

**LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL**

**Private Meeting of the Policing and Community Safety Partnership held at Lagan Valley Island, in the Council Chamber and via Zoom, on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 6.35 pm**

**PRESENT:** Councillor S Lowry (Chairperson)  
Councillor P Burke  
Councillor A Givan  
Councillor J Lavery BEM  
Councillor M McKeever  
Councillor A Martin  
Councillor T Mitchell  
Mr D Cairns  
Mr B Corr (Vice Chairperson)  
Mr D Drysdale  
Mrs Y Craig  
Mr G McClory  
Ms G McDonald  
Mr G Walker

**PRESENT IN A REMOTE LOCATION:** Councillor C Kemp  
Mr N Anderson

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council  
Acting Member Services Manager (CA)  
PCSP Support Officer (JB)  
Member Services Officers (CH and EW)  
  
Designated Organisations  
Superintendent K Moore, PSNI  
Chief Inspector T Atkinson, PSNI  
Inspector N Sturdy, PSNI  
Mr J Crymble, Education Authority  
Ms C Cullan, Youth Justice Agency  
Mr D Marley, NIHE

**Commencement of the Meeting**

The Chairperson, Councillor S Lowry, welcomed everyone to the private meeting of the PCSP. Superintendent K Moore introduced Chief Inspector Trevor Atkinson, (Performance) and Inspector Nick Sturdy from the Roads Policing Unit.

1. **Apologies**

Apologies were reported on behalf of Councillors J Gallen and B Higginson together with Independent Member, Mrs A Playford and Ms F McKibbin (PBNI).

2. Declarations of Interest

The following interest was declared:

Superintendent K Moore, Chief Inspector T Atkinson and Inspector N Sturdy, in respect of item 7.5 of the Acting PCSP Manager's report, Applications for Funding over £500, in view of the PSNI Engagement Vehicle funding request.

3. Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor T Mitchell, seconded by Councillor A Givan, and agreed that the minutes of the undernoted meetings be adopted:

- Minutes of the Private Meeting held on 21 May 2024,
- Minutes of the Special Private Meeting held on 18 June 2024,
- Minutes of the Policing Committee Meeting in Public held on 18 June 2024,
- Minutes of the Election of Vice-Chairperson held on 20 August 2024,
- Minutes of the Policing Committee Meeting held on 20 August 2024.

4. ONUS Presentation

The Chairperson, Councillor S Lowry, advised the Partnership that Lynsey Harris from ONUS was unable to attend the meeting due to unforeseen circumstances. It was reported that the ONUS Presentation had been rescheduled to the next Private Committee, due to be held in December 2024.

5. PSNI Roads Policing Presentation

Inspector N Sturdy provided an overview on work of the Roads Policing Team, explaining that the Roads Policing Unit was a special PSNI unit within the Operational Support Department that dealt with all matters that involved roads, including roads policing, engineering and education. It was explained that the Roads Policing Team worked with other internal units, external organisations, statutory agencies and funding partners to secure the roads from the threat of serious crime and terrorism.

Inspector N Sturdy reported that policing of the roads within each district was the responsibility of the Road District Command, and the roads policing team supported them when requested, with the exception of motorways, which was exclusively managed by the Roads Policing Unit due to the risks involved. He explained that the Roads Policing Unit had two large bases at Antrim and Portadown, which were operational 24/7, 365 days a year with the primary responsibility of Motorways alongside provision of tactical support for other road networks including A1, Westlink, A4 and A6.

5. PSNI Roads Policing Presentation Cont'd

It was reported that in addition to the Roads Policing Unit, the Road Policing Interceptors had primary responsibility for road crime and road safety; and the Roads Policing Development Unit had responsibility for policy development within the roads service, this included Traffic Management Officers, who specialised in traffic flow, collisions and liaison with contractors in relation to road works etc.

Inspector N Sturdy also explained the deployment process for Road Safety Vans. He pointed out that Road Safety Vans were controlled by the Road Safety Partnership, which was a partnership between the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Department for Infrastructure, Court Service and the PSNI.

Responding to questions from the Partnership Members, Superintendent K Moore and Inspector N Sturdy clarified a number of matters, in respect of enforcement of parking prohibitions in the vicinity of schools and pavement parking in general, implementation process of roadside drug testing and deployment process for Road Safety Vans.

Responding to Mr N Andersons request, the Chairperson Councillor S Lowry agreed that the PCSP consider a Public Themed Meeting on the issue of parking, and that an invitation to attend be extended to the Department for Infrastructure and the Road Safety Partnership.

Responding to requests made by Councillor T Mitchell, Superintendent Moore agreed to refer both issues of parking on double yellow lines at Moira Train Station, and the car parked (for sale sign) on the dual carriageway at Dromore, to Roads Policing colleagues.

In response to a site visit request made by Councillor A Martin in respect of road safety concerns at Meadowbridge Primary School and Kesh Road, Inspector N Sturdy agreed to pass the request to the Traffic Management Officer to progress with the Road Safety Partnership.

Following discussion, concerns raised by Mr D Drysdale in relation to speed limit changes on Kings Road and the location of a speed detection van at Coppers Mill, Dundonald; the Partnership agreed to write a letter to the Road Safety Partnership outlining the concerns of the PCSP in relation to the matter, and to request additional information on the deployment process for road safety vans. Superintendent K Moore also agreed to review the concerns raised and progress enforcement where possible within the PSNI.

6. Update from Statutory Partners

The following representatives from the statutory organisations provided updates the work of their respective organisations with regards to their community safety priorities:

## 6.1 Update from PSNI

During her update, Superintendent K Moore highlighted the following in regard to the Lisburn and Castlereagh area:

- overall crime reduction by just over 9% compared to the previous year,
- crime types that increased were residential burglaries which had increased by 4.9% (9 incidents), theft increased by 4.7% (66 incidents), shop lifting increased by 18% (119 additional crimes reported)
- currently carrying out analysis on shoplifting in terms of repeat locations and repeat offenders and being proactive to support crime prevention,
- plans were underway for the Christmas campaign with operation 'Seasons Greetings' which would include safe shopping, safe place and safe homes,
- update on postal drug interceptions with good results,
- anti-social behaviour levels reduced by 12.5%, Lisburn Square and local parks still a priority,
- still getting reports of scrambler issues, however number of reports had reduced,
- good results during July/August on the road safety operation 'operation spotlight',
- plans underway for Halloween with no significant issues anticipated,
- Women's Walk in conjunction with PCSP taking place on the 25 September,
- engagement with Schools – delivery of internet safety and other topics,
- events in planning – reference engagement and listening event with a focus on ethnic minority community.

Responding to questions from the Partnership Members, Superintendent K Moore clarified several matters, in respect of a recent car pursuit in Hillsborough and graffiti / ASB issue in Ballybeen Housing Estate.

Superintendent K Moore, responding to a concern raised by Councillor J Lavery in relation to sexual offenders, agreed that a member of the Public Protection Branch attend the next meeting of PCSP, to provide information on the management of sexual offenders placed in the community.

## 6.2 Update from Mr J Crymble, Education Authority

Mr Crymble provided an update in relation to recent community initiatives by the Education Authority, including:

- Paddleboarding trips to Strangford Lough,
- Visits to Stormont Park,
- 'Camp Under the Stars' - successful overnight residential attended by 80 young people over three days at Delamont Country Park,
- Horizon Programme commenced, 18 young people from Ballybeen taking part, yearlong programme with an international visit opportunity,
- Planning ongoing for the youth volunteer academy due to commence at Halloween
- Seymour Hill, Derriaghy and Laurelhill summer programme update.

6.2 Update from Mr J Crymble, Education Authority Cont'd

Mr Crymble responded to a number of questions raised by Councillor P Burke:

- in relation to Lisburn North boundary changes, Mr Crymble confirmed that service delivery would not be directly impacted,
- Mr Crymble confirmed that Derriaghy was currently centre based,
- Mr Crymble confirmed he was aware of young people from Barnfield meeting at the river and agreed to discuss further with Councillor Burke after the meeting.

6.3 Update from Ms Catrina Cullen, Youth Justice Agency

Mr J Crymble left the chamber at 7.36 pm and returned (7.38 pm).

Ms C Cullen reminded the Partnership that the Road Safe Roadshow for young people would take place on the following dates

12 November, Bangor,  
19 November, Lisburn.

Ms Cullen provided an update in relation to the work of the Youth Justice Agency including:

- a new clinic format introduced to reduce the delay from the offence taking place and being sentenced/charged so that young people would receive intervention at an earlier stage,
- recent employment of two CAMHS staff to cover the South Eastern Trust area,
- delivered a one punch programme presentation to YMCA on 11<sup>th</sup> September.

6.4 Update from Mr Des Marley, NIHE

Mr Marley highlighted a number of matters including:

- there were no reports of hate crime during July/August. Mr Marley paid tribute to local community groups and Resurgam Trust for the prevention work carried out,
- there were 7 reported cases of antisocial behaviour during July, 86% of cases had been responded to within 5 days of being registered.
- there were 8 reported cases of antisocial behaviour during July, 95% of cases had been responded to within 5 days of being registered.
- previously reported incidents of ASB at vacant apartment block at the Moyne had been resolved, Mr Marley expressed thanks to the resident's association and PSNI for their work in resolving the issue.

At the conclusion of Mr Marley's update, the following issue were raised by members of the Partnership:

- Councillor P Burke referred to an incident where a single parent was concerned with drug users and had been instructed by Radius Housing to remove her ring doorbell due to invasion of neighbours' privacy.

#### 6.4 Update from Mr Des Marley, NIHE Cont'd

Mr Marley suggested that the individual report any drug use to Radius Housing for investigation,

- Mr Marley responded to a question from Councillor J Lavery in relation to the issue raised at the previous meeting of the Partnership in connection with the NIHE's assessment appraisal criteria. Mr Marley advised that he had no further update and that he would share any update with the Partnership as soon as it was available. Mr Marley undertook to reiterate the Partnerships disappointment on this matter to NIHE's Policy Unit.
- Mr D Drysdale paid tribute to the new housing officer based in Dundonald, a number of people had spoken to Mr Drysdale recently and requested that their thanks be passed to the officer for her work in the area,
- responding to a concern raised by Mr Drysdale in respect of residents' protest on housing standards off the Upper Newtownards Road, Mr Marley confirmed that he was aware of the situation and work was ongoing to rectify the situation,
- Mr D Drysdale left the chamber (7.49 pm),
- In response to a query raised by Mr D Cairns, Mr Marley undertook to circulate the Housing Selection Scheme Terms of Reference to the Partnership.
- Mr D Drysdale returned to the Chamber (7.52 pm),
- responding to a query raised by Mr B Corr in regard to an elderly gentlemen receiving a £13 per week increase in his rent further to receiving an £18 per week uplift in his state pension, Mr Marley suggested the gentleman contact the Housing Association directly for further guidance on the matter,
- Mr N Anderson requested that consideration be given by the Partnership, to write to the relevant Minister and Chief Executive of the Housing Executive, to relay the Partnerships concerns in relation to the slow update of the NIHE's assessment appraisal criteria.

At the conclusion of the updates from the statutory partners, the Chairperson, Councillor S Lowry, thanked the statutory agency representatives present for their contributions.

### 7. Report of the Acting PCSP Manager

#### 7.1 Road Safety Sub-Group

The Acting PCSP Manager reported that following the reconstitution of PCSP on the 1 June 2024, the membership of the Road Safety Sub-Group required renewal. The proposed date for the next meeting of the Sub-Group was Tuesday 17 December 2024, commencing at 10.00 am, to consider new applications for SIDs and review effectiveness of existing sites.

The Partnership was furnished with a copy of the Road Safety Sub-Group terms of reference. It was agreed that new members to the Road Safety Sub-Group be appointed in line with the terms of reference as follows:

7.1 Road Safety Sub-Group Cont'd

- PCSP Chairperson – Councillor Sharon Lowry
- PCSP Vice Chairperson – Mr Brendan Corr
- 2 x Elected Members – Councillors C Kemp and A Martin
- 2 x Independent Members – Mrs Y Craig and Mr N Anderson
- PSNI representative(s) – attendance of officer available at that time

7.2 Lisburn & Castlereagh Road Safety Partnership

The Acting PCSP Manager set out in her report information in respect of Road Safe NI establishing a Road Safety Partnership in the Lisburn & Castlereagh area. It was reported that a public meeting took place on 13 June 2024 to gauge public interest, with 20 members of the public having attended the meeting.

It was further explained that an inaugural meeting of the Lisburn & Castlereagh Road Safety Partnership was held on 28 August 2024, and their next meeting would take place on Tuesday 1 October at 7.00pm at Lagan Valley Island, Lisburn.

The PCSP were invited to nominate a representative to sit on the Road Safety Partnership. It was agreed that Mrs Y Craig be appointed as the PCSP member to sit on the Lisburn and Castlereagh Safety Partnership.

7.3 Ladies Vehicle Maintenance & Safety Evening

The Acting PCSP Manager reported that the recent Ladies Vehicle Maintenance & Safety Evening held on the 26 June 2024 in Gilnahirk Tyre & Exhaust Centre, Dundonald was very successful with over 50 ladies attending the event. As requested, a further event had been arranged for the Lisburn area on Thursday 21 November 2024 commencing at 7.00 pm to coincide with the road safety week (18 – 24 November 2024). It was explained that the venue was confirmed as the Integrity Tyre & Auto Services, Ballinderry Road, Lisburn; and that the purpose of the informative session was to teach all the under the bonnet basics, leaving participants feeling more confident on the road.

The Acting PCSP Manager explained that participants could register by Contacting her or the PCSP Support Officer, Mr J Bingham and encouraged the Partnership to promote the event with relevant interest groups.

The Partnership agreed that the report on the Ladies Vehicle Maintenance & Safety Evening be noted.

7.4 Participatory Budgeting (Grand Choice) – Killultagh

The Acting PCSP Manager set out in her report information in relation to the Grand Choice participatory budgeting initiative for the Killultagh DEA. It was explained that the initiative opened for applications on 2 September 2024, with a closing date of Sunday 29 September 2024.

#### 7.4 Participatory Budgeting (Grand Choice) – Killultagh Cont'd

The Partnership were advised that the community decision event would take place on Saturday 19 October 2024 from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm, in St Claire's Community Hall, Chapel Road, Glenavy.

The Partnership noted that winners would be announced week commencing 21 October 2024. PCSP Members were asked to assist at the marketplace event on the 19 October and were also encouraged to raise the awareness of the initiative with local community groups and organisations within the Killultagh DEA.

It was agreed that report on the Killultagh Participatory Budgeting (Grand Choice), event be noted.

#### 7.5 National Acquisitive Crime Reduction Awards 2024

The Acting PCSP Manager reported that further to the launch of the Council wide Business Watch Scheme last autumn almost 100 businesses had registered to the Scheme. As of the end of March 2024, there had been a decline in shoplifting and incidents of ASB affecting businesses during the past year.

The Partnership noted that PSNI had put forward an application to the UK National Acquisitive Crime Reduction Awards 2024, for the Business Watch Scheme as an example of excellent partnership working.

The Acting PCSP Manager reported that the project won the Partnership Project category award, which was a fantastic achievement for all the partners involved. The Awards Ceremony was held in Birmingham on Tuesday 9 July 2024 with the PCSP Officer Mr J Bingham and local PSNI officers in attendance to receive the award.

The Acting PCSP Manager paid tribute to Mr J Bingham for his tireless work which had ensured the schemes success. These sentiments were echoed by the Chairperson, Councillor S Lowry and Mr N Anderson on behalf of the Partnership.

It was agreed that the report on the National Acquisitive Crime Reduction Awards 2024 be noted.

#### 7.6 Applications for Funding over £500

Superintendent K Moore, Chief Inspector T Atkinson and Inspector N Sturdy left the Chamber (8.05 pm).

A mobile engagement vehicle funding report was circulated to Members. PCSP Officers responded to a number of comments and questions arising from the report. A number of Partnership members spoke in support of the application for funding. It was proposed by Councillor J Laverty, seconded by Mr G McClory, and agreed that the Partnership approve the undernoted application for funding:

Group	Project	Amount
PSNI	Part fund a PSNI Engagement vehicle	£10,000



### 7.6 Applications for Funding over £500 Cont'd

Superintendent K Moore, Chief Inspector T Atkinson and Inspector N Sturdy returned to the Chamber (8.22 pm).

It was proposed by Mr McClory, seconded Councillor P Burke, and agreed that the Partnership approve the undernoted application for funding, information in respect of which was appended to the report

Group	Project	Amount
Knockmore CA	Provide funding for a diversionary project to support Live Life Well-Being Project (development of the Grove Activity Centre) for young adults with disabilities	£865

### 7.7 Applications for Funding under £500

It was proposed by Councillor T Mitchel, seconded by Councillor A Givan, and agreed that the undernoted applications for funding be retrospectively approved:

Group	Project	Amount
Live Life Social Enterprises	Knockmore Community Positive Engagement Project (development of the Grove Activity Centre) for young adults with disabilities	£500
Lisburn Féile	Summer Community Engagement	£500
PSNI	Tackling violence against women & girls project – Walk for Women 21 September 2024. Purchase of personal safety items.	£477

### 7.8 Forthcoming Events

It was agreed that the below events be noted with attendance by Partnership members where possible:

Date/Time	Event	Venue
15 October 2024 7.00 pm	PCSP Public Themed Meeting on Hate Crime ( <b>Hate Crime Awareness week 14 – 20 October</b> ). This event will incorporate food from around the world and will be titled ' <b>Food for Thought</b> '	St Patrick's Parish Centre, Chapel Hill, Lisburn
17 October 2024 8.00 am – 11.00 am	Business Breakfast ( <b>Safer Business Action Week 14 – 20 October</b> )	Café Nero, Forestside Shopping Centre

Date/Time	Event	Venue
19 October 2024 11.00 am – 3.00 pm	Grand Choice Market Place Event for Killultagh DEA	St Claire's Community Hall, Chapel Road, Glenavy
19 November 2024 10.00 am & 12.45 pm	Road Safe Road Shows for Post Primary Students <b>(Road Safety Awareness week 18 – 24 November)</b> – PCSP Members welcome to attend.	Lagan Valley Island, Lisburn
19 November 2024 6.30 pm	PCSP Policing Committee 6 Month Monitoring Meeting in Private	Lagan Valley Island, Lisburn
21 November 2024 7.00 pm	Ladies Basic Car Maintenance Event	Integrity Tyres & Auto Services, Ballinderry Road, Lisburn
29 November 2023 10.00 am	Christmas Crime Prevention Campaign Launch (Op Seasons Greetings)	Venue TBC
17 December 2024 10.00 am – 2.00 pm	PCSP Road Safety Sub- Group	Lagan Valley Island, Lisburn

#### 8. Any Other Business

In response to a query from Mr N Anderson in regard to the use of VR Headsets as a youth engagement tool, the Chairperson, Councillor S Lowry requested that Mr Anderson get in touch with PCSP officers directly to discuss the matter further.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8.28 pm.

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Chairperson