

January 24th, 2023

**Notice Of Meeting**

You are requested to attend the Policing and Community Safety Partnership meeting to be held on **Tuesday, 31st January 2023 at 6:00 pm** in **Online via Microsoft Teams**.

# Agenda

## 1.0 Welcome, Chairperson's Remarks and Apologies

## 2.0 Declarations of Interest

## 3.0 Draft Minutes of previous PCSP & Policing Committee Meeting held on 29 November 2022

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## 4.0 Matters Arising

### Policing Committee Business

## 5.0 District Commander's Report - Period 5 (To follow)

### PCSP Business

## 6.0 PCSP Budget - Change Control Request

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## 9.0 Statutory Partner Update

**10.0 Update from PSNI on implications of Brexit in relation to Policing in Newry, Mourne and Down (Standing Item)**

**11.0 Date of Next Meeting - 2pm on 28 March 2023 in the Council Chamber, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick and online via Microsoft Teams**

**POLICING COMMITTEE AND POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP****Minutes of the Newry, Mourne & Down Policing Committee and Policing & Community Safety Partnership Meeting held at 2pm on Tuesday 29 November 2022 in Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick and online via Microsoft Teams**

**Present:** Councillor T Andrews, NMDDC  
Councillor R Burgess, NMDDC  
Councillor W Clarke, NMDDC  
Councillor D Murphy, NMDDC  
Councillor K McKeivitt, NMDDC  
Superintendent Norman Haslett, PSNI  
Inspector Darren Hardy, PSNI  
Inspector Kelly Gibson, PSNI  
Inspector Sheila Loughran, PSNI  
Sergeant Ryan Duffy, PSNI  
Audrey Byrne, PCSP Independent Member (Chair)  
Michelle Osborne, PCSP Independent Member  
Niall Fitzpatrick, NIHE  
Roisin Leckey, PBNI  
Michael Heaney, YJA  
Donna Weir, EANI

**In attendance:** Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement  
Martina Flynn, Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager  
Claire Loughran, Safer Communities & Good Relations Officer  
Shannon Creaney, PCSP Officer  
Shane McGivern, Project Manager CANN  
Patricia McKeever, Democratic Services Officer

**1 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks**

In the absence of Councillor Owen, Audrey Byrne chaired the meeting.

Mrs Byrne welcomed all to the meeting saying it had been a busy time since they had last met, with two public meetings, one in Newry and one in Ballynahinch and two planning sessions, one in Newry and one in Newcastle along with a variety of other events held throughout the District.

Mrs Byrne extended thanks to those Members who had attended the Good Practice Day in Newry Omniplex on 16 November and the All Island Community Safety Conference in the Carrickdale Hotel on 17 November. She said both events had been very successful and had raised awareness of the work of the PCSP both North and South of the border.

Apologies were received from Councillor Owen, Councillor Hanlon, Councillor Howell, Tara Campbell, Dan McEvoy and John Allen (Independent Members), Liam Gunn (NIHE) and Aidan McCabe (SHSCT).

## 2 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

## 3 Draft Minutes of Policing Committee and PCSP Meeting dated 27 September 2022

Read: Minutes of Policing Committee and PCSP Meeting held on 27 September 2022 (copy circulated).

Roisin Lecky said the Minutes had NIPB instead of PBNI against her name – her comments were noted.

**Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor McKeivitt seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed to approve the Minutes of the Policing Committee and PCSP Meeting held on 27 September 2022 as a true and accurate record.**

## 4 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

## 5 Policing Committee Business

### 5.1 District Commander's Report – Period 4

Read: District Commander's Report – Period 4. (copy circulated)

Superintendent Haslett presented the District Commander's Report to the Partnership using the new format for the first time which, he said was based on the Northern Ireland Policing Plan which had three stated outcomes: 1. Safe Community, 2. Confidence in Policing and 3. Engaged and Supportive Communities. Superintendent Haslett said he would be very keen to hear Members' views on the new format, which he said could be fed back to both the Northern Ireland Policing Board and his own District Policing Command.

Discussion then took place with the following points raised:

### General

Members were content with the new format of the District Commander's Report. Superintendent Haslett said it was important the Partnership were getting sufficient information and the Local Policing Plan was being fulfilled.

Mrs Flynn and the PCSP Team were commended for the very successful cross-border community safety events and conference held on 16 & 17 November 2022.

### **Road Safety**

Roisin Leckey referred to the recent increase in road traffic accidents in the area and asked if there was anything further that could be done, as a partnership, to reduce these numbers. She referred to the PCSP Paulie Project Road Safety documentary and asked if it could be offered to secondary level schools.

Mrs Flynn said the Paulie Project documentary had been shown in secondary schools in the Down area previously, and if required, could be shown again.

Superintendent Haslett said the two main areas of focus in terms of road safety were education and enforcement. He said the PSNI were guided by PCSP SIDs data and also by a grid that provided detail on a daily basis on hotspot areas for speeding. Superintendent Haslett said the Newry Mourne and Down District Council area was the second highest area across N. Ireland for road deaths and serious road traffic accidents. He agreed that the Paulie Project documentary was very powerful.

Councillor McKeivitt said for Road Safety Week, she, along with the Crotlieve Neighbourhood Policing Team visited some rural schools where they spoke of road safety including the dangers of speeding, which she said had been very useful. She referred to a visit to Rascals and Ruffians Playschool in Ballyholland on 9 November by Crotlieve Neighbourhood Policing Team at which the PCSP supplied hi-vis vests for the children and she said education in road safety should begin at a young age.

Superintendent Haslett said the importance of education at an early age should not be underestimated.

Councillor Clarke referred to recent serious RTAs in Newcastle and surrounding area and asked for an increased PSNI presence, although he acknowledged a reassessment of road safety by DfI Roads was also needed.

Superintendent Haslett acknowledged the increase in RTAs in the area and said in the short term an increased police presence could be deployed, however he said in the longer - term Inspector Loughran would look at potential traffic calming measures.

### **Domestic Violence**

Councillor McKeivitt said it was disappointing to learn of the increase in domestic violence incidents; she acknowledged the introduction of new legislation and more people reporting may be reason for the increased numbers.

Superintendent Haslett said both he and his senior management team would be taking a particular interest in the increased numbers recorded, however he concurred with Councillor McKeivitt that the increase could, in part, be attributed to improved confidence in reporting such incidents.

### **Burglaries**

Councillor Andrews referred to robberies in the area and said both business and domestic dwellings were being targeted.

Superintendent Haslett said generally coming up to Christmas there was an increase in burglaries. He said police officers were well briefed and would patrol retail areas, providing a preventative presence and the launch of Operation Season's Greetings would ensure that resources were deployed to deter and detect criminality and provide visible reassurance to the public. Superintendent Haslett said burglaries were two-fold, opportunistic burglars but he said there had been an increase in organised crime gangs coming up from RoI, their main focus being jewellery and cash. He said a burglary had occurred the previous evening, however the car had been recovered on the A1 and three suspects had been apprehended by the PSNI.

Superintendent Haslett said cases of shoplifting generally increased at this time of year also and he said the economic crisis would only serve to exacerbate it.

## 6 PCSP Action Plan 2023/24

Read: PCSP Action Plan 2023/24 (copy circulated)

**Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Murphy it was agreed to:**

- **Note the report**
- **Approve the attached draft Action Plan for the PCSP for 2023/24.**

## 7 PCSP Officer Report

Read: PCSP Officer Report (copy circulated)

Mrs Flynn said it was anticipated the installation of the next 7 SIDs would commence shortly and it was hoped they would all be installed by Christmas.

Mrs Flynn advised that significant representation had been received from the Alliance Party concerning the location of the SID in Newcastle, noting that party representatives considered it was in the wrong location and had requested it be moved. Mrs Flynn said she had advised the representatives that the agreed protocol had been followed in terms of determining the location of the SID. She said she had also met with Councillor Clarke and DfI regarding this issue in Newcastle and they agreed there was no other suitable location in Newcastle for the SID.

Mrs Flynn, in referring to budgets, advised Members there was an underspend associated with a vacant PCSP administrative post and she said early in the New Year she would be requesting approval to move this budget across other operational areas. She said she may have to request this via written procedure early in the New Year and she wished to make Members aware.

**Agreed: It was agreed the Committee:**

- **Note the report**
- **Note the attached PCSP Officer Report.**

## 8 ASB Sub Group Report

Read: ASB Sub Group Report – October 2022 (copy circulated).

**Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Murphy seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed the Committee:-**

- **Note the report.**
- **Agree the attached Draft Action Sheet of ASB Sub Group 1 held on 25 October 2022 and ASB Sub Group 2 held on 26 October 2022.**

## 9 Statutory Partner Update

Ms Leckey said she had recently attended a presentation in Dublin by An Garda Síochána on sexual exploitation and she asked the PSNI if that was an area of concern in the District. Inspector Kelly Gibson responded, saying following a day of action recently, two locations in Newry and in South Armagh had been identified, she said this was mainly in relation to sexual exploitation of adults, but that a piece of work had also been carried out in relation to child sexual exploitation. She said sexual exploitation was very much a priority and actioned accordingly.

Mr Heaney advised Members there was an Earlier Stage Diversion Community Support funding programme that was targeted at groups of people under the age of 18 involved in ASB or low level offending behaviour. He said a local voluntary or community group could be assigned to work with these youths to try and divert them away from ASB and he said there was funding of up to £5K available.

Mr Heaney said there was an emerging theme around the vaping of illegal dangerous substances and they were looking at ways of trying to share knowledge and services regarding this.

Ms Weir said in relation to the Youth Service, a funding scheme had just been launched that would mainly focus on young people having a safe space. She said groups would have about four weeks to complete and submit an application for assessment and it would be a 3-year funding cycle. She said a few other youth funding streams would follow online.

Ms Weir said in terms of local provision, the Youth Volunteer Academy in Newry had 14 young men involved in the programme and the Neighbourhood Policing Team was helping to co-deliver the programme. She said a celebration event was to be held next week in Cloughreagh for young people who had completed a drugs and alcohol awareness programme. As a result of some conflict and feuding in Bessbrook, the Youth Worker in that area was to look at detached work in the short term to try and address this issue. Youth work was continuing in Downpatrick as a long-term piece of work. A very successful Champions League programme had been held in Killeavy GAA involving 57 young people from across South Armagh, the partners in PSNI had delivered workshops at the event.

Ms Weir said successful collaboration was continuing with staff realising the importance of working in partnership with all colleagues.



**11 Update from PSNI on implications of, and preparations for Brexit in relation to Policing in Newry, Mourne and Down (Standing item)**

There was no update to report.

**12 Date of Next Meeting - 6pm on 31 January 2023 (hybrid option)**

The next PCSP & Policing Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 31 January 2023 at 6pm in the Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry and online via Microsoft Teams.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 3.25pm.

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<b>Report to:</b>	Policing & Community Safety Partnership				
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	31 January 2023				
<b>Subject:</b>	PCSP Budget – Change Control				
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Martina Flynn, Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager				
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Martina Flynn, Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager				
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose and Background</b>				
1.1	<p><b>Purpose</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To note the report.</li> <li>To approve the recommendation that £15,000 be reallocated from the PCSP 2022/23 Administration budget to the Operations budget.</li> </ul>				
1.2	<p><b>Background</b></p> <p>The PCSP budget is split into Administration (covering some core salary costs) and Operational (covering programme costs). Despite several attempts we have not been able to appoint a full-time PCSP Administrative Officer with the result that there is now some underspend in the Administration budget for 2022/23 (approx. £15,000).</p> <p>With Partnership approval this underspend can be vired to the Operational budget and utilised to cover further costs including – for example - the purchase of Hi-Vis vests and other merchandise (Road Safety thematic area), the supply of Tier 1 home safety equipment (Burglary &amp; Crime Prevention thematic area) and the development of ASB initiatives for the Easter period.</p>				
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key issues</b>				
2.1	<p>All Change Controls must be submitted to Joint Committee by 17 February 2023 meaning that Partnership approval is required to ensure that this deadline is met. Failure to request a reprofile by this date will result in loss of funding.</p> <p>We are continuing to liaise with Council’s HR Department to ensure that all recruitment options are considered, including a temporary placement via agency.</p>				
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>				
3.1	<p>That the Committee:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note the report.</li> <li>Approve the recommendation that £15,000 be reallocated from the PCSP 2022/23 Administration budget to the Operations budget.</li> </ul>				
<b>t4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>				
4.1	<p><b>Revenue</b> All actions are budgeted for in the PCSP 2022/23 Action Plan</p> <p><b>Capital</b> N/A</p>				
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Equality and Good Relations implications</b>				
5.1	<p>No Equality of Opportunity or Good Relations adverse impact is anticipated. Should have a positive impact on Equality of Opportunity and Good Relations.</p>				

<b>6.0</b>	<b>Rural Proofing implications</b>
6.1	Due regard to rural needs has been considered.
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
7.1	None
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Background Documents</b>
8.1	None

<b>Report to:</b>	Policing & Community Safety Partnership				
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	31 January 2023				
<b>Subject:</b>	ASB Sub Group Report				
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Martina Flynn, Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager				
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose and Background</b>				
1.1	<b>Purpose</b> To consider and agree the Draft Action Sheet of the ASB Sub Group 1 meeting held on 6 December 2022 and the ASB Sub Group 2 meeting held on 7 December 2022.				
1.2	<b>Background</b> The attached Draft Action Sheets provide Members with an update on the work of the ASB Sub Groups since the last PCSP Committee meeting on 29 November 2022.				
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key issues</b>				
2.1	None.				
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>				
3.1	That the Committee:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Note the report.</li> <li>• Agree the attached Draft Action Sheet of ASB Sub Group 1 held on 6 December 2022 and ASB Sub Group 2 held on 7 December 2022.</li> </ul>				
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>				
4.1	<b>Revenue</b> All actions are budgeted for in the PCSP 2022/23 Action Plan <b>Capital</b> N/A				
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Equality and Good Relations implications</b>				
5.1	No Equality of Opportunity or Good Relations adverse impact is anticipated. Should have a positive impact on Equality of Opportunity and Good Relations.				
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6.1	Due regard to rural needs has been considered.				
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>				
7.1	Appendix I: Draft Action Sheet of ASB Sub Group 1 held on 6 December 2022 Appendix II: Draft Action Sheet of ASB Sub Group 2 held on 7 December 2022				
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Background Documents</b>				
8.1	None.				

## Newry, Mourne and Down Policing & Community Safety Partnership (PCSP)

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**Action Sheet of** **PCSP ASB Sub Group 1 Meeting held on Tuesday 6 December 2022 at 7PM  
in The Canal Court Hotel, Newry.**

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**Present:**

**Chairperson:** Cllr Karen McKevitt

**Elected Members:** Cllr Karen McKevitt

**Independent Members:**

**Statutory Partners:** Sgt Ryan Duffy (PSNI), Sgt Warren Roberts (PSNI), Sgt Kenneth Gracey (PSNI), Constable Paul McArdle (PSNI), Niall Fitzpatrick (NIHE).

**Council Officials:** Martina Flynn, Shannon Creaney

**Apologies:** Damien Brannigan, John Allen, Michelle Osbourne, Tara Campbell, Insp Adam Corner, Sgt Veronica Bailie, Sgt Robin Blair, Aiveen Kavanagh, Donna Weir.

ITEM	SUBJECT	SUMMARY	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.

ASB/001	Welcome and Apologies	All were welcomed to the meeting and apologies were recorded as above.	
ASB/002	Matters arising from Action Sheet from meeting held on 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2022.	All actions from the previous meeting have been completed.	
ASB/003	ASB Sub Group Action Plan	Members were updated on any additions made to the ASB Sub Group Action Plan.	
ASB/004	Update from Agencies	Update received from NIHE Update received from PSNI Update received from PCSP	<p>Clr McKeivitt requested that the Mobile Engagement Unit be utilised more often in the Crotlieve DEA area, particularly around Ballyholland.</p> <p>Due to discussion around the increase in vaping across schools, PCSP agreed to look at a potential educational piece around vaping awareness.</p> <p>Due to discussion around the lack of reporting to PSNI in the Kilkeel area,</p>

			PCSP/PSNI are to look at ways to increase reporting across the NMD District and to increase awareness of the Crimestoppers anonymous reporting service.
ASB/005	Meeting Dates & Times	Update on date of next meeting and potential to changing meeting times.	Item to be added to agenda of next meeting to allow for more membership input.
ASB/006	Current / Emerging Issues	N Fitzpatrick NIHE wanted to record his thanks to the PSNI for their work on dealing with ASB issues in the Toragh Park area in Newry.	N Fitzpatrick requested that PSNI increase their presence at the Granite View area of Newry.
ASB/007	Date of Next Meeting	Tuesday 21 February 2022 at 7 PM, via Microsoft Teams.	

## Newry, Mourne and Down Policing & Community Safety Partnership (PCSP)

### Action Sheet of PCSP ASB Sub Group 2 Meeting held on Wednesday 7 December 2022 at 2pm in Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick

#### Present:

**Chairperson:** Cllr Terry Andrews

**Statutory Partners:** Inspector Darren Hardy (PSNI), Bernadette McDowell (YJA),  
Donna Weir (EA)

**Independent Members:** Dan McEvoy

**Council Officials:** Judith Thompson (PCSP Officer)

**Apologies:** Damien Brannigan (NMDDC), Cllr Robert Burgess (NMDDC),  
Martina Flynn (NMDDC), Cllr Hugh Gallagher (NMDDC), Sergeant  
Ryan Duffy (PSNI), Sergeant Kenneth Gracey (PSNI), Cllr Oonagh  
Hanlon (NMDDC),

**In attendance:** Karen Forde (NMDDC)

ITEM	SUBJECT	SUMMARY	ACTIONS FOR COMPLETION
ASB/001	Welcome and Apologies	All were welcomed to the meeting and apologies are recorded above.	
ASB/002	Action Sheet from last meeting	Action Sheet was proposed by Dan McEvoy and seconded by Bernadette McDowell.	
ASB/003	ASB Sub Group Action Plan	Judith updated members on recent PCSP interventions and initiatives in the area.  There was discussion regards the PSNI Ballymote Problem Solving event on 16 November, and the need to have communication within different forums, with suggestions of a more joined-up approach when working on initiatives. The suggestion was to have a separate Ballymote sub-group and action plan. Judith outlined the current frameworks already in place.	Dan to raise this point at the next main PCSP Partnership Meeting to be held in January 2023.



ASB/004	Current/Emerging Issues	<p>A meeting between the PSNI Crime Prevention Officer and Council officials took place regarding ASB at Ballynahinch Community Centre. EA are continuing with their initiatives in Ballynahinch and the PSNI confirmed that extra patrols had been put in place which had been a deterrent.</p> <p>Cllr John Trainor had reported concerns to the PCSP re: ASB at Edward Street, Downpatrick. Noted that the PSNI are aware of this issue and are attempting to divert individuals from this area.</p> <p>Judith advised that an issue had been raised via the PSNI regards ASB at the playpark in Knocknashina, Downpatrick. A meeting is to be scheduled with DJ Morgan (NMDDC) and Constable Silcock to consider further.</p>	PSNI to provide update at next meeting.
ASB/005	Updates from Agencies	PSNI – incl ASB statistics PCSP EA YJA	
ASB/006	Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 8 February 2023 at 2pm	via Microsoft Teams

The meeting concluded at: 3.20pm.