 Lisburn Commerce Against Crime

The Partnership noted that the Council's Service Transformation Department had confirmed that Lisburn Commerce Against Crime had provided an agreed Economic Appraisal and that the PCSP were now in a position to issue a Letter of Offer which had been agreed at a previous meeting of the Partnership.

6.10 Inpartnership

Members were provided with a copy of both the November and December, 2018 editions of the Inpartnership Newsletters and noted the contents within.

6.11 Applications for Funding Under £500

It was agreed to recommend that the award of funding under £500 to the following applications:

- Domestic Violence Youth Intervention Initiative - £495
- Kids court McKinney Primary School - £260
- Friends of St Joseph's PTA Road Safety Initiative - £500
- Glenavy District LOL Marshall Training - £500
- Seymour Hill and District Women's Group Planning Day - £120

Members were provided with and noted the details of times and locations for the forthcoming project applications for funding under £500 and were invited to attend where possible.

6.12 Drugs Bins

Members noted the report provided which detailed the contents of the drugs contained in the drugs bins placed in Glenavy, Old Warren and Seymour Hill.

Members further noted the update provided regarding the consultation for the installation of drugs bins in Lisburn South.

6.13 Northern Ireland Policing Board Reconstitution

Members were provided with a copy of correspondence received from the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland in relation to the appointment of Independent Members to the Northern Ireland Policing Board.

Members noted that the competition had concluded, and several appointable candidates had been identified.

6.14 'No Grey Zone'

The Partnership was advised that at a meeting of the Council which took place on 27 November, 2018 a notice of motion in the name of Councillor A McIntyre, seconded by Councillor J McCarthy had been agreed. The Council declared that all premises operated by Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council to be a #NoGreyZone and resolves to arrange a cross-party delegation, to include the Council Communication and Marketing Officers and the PCSP, Prosecutors, Sexual Violence Charities and Student representatives to identify how to effectively support the campaign in Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council premises. It had been further agreed that Party Group Leaders on the Partnership and Council would advise the PCSP Chairman, Councillor B Hanvey if they wished to be involved.

It was agreed to recommend that the PCSP Chairman, Councillor B Hanvey of the SDLP Party, Councillor S Carson of the DUP Party be accepted as volunteers of the cross-party delegation.

It was further agreed that an update would be provided to the Partnership at a future meeting.

6.15 Speed Indicator Devices

Members were reminded of the ongoing issues raised by the Department for Infrastructure whereby speed indicator devices mounted to street lamp furniture had been deemed unsuitable. During a meeting with the Department for Infrastructure held on the 14 November, 2018 it had been agreed that the Department for Infrastructure would install bespoke, poles at agreed locations.

The PCSP Manager advised Members that the speed indicator devices placed in Anahilt and Maghaberry had been removed until locations to install the poles were agreed, and that the third device purchased to be placed at the chosen location in Carryduff had never been placed. She further advised that four additional devices would be purchased before the end of the financial year.

It was agreed to recommend that based on community concerns and approval from the Department for Infrastructure for agreed site locations prior to installing the poles, the seven locations for the speed indicator devices would be as follows:

Maghaberry Village, Anahilt, Carryduff Shopping Centre, Ballinderry Road near the schools, Belsize Road, Lisburn Road Glenavy and a location to be agreed at Castlereagh East.

Dr M Murray, South Eastern Trust left the meeting at 7.54 pm.  
Mr A Hannaway, Northern Housing Executive left the meeting at 7.55 pm

6.16 Recruitment of Independent Members to PCSP's – Information Pack

The Partnership was provided with a copy of correspondence received by the Chief Executive from Northern Ireland Policing Board regarding the recruitment of Independent Members to PCSPs. Contained in the information was a draft Application Form and Information Booklet.

Members were advised that the dead line for feedback on the on the draft documents had been extended to the 16 January, 2019 and asked that if they had any comments to add to inform the PCSP Manager.

6.17 Domestic Violence Digital Seminar

The Partnership was provided with a copy of a flyer advertising a seminar on 'Domestic Abuse in the Digital World' and noted the initiative would take place in Lagan Valley Island on Tuesday 5 February, 2019 from 9.30 am to 1 pm, hosted in partnership with South Eastern Domestic and Sexual Violence Partnership and the PCSP.

Mr P Thompson, Probation Board for Northern Ireland, left the meeting at 8.04 pm.

6.18 Schedule of Public/Private Meetings 2019

The Partnership was provided with a Schedule of Public and Private meetings for 2019 and noted the contents within.

7. Any Other Business

7.1 New Chief Inspector  
Superintendent D Beck

Superintendent D Beck announced that Chief Inspector L Dobson had moved to a new role in Belfast. He further announced that her new successor was Chief Inspector J Wilson, who would take on the continuity in delivering assurance and engagement within the district.

7.2 Parking issues at Warren Park  
Mr P Dean

Mr P Dean raised concern regarding vehicles parking at both sides of Warren Park by staff and patients of Lagan Valley Hospital and highlight that the Council had provided the Heath Trust with additional parking facilities which were not being used. He stressed the difficulties accessing the school and graveyard as the road was not wide enough

It was agreed that PSNI would look into this matter and further agreed that the matter also be raised with Dr M Murray.

Conclusion of the Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was terminated at 8.10 pm.

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Chairman