

July 19th, 2023

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the meeting to be held on **Tuesday, 25th July 2023 at 6:00 pm** in **Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre.**

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 28 March 2023

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8.0 Date of Next Meeting – 6pm on 26 September 2023 (Council Chamber, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick and online via Microsoft Teams)

Invitees

- Cllr Terry Andrews
- Mrs Linda Cummins
- Ms Louise Dillon
- Cllr Conor Galbraith
- Cllr Oonagh Hanlon
- Mrs Janine Hillen
- Cllr Roisin Howell
- Mrs Sheila Kieran
- Cllr Aidan Mathers
- Cllr Declan Murphy
- Cllr Henry Reilly
- Cllr Michael Savage
- Donna Starkey
- Sarah Taggart
- Cllr David Taylor
- Cllr Jill Truesdale

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 28 March 2023
online via Microsoft Teams**

Present:

- Councillor T Andrews, NMDDC
- Councillor R Burgess, NMDDC
- Councillor W Clarke, NMDDC
- Councillor H Gallagher, NMDDC
- Councillor O Hanlon, NMDDC
- Councillor A Lewis, NMDDC (Chair)
- Councillor D Murphy, NMDDC
- Councillor K McKeivitt, NMDDC
- Chief Inspector Peter Stevenson, PSNI
- Inspector Kelly Gibson, PSNI
- Inspector Sheila Loughran, PSNI
- Inspector Adam Corner, PSNI
- Sergeant Ryan Duffy, PSNI
- Audrey Byrne, PCSP Independent Member
- Michelle Osborne, PCSP Independent Member
- Dan McEvoy, PCSP Independent Member
- John Allen, PCSP Independent Member
- Michael Heaney, YJA
- Donna Weir, EANI
- Aidan McCabe, SHSCT

In attendance:

- Martina Flynn, Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager
- Shannon Creaney, PCSP Officer
- Judith Thompson, PCSP Officer
- Linda Cummins, Democratic Services Officer

1 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks

Apologies were received from Superintendent Norman Haslett PSNI, Roisin Leckey PBNI, Liam Gunn NIHE and Tara Campbell (PCSP Independent Member).

Councillor Lewis welcomed all to the last meeting of the current Partnership and thanked Members for their contribution and attendance over the last 4 years, noting the great work that had been done and looked forward to further important work being done in the new term.

Councillor Lewis extended sympathies to the family of former Councillor and PCSP Member Mr Brian Quinn who recently passed away.

Councillor Lewis advised members that Superintendent Haslett had been seconded out of the District for a 4-week period and his report had been circulated to members in advance of today's meeting.

Councillor Burgess advised that he would need to leave the meeting early as he had another meeting to attend.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3 Draft Minutes of Policing Committee and PCSP Meeting dated 31 January 2023

Read: Minutes of Policing Committee and PCSP Meeting held on 31 January 2023 (copy circulated).

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor Lewis it was agreed to approve the Minutes of the Policing Committee and PCSP Meeting held on 31 January 2023 as a true and accurate record.

4 Matters Arising

Mrs Flynn advised there was one outstanding action from the previous meeting which was to write to the Permanent Secretary regarding sentences for offenders in relation to assaulting frontline service workers. The letter was in draft form awaiting signature and would be removed from action sheet once sent.

Councillor Andrews stated it was a very worthwhile exercise in showing support in getting sentencing strengthened for offenders as there was an increase in attacks and abuse on frontline services which was not acceptable.

5 District Commander's Report – Period 6

Read: District Commander's Report – Period 6 (copy circulated)

Chief Inspector Stevenson took the opportunity to thank Members for the outstanding support given over the years and went on to present the District Commander's Report to the Partnership, highlighting the following points:

General

- Victim Updates – 99% of victims are being updated by police within the 10-day target and there were currently no outstanding victim updates across the District.

- Newry City Neighbourhood Policing Team recently delivered crime prevention presentations in partnership with Newry, Mourne and Down Intercultural Forum and colleagues in the Fire Service.
- Kid's Court events have been held at Dunsford Primary School and St Brigid's Primary School, Downpatrick in conjunction with Roads Policing and colleagues from PCSP.
- Rowallane NPT also held a Kid's Court at St Mary's Primary, Killyleagh; 9 drivers brought in front of the children who delivered some speedy justice to the motorists.
- Rowallane NPT Officers entered the water at Killyleagh Harbour to rescue a young woman who was then taken to hospital to receive the relevant help.
- The Mournes NPT spoke to ninety 4th year students about online and internet safety.
- Crotlieve NPT attended 6 schools in February delivering various presentations on the role of police, internet safety and stranger danger.
- Slieve Gullion North NPT in partnership with the PCSP secured funding to conduct an engagement event with a minority community in Newtownhamilton.
- Slieve Gullion South NPT attended Newtownhamilton High School, engaging with year 12 students from 3 local schools regarding policing in the community and addressing preconceptions of the PSNI. This was also part of the 3-day training event for NPT Officers as part of the South Armagh Policing Review.
- PSNI Newry, Mourne & Down Facebook page has 68,552 followers with an average weekly post reach of 119,526. PSNI Newry Twitter has 8,502 followers.
- The Nextdoor app had 13,722 members with 31 posts in 2023 by NPT Officers.

Hate Crime

- Reduced this year by 65 - 295 incidents this year compared with 360 last year.
- Racial hate crimes continue to be highest reported at 132, followed by sectarian at 106 and homophobic at 41.

Vulnerability

- Support Hub currently has 9 cohorts, also supporting 73 vulnerable people who are reviewed on a daily basis.
- 7 repeat victims on D District list managed by Support Hub repeat victim process.

ASB

- Rowallane and Slieve Croob NPTs had a joint meeting with the Education Authority, PCSP, DEA Co-Ordinators, County Down Rural Community Network, Choice Housing and Clanmil Housing – plan is to have drop in events for the Summer months. Also discussion on a 4 week pilot relationship programme in the senior High Schools.

Domestic Abuse

- 147 incidents increase year to date, 2274 this year compared to 2127 last year.
- Domestic offences have an increase of 327 this year to date, 1711 this year compared to 1384 last year. This increase could be viewed as concerning, however it is also encouraging as domestic abuse victims may feel more confident in reporting incidents.
- New legislation in relation to controlling coercive behaviour and stalking offences came into effect between February and May 2022 which is likely to have had an effect on the figures.
- Op Encompass piloted in September 2021 and has now been rolled out throughout Northern Ireland.

Road Safety

- 2 further fatal road traffic collisions since the last PCSP meeting.
- 136 fixed penalty notices issued, 188 driving offences referred to Public Prosecution Services. 47 drink drivers detected.
- Slieve Gullion North NPT performed pro-active speed operations in Camlough based on data provided by the PCSP SID. Several fixed penalty notices were issued along with advice and guidance to motorists.
- Vehicle stolen in Newcastle, arrest made for a number of offences including theft and disorderly behaviour. Individual charged at court and released on bail.
- Incident in Killough where a vehicle made off from police, it was located close to Hilltown and male arrested for a number of offences.
- Motorcycle failed to stop on Dublin Road, Newry - due to good work across Districts it was sighted in the Lisburn area and male arrested and charged.

Drugs

- Drugs seized value January was 44,520, February 10,170. CRNs issued were comparable even though there was a difference in the value of the drugs, 26 issued January and 27 in February.
- 170 drugs arrests in D District since the beginning of 2023.
- RAPID Bins – 119 inspections, 51,244 items recovered and disposed.
- Mournes NPT conducted a search recovering 3 suspect Class A drugs, suspect Class B drugs, 5 mobile phones and 1 imitation firearm, scales and suspected deal book. 1 male and 1 female arrested for various offences.
- Pro-active stop and search by Slieve Gullion South NPT, individual arrested for driving whilst unfit through drink or drugs and possession of drugs.
- Search conducted on a property at Drin Road, Dromara, 3 males arrested for possession and intent to supply and cultivation of cannabis.

Crime

- Total recorded crimes 8,537 compared to 7,302 for previous year.
- Crime outcomes have increased and are comparative on last year even though there had been an increase in crime.

- South Armagh Policing Review continues, the second IAG (Independent Advisory Group) meeting has been held and 3-day training package for Slieve Gullion Neighbourhood Officers has also been held. Two further recommendations have been recommended for closure from the Review.
- High risk missing person in Saintfield area had been located unresponsive and brought to hospital to receive appropriate care.
- Fuel laundering plant had been located in Culloville through joint operation with HMRC.
- 10 separate incidents of assault on police in February/March throughout the District equating to twenty plus officers being assaulted.

Discussion then took place with the following points raised:

Councillor Lewis thanked Chief Inspector Stevenson for a very comprehensive and in-depth report stating the great work being done was in stark contrast to those who seek to do police harm, delivering the message on behalf of the PCSP that one attack on police is too much and there was no excuse for any sort of attack. He conveyed his best wishes to the officers hurt, advising them they had the support of the PCSP.

In response to a query from Councillor Lewis on the South Armagh Policing Review Inspector Corner agreed to provide an update for PCSP Members on the Review, outlining progress made against the individual recommendations.

ACTION: PSNI to provide a written update on the South Armagh Policing Review, outlining progress made against the individual recommendations.

Inspector Corner also advised that two further recommendations had approved for sign off:

- Recommendation 12 – Officer Safety Training.
- 3 Day training package for Officers Slieve Gullion Neighbourhood Teams.

Other recommendations were still a work in progress, once any are deemed ready for closure they will be considered by the PSNI SMT and the NI Policing Board. Re-opening of Newry Street in Newtownhamilton (at the Police Station) forms part of the Estate Strategy for the South Armagh Review which it was hoped would make the Station more accessible and practicable for 2023.

Councillor Andrews raised concerns at the rise in number of assaults on police officers and also welcomed the Kid's Court events, noting that it made young people more aware of road safety and there was a lot of learning on both sides to be had.

6 PCSP Officer Report

Read: PCSP Officer Report (copy circulated)

Mrs Flynn highlighted to Members that the PCSP Financial Assistance Programme was currently open to applications, information and criteria had been issued and encouraged

Members to raise awareness of the programme as it was a great opportunity for groups to apply for funding to do some locally based work. Seven videos have been produced highlighting groups which were previously successful in securing funding and the benefits of the programme – these are available on the PCSP YouTube channel and Facebook page. Financial Assistance programme closes on 17 April 2023 with Letters of Offer out by June 2023.

Agreed: It was agreed the Committee:

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

7 SIDs Update

Read: SIDs Report (copy circulated)

Mrs Flynn advised Members that going forward the SIDs data report provided for PCSP meetings will no longer include detail on highest speeds recorded across the District, the focus should be on trends and not on a very small number of high detections.

Consistently seeing very high numbers of early morning speeds in Camlough morning and was heartening to know that the PSNI were using those statistics to guide local operations.

Mrs Flynn advised that another 7 SIDs had been procured and were awaiting installation. Approval was sought for the PCSP to engage the Department of Infrastructure to install these – this is considered the least complicated option with the Department being the landowner for all sites which would guarantee the works being carried out appropriately and finishing the piece of work started by the Partnership.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Councillor McKeivitt it was agreed the Committee:

- **Approve the report**
- **Approve the recommendation that the Department for Infrastructure be engaged to install the final seven Speed Indicator Device Signs (SIDs) across the District.**
- **Approve Church Road in Ballynahinch as the final SID site for the Rowallane DEA**

8 ASB Sub Group Report

Read: ASB Sub Group Report (copy circulated).

In response to a query raised by Mr McEvoy, Mrs Flynn confirmed that the issue in representation in relation to Sub Groups - especially in the legacy Down area - had largely come from the Independent Members grouping which only had 6 members as opposed to 9 due to resignations and the fact there was no reserve list.

Mrs Flynn advised that Independent Members will remain in place until next year, the Policing Board are currently working on a recruitment strategy for new PCSP Independent Members. It was noted that that the PCSP will be reconstituted with new Elected Members after the Local Government elections in May.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor McKeivitt 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 21 February 2023 and ASB Sub Group 2 held on 8 February 2023.**

9 Statutory Partner Update

Mrs Weir (Education Authority) advised there had been a lot of recent collaboration and thanked the PCSP for attending the recent Youth Conference in the Burrendale Hotel, Newcastle looking at the themes of mental health and isolation, environmental, climate and life skills.

The funding scheme for voluntary partners was being re-released for those groups who were unsuccessful or had not previously applied. Contingency plans are also in place to help support clubs in the meantime, especially St. Oliver Plunkett Youth Club in Crossmaglen, until an indicative budget was released from the Department of Education which could take up to 7 weeks.

The already successful applicants had been recently informed that they would get their payments on a month by month basis until a budget was put in place.

Mrs Weir informed Members that further collaborative work was planned with the PCSP to address the needs of the community in relation to ASB in the Down area following a funding offer released for street based attached youth work agreed with an existing provider.

Focus on core youth provision with 14 funding offers released opposed to 7 last time meaning more young people have access to provision across the District.

Mr McCabe (SHSCT) took the opportunity to thank Members and staff for their work over the term of the Partnership and looked forward to the continued collaboration.

10 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.

11 Date of Next Meeting

The next PCSP & Policing Committee Meeting would be confirmed following the Local Government Elections due to take place on 18 May 2023.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 14.51pm.

ACTION SHEET- POLICING COMMITTEE AND PCSP – 28 MARCH 2023

AGENDA ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	Lead officer	Actions Taken/Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
5	UPDATE ON PSNI SOUTH ARMAGH POLICING REVIEW	PSNI to provide a written update on the South Armagh Policing Review, outlining progress made against the individual recommendations.	M Flynn	PSNI to provide update.	N

Report to:	Policing & Community Safety Partnership
Date of Meeting:	25 July 2023
Subject:	PCSP Officer Report – July 2023
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Martina Flynn, Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Martina Flynn, Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager
For decision	For noting only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	Purpose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the report. To note the attached PCSP Officer Report.
1.2	Background The attached report provides Members with an update on the progress of the PCSP Action Plan since the previous PCSP meeting on 28 March 2023.
2.0	Key issues
2.1	None.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	That the Committee:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the report. Note the attached PCSP Officer Report.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Revenue All actions are budgeted for in the PCSP 2023/24 Action Plan Capital N/A
5.0	Equality and Good Relations implications
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.
6.0	Rural Proofing implications
6.1	Due regard to rural needs has been considered.
7.0	Appendices
7.1	Appendix I: PCSP Officer Report – July 2023
8.0	Background Documents
8.1	None.

Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP Officer Report – July 2023

The purpose of this Report is to provide an update on key activities and progress since the last PCSP meeting on 28 March 2023.

An update will also be provided on key areas which have been discussed by Members and where a more detailed update may be considered useful. During this reporting period Members should note progress in the specific areas below –

- Staffing update – the PCSP Administrative Assistant post remains vacant; a restructuring of administrative / support roles is now complete and the Monitoring & Evaluation Officer post (PCSP & Good Relations) has been advertised (assessment & interviews scheduled for July 2023).

Judith Thompson, PCSP Officer, is now working Monday – Wednesday and will cover the Rowallane, Slieve Croob and Downpatrick DEAs.

Jacqueline Urey has taken up post as PCSP Officer covering the Mournes DEA, working Thursday & Friday. Shannon Creaney is continuing as PCSP Officer for the Newry, Slieve Gullion and Crotlieve DEAs.

- PCSP Budget 2023/24 – Joint Committee have confirmed that the PCSP budget will remain protected for 2023/24 (at £407,990) – there is a reduction of £5,500 in the Members allowance budget (reduced from £18,000 to £12,500). The Letter of Offer for 23/24 has recently been received by Council.

- PCSP Reconstitution – 10 Elected Members have been nominated to sit on the PCSP following the recent Local Government election. Information on Membership has been issued to all Partnership Members. The Policing Board have extended the term of the current PCSP Independent Members to 31 May 2024 (had been 31 March 2024). The recruitment campaign for new PCSP Independent Members will open on 1 September 2023.

Overview of progress against PCSP Action Plan 2023/24

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Strategic Priority 1: To ensure effective delivery in response to local need, and improve the visibility and recognition of the work of the PCSP through effective communication and engagement

Theme	Aims & description	Key Activities in this Period (April – July 2023)
PCSP Delivery	Organising the work of the PCSP through appropriate structures and mechanisms	<p>PCSP Sub Groups (ASB & Bonfire Sub Groups) will need to be reconstituted following the nomination of new Elected Members to the PCSP. Terms of Reference for all Sub Groups will be tabled for approval at the PCSP meeting on 25 July 2023.</p> <p>PCSP Statutory Partners met in Newry on 9 June 2023 to discuss areas for collaborative working and development.</p>
Raise awareness of PCSP	To evidence impact through increased awareness of the PCSP	Continued development of PCSP social media channels (including Facebook and Twitter). PCSP staff are now responsible for managing all social media channels. Social media continues to be key to communication with local communities and the general public.

Strategic Priority 2: To improve community safety by addressing local community safety issues, tackling crime and anti-social behaviour

Theme	Aims & description	Key Activities in this Period (April – July 2023)
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ASB	Develop a range diversionary youth & community engagement projects	<p>We continue to work in partnership with the Education Authority and other partners to support and develop locally sensitive diversionary programmes / interventions.</p> <p>In recent weeks we have had a specific focus on the Castlewella area following increased reports of ASB in the vicinity of the Forest Park – we are continuing to work with partners including Council, the Education Authority and the PSNI to address this. Interventions to date have included the provision of youth diversionary programmes (PCSP), detached youth work presence (EA), additional on-site security (NMDDC) and additional PSNI patrols.</p> <p>Details on Summer youth engagement projects / events have been issued to Members.</p>
	Provision of a District-wide Community Safety Warden Scheme	<p>The Community Safety Warden Scheme remains operational across the District. Areas of focus for the CSWs continue to be Newry, Downpatrick, Newcastle and Warrenpoint. Service hours remain under ongoing review and further increased deployment will take place in other areas as required and in response to local need.</p> <p>784 hours of Community Safety Warden patrols were provided between 31 March 2023 and 8 July 2023. A detailed report is included at Appendix 1.</p>
PCSP Small Grants	Provision of a small grants programme to increase the capacity of the community to address community safety issues	<p>The PCSP Small Grants Scheme for 2023/24 opened on 13 March 2023 and closed on 17 April 2023. 47 applications were received – 45 applications were approved for funding (total value = £85,626). Information on successful projects has been issued to Members separately.</p> <p>A series of short videos have recently been produced to showcase some of the local projects supported via the PCSP Financial Assistance programme – these have been featured on our social media channels in recent weeks.</p>

Theme	Aims & description	Key Activities in this Period (April – July 2023)
Drugs and Alcohol	To support the delivery of a range of programmes, and develop a range of awareness raising campaigns	<p>Officer attendance at SEDACT and SDACT meetings in this Period.</p> <p>We are currently working with Davina’s Ark on a media project focusing on the issue of increased cannabis use in our local communities (completion date – Summer 2023). We are also liaising with Theresa Burke re: drug & alcohol presentations to local schools and youth groups (18 – 22 September 2023).</p>
	To support the development of the RAPID Bin initiative across the NMDDC area	<p>A total of 21 RAPID Bins have now been installed across the District.</p> <p>An update on the most recent collections from the RAPID Bins will be provided at the Partnership meeting on 25 July. Almost 50,000 items of prescription medication were recovered from local Bins in 2022/23.</p>
Domestic Crime / Abuse and Sexual Violence	To support the delivery of a range of programmes, and develop a range of awareness raising campaigns	<p>Inter-agency work progressed in this period – Officer attendance at the Down Subgroup of the South Eastern Domestic & Sexual Violence Partnership and the Southern Area Domestic Violence Partnership.</p> <p>The PCSP continues to provide support to Women’s Aid ArmaghDown towards the cost of their DASS Worker (Domestic Abuse Safety & Support Service Worker) based in Daisy Hill Hospital, Newry. This is an independent specialist who operates as part of the Hospital Social Work Team and who can offer support to women who are experiencing, or have experienced, domestic abuse.</p> <p>A Domestic Violence conference is being planned by the SEHCST and SHSCT for November 2023 (local Domestic Violence Fora are also involved in this event). The PCSP will be contributing towards event costs (amount tbc, likely £3k).</p>

Community Safety & Vulnerability	To develop and implement a range of community safety initiatives for vulnerable persons	<p>Continued attendance at local multi-agency partnership meetings including and Newry, Mourne & Down Intercultural Forum, Locality Planning Groups (Newry & South Armagh) and local Inter-Agency Forums.</p> <p>PCSP Officers are attending Newcomer Stakeholder Forum meetings in Newry and Newcastle.</p> <p>Continued attendance at DEA Fora to provide updates on PCSP work and linkages.</p>
	Newry, Mourne & Down Community Support Partnership	The Community Support Partnership continues to engage with a number of vulnerable adults; the most recent meeting took place on 13 June 2023. Since its formation in late 2019 the Partnership has provided dedicated support to 32 individuals. This support has included help to access a range of services (including mental health, addiction and general health services), assistance with housing issues and return to education, employment and volunteering opportunities.
Road Safety	To support and promote road safety initiatives	<p>Continued support to Road Safe NI (Newry, Mourne and Down Committee). The Road Ahead Support Group continues to meet and offer support to families and individuals impacted by Road Traffic Collisions.</p> <p>Two Kid's Court events have taken place in the last few weeks – these were very successful and well received by the Schools and motorists. The SC & GR Manager has also been working with Longford County Council and An Garda Siochana on the development of the Kid's Court initiative in the RoI and attended the first Kid's Court in RoI on 14 June 2023 (at Cloontagh National School, Longford).</p> <p>No Parking Signs have been delivered to two local Primary Schools in this reporting period.</p> <p>21 SIDs are now installed across the District. Data has been downloaded from SIDs across the District and a detailed report prepared for Members (see Appendix 2). There has been a further decrease in speed and the number of speed limit violations in the vicinity of the Signs.</p>

		<p>DfI have confirmed that installation of the seven final SIDs procured by the PCSP will take place over the next few weeks. These are at location sites previously agreed by the Partnership -</p> <p>Crotlieve – Mayobridge (from Hilltown side) Downpatrick – Station Road, Killough Newry – Forkhill Road, Killeavy (at Mulkerns Eurospar Complex) Rowallane – Church Road, Ballynahinch Slieve Croob - Leitrim Village Slieve Gullion - Concession Road, Culloville The Mournes - Annalong Village</p>
<p>Fear of Crime, Burglary & Crime Prevention</p>	<p>To support communities to protect themselves and their property to reduce the fear of crime</p>	<p>The Home Secure Service remains open to referrals (51 referrals were received in April-June 2023); 100% of beneficiaries report feeling safer as a result of the interventions.</p> <p>The Social Alarm Scheme remains operational. We are continuing to liaise with the PSNI to identify further beneficiaries for the Scheme (this is a targeted Scheme, aimed at high-risk individuals referred by the PSNI). Over 40 referrals (6 so far in 2023/24) have now been made to this Scheme and a number of arrests have been made at the homes of victims after alarms were triggered due to perpetrators arriving at the premises.</p>
	<p>To develop a range of crime prevention interventions (including rural crime)</p>	<p>A number of Crime Prevention events have taken place across the District in partnership with NPTs and the PSNI Crime Prevention Officer. These have included events in Culloville, Cullyhanna, Lissummon, Newcastle, Annalong, Kilkeel, Newry, Castlewella (trailer marking event) and Kilbroney Forest Park (bike marking).</p> <p>PCSP Officers and PSNI NPTs also attended local events including Castlewella Agricultural Show, Dromantine Sunday, Kilbroney Vintage Show, Newry Show, Warrenpoint Artisan Market (during the Blues on the Bay Festival) and the</p>

		<p>Newcastle Harbour Boat Jumble Day. These are a very useful way to raise awareness of the PCSP and engage with local residents.</p> <p>Consideration is being given to the development of a pilot Business Watch Scheme with the PSNI – potentially in areas including Newry, Downpatrick and Newry. While a similar scheme currently operates in the ABC PCSP area this needs further discussion locally to ensure that the PSNI have sufficient resource capacity to support.</p>
	<p>To promote and develop the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme</p>	<p>There are currently 117 active and fully accredited NHW Schemes across the District, accounting for 138 NHW Co-Ordinators (some schemes are large and require 2 Co-Ordinators). The PCSP continues to encourage and engage with people who would like to sign up for the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.</p> <p>The PSNI and PCSP staff remain in regular contact with NHW Co-Ordinators across the District.</p>

Strategic Priority 3: To improve Confidence in Policing through collaborative problem solving with communities.

Theme	Aims & description	Key Activities in this Period (April – July 2023)
<p>Improve community confidence in policing</p>	<p>Advocate for policing and effectively monitor local police performance</p>	<p>No public meetings in this period (due to Purdah in the early part of the reporting period).</p>

	and progress of the local Policing Plan	
	Support the engagement of the local community with the PSNI	<p>Community/police engagement is progressing well via planned events and other activities (as outlined above).</p> <p>The PSNI/PCSP Mobile Unit is proving very popular and plans are in place to ensure that it continues to be widely deployed across the District.</p>

Appendix 1**Summary Community Safety Wardens Reports: 31 March – 8 July 2023**

	No. Incidents attended	No. Incidents reported to PSNI	Total Hours Patrolled
Downpatrick	49	0	196
Newcastle	50	0	196
Newry	54	0	196
Warrenpoint	39	1	196
Total	192	1	784

Notes:

This reporting period covers Easter, and Bank Holiday weekends throughout May 2023.

Examples of Incidents Attended by Wardens:

Downpatrick 28.04.2023 – Wardens at Vianstown Road see a group of young teenagers playing loud music and drinking alcohol. Wardens approach the group and ask them to turn down their music and dispose of the alcohol, which they did.

Downpatrick 22.04.2023 – Wardens passing the Omniplex Cinema see two young males arguing. Wardens approach the two males to prevent a fight from breaking out. Wardens calm the situation down and send the two males off in opposite directions home.

Downpatrick 05.05.2023 – Wardens patrolling near Rathkeltair House come across a group of young adults driving their cars dangerously in an area where children are playing. Wardens stop to speak with the young drivers and explain to them the dangers of driving recklessly, before reminding them of the speed limit on the road.

Downpatrick 13.05.2023 – Wardens patrolling the Dunleath area see a group of young teenagers smoking and drinking alcohol. Wardens approach the group and ask them to dispose of their alcohol and move on from the area, which they did.

Downpatrick 09.06.2023 – Wardens at the New Model Farm area see a group of young children racing on electric scooters. Wardens stop the youths from racing on the scooters, before explaining to them the dangers of using electric scooters in a public area, particularly at high speeds.

Downpatrick 24.06.2023 – Wardens patrolling the Dunleath area see a group of young teenagers smoking and carrying bottles of alcohol. Wardens approach the group who

explain they are waiting on their bus which is taking them to a concert in Belfast. The Wardens ensure the group dispose of their alcohol before the bus arrives.

Newcastle 15.04.2023 – Wardens see a young couple who are intoxicated, arguing outside Quinn’s Bar. The Wardens approach the couple and calm the situation down before ordering them a taxi to ensure they get home safely.

Newcastle 13.05.2023 – Wardens see three young teenagers carrying bottles of alcohol on the Bryansford Road. Wardens approach the teenagers and ask them to dispose of the alcohol, which they did.

Newcastle 03.06.2023 – Wardens at Donard Car Park come across cars playing loud music. Wardens approach the cars and ask the drivers to turn the music down and be mindful of those living nearby, which they did.

Newcastle 23.06.2023 – Wardens patrolling the beach see young teenagers messing around and throwing stones at each other. Wardens approach the teenagers and ask them to stop throwing stones as they could hurt themselves or passers-by.

Newry 05.05.2023 – Wardens at Barcroft Park come across a large group of young teenagers drinking and playing loud music. Wardens approach the group and ask them to dispose of their alcohol and turn their music down in respect of residents, which they did.

Newry 06.05.2023 – Wardens at the Meadow see a group of young boys arguing and fighting amongst themselves. Wardens disperse the fight and calm the situation down before sending the young people off in different directions.

Newry 17.06.2023 – Wardens patrolling Francis Street notice two men acting suspiciously in the car park. Wardens approach the men and ask them to move on from the area, which they did.

Newry 08.07.2023 – Wardens patrolling along Water Street and nearby pubs come across an intoxicated couple arguing outside of the Phoenix Bar. Wardens intervene and calm the situation down, before ensuring the couple get into a taxi home safely.

Warrenpoint 08.04.2023 – Wardens near Bridle Loanan come across a large group of young teenagers who are gathered playing loud music and drinking alcohol. Wardens approach the group and ask them to dispose of their alcohol and turn down their music, which they did.

Warrenpoint 13.05.2023 – Wardens passing the Front Shore Walkways see a group of youths jumping into the water. Wardens approach the group and ensure they are not drinking alcohol, before explaining to them the dangers of jumping into water.

Appendix 2**Table Showing Data collected from SIDs 2 June – 6 July 2023**

Location of SID	% Speed violations over 30mph (*40mph)	% Speed violations over 35mph (*45mph)	No. speed violations over 70mph	Average % reduction in speed caused by SID
Ardglass	42.9	16.2	15	5.33
Burren	70.1	37.9	14	No Reduction
Camlough	79.2	55.1	383	14.86
Castlewellan	59.1	30.7	20	11.56
Clough	44.2	14.3	15	4.66
Crossmaglen	58.6	36.4	7	5.80
Darragh Cross*	16.5	4.5	7	4.16
Downpatrick*	17.4	4.5	37	6.94
Dundrum	53.3	22.0	61	4.68
Kilcoo*	26.1	8.8	30	3.42
Kilkeel	40.0	11.1	23	No Reduction
Killyleagh	62.7	28.4	4	5.62
Meigh	61.7	35.6	17	14.24
Newcastle	18.0	5.4	0	5.0
Newry (Camlough Road)	46.3	15.6	28	3.33
Newry (Chancellors Road)*	9.0	2.1	1	No Reduction
Newtownhamilton	71.8	41.3	2	4.85
Rostrevor	56.1	32.0	56	12.5
Saintfield	48.3	24.5	18	7.41
Strangford	59.3	24.8	272	4.37
Warrenpoint	48.0	15.4	2	2.0

Notes:

Downpatrick, Newry (Chancellors Road), Darragh Cross and Kilcoo SID are placed in a 40mph zone and therefore the table has been amended to reflect speed trends for this area by an Asterix.

Key trends from data

- The overall average percentile reduction in speed caused by SIDs was 5.74%
- On average 22.21% of vehicles going past the SIDs were traveling over 35mph (*45mph).

Time:

- Newcastle SID and Rostrevor SID recorded the highest number of speeding offences around 5AM.
- Camlough SID, Castlewellan SID, Downpatrick SID, Meigh SID and Saintfield SID recorded the highest number of speeding offences around 6AM.
- Burren SID and Kilcoo SID recorded the highest number of speeding offences around 7AM.
- Crossmaglen SID, Dundrum SID and Warrenpoint SID recorded the highest number of speeding offences around 8AM.
- Clough SID, Kilkeel SID, Newry (Camlough Road) SID, Newry (Chancellors Road) SID and Newtownhamilton SID recorded the highest number of speeding offences around 9AM.
- Ardglass SID and Darragh Cross SID recorded the highest number of speeding offences around 10AM.
- Strangford SID recorded the highest number of speeding offences around 11AM.
- Killyleagh SID recorded the highest number of speeding offences around 10PM.

85% of vehicles going past each SID were travelling at or around the following speeds:

- Ardglass - 36MPH
- Burren – 40MPH
- Camlough – 37MPH
- Castlewellan – 39MPH
- Clough – 35MPH
- Crossmaglen – 41MPH
- Darragh Cross* - 41MPH
- Downpatrick* - 41MPH
- Dundrum – 37MPH
- Kilcoo* - 43MPH
- Kilkeel – 34MPH
- Killyleagh – 38MPH
- Meigh – 41MPH
- Newcastle – 31MPH
- Newry (Camlough Road) – 36MPH

- Newry (Chancellors Road)* – 39MPH
- Newtownhamilton – 42MPH
- Rostrevor – 41MPH
- Saintfield – 39MPH
- Strangford- 37MPH
- Warrenpoint – 36MPH

Report to:	Policing & Community Safety Partnership
Date of Meeting:	25 July 2023
Subject:	PCSP Sub Groups
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Martina Flynn, Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Martina Flynn, Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager

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1.0	Purpose and Background				
1.1	<p>Purpose That the Committee:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve the report. • Approve the revised Terms of Reference for the PCSP ASB & Bonfire Sub Groups. • Approve the nomination of Elected Members to the three PCSP Sub Groups. 				
1.2	<p>Background The PCSP has the following Sub Groups –</p> <p>- Bonfire Sub Group The aim of the Bonfire Sub Group is to facilitate discussions between relevant internal and external stakeholders on issues concerning bonfires that are based within the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area.</p> <p>- Newry & Mourne ASB Sub Group – focus on the Newry, Slieve Gullion & Crotlieve DEAs</p> <p>- Down Area ASB Sub Group – focus on the Mournes, Downpatrick, Slieve Croob & Rowallane DEAs</p> <p>The aim of each ASB Sub Group is to facilitate discussions between relevant internal and external stakeholders and consider ways to address ASB across the respective Council area that each Sub Group covers.</p> <p>Following the recent Local Government elections the PCSP Elected Member representation has changed meaning that the Terms of Reference for each Sub Group needs to be amended. The previous ToR for each Sub Group reflected that four political parties (Sinn Fein / SDLP / UUP / DUP) were represented on the PCSP. This has now changed to five political parties (Sinn Fein / SDLP / UUP / DUP / Alliance).</p> <p>Meetings of all PCSP Sub Groups are due to take place in late August / early September (once membership has been agreed and confirmed).</p>				
2.0	Key issues				
2.1	<p>The PCSP currently has six Independent Members following the resignations of three Members since their appointment in 2021; the IM reserve list has also now been exhausted. The lower number of Independent Members has recently had an impact on IM representation on Sub Groups and attendance at meetings.</p> <p>Recruitment for new PCSP Independent Members will commence in September 2023, with new nine Members to be appointed by March 2024. This should assist with increased IM representation on all PCSP Sub Groups.</p>				

3.0	Recommendations
3.1	That the Committee:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve the report. • Approve the revised Terms of Reference for the PCSP ASB & Bonfire Sub Groups. • Approve the nomination of Elected Members to the three PCSP Sub Groups.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Revenue All actions are budgeted for in the PCSP 2023/24 Action Plan Capital N/A
5.0	Equality and good relations implications
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.
6.0	Rural Proofing implications
6.1	Due regard to rural needs has been considered.
7.0	Appendices
7.1	Appendix I: Draft Terms of Reference, PCSP ASB Sub Group(s) Appendix II: Draft Terms of Reference, PCSP Bonfire Sub Group
8.0	Background Documents
8.1	None.

Terms of Reference for PCSP ASB Sub Group (2023)

Context:

Newry, Mourne & Down Policing and Community Safety Partnership will establish two Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Sub Groups as follows -

- **Newry & Mourne ASB Sub Group** – focus on the Newry, Slieve Gullion & Crotlieve DEAs
- **Down Area ASB Sub Group** – focus on the Mournes, Downpatrick, Slieve Croob & Rowallane DEAs

These Terms of Reference will apply to both Sub Groups.

Aim:

The aim of each Sub Group is to facilitate discussions between relevant internal and external stakeholders and consider ways to address ASB across the respective Council area that each Sub Group covers.

Objectives:

The Sub Group will:

- Develop an Action Plan to address ASB in agreed priority areas and work in partnership to consider and agree appropriate responses.
- Consider available information (including statistics from the PSNI and other agencies) for the NMDDC area regarding recorded levels of ASB.
- Receive information on ASB projects and initiatives supported by the PCSP (including successful projects to the PCSP Small Grants Scheme via Financial Assistance).
- Provide regular feedback to Council through the PCSP.

Membership:

Membership of the Sub Group will be made up of the following:

- Minimum 2 and up to 5 Elected Members from the PCSP
- Minimum 2 and up to 5 Independent members from the PCSP
- Members of PCSP Statutory Partners / Designated Organisations

Other Attendees

- The Sub Group may invite other stakeholders to attend meetings as/when considered appropriate.

Operating Arrangements:

- The Sub Group will select a Chairperson for the period of 12 months through an open process. In the absence of the Chairperson, the meeting will select a Chairperson from those present.
- The Sub Group will meet bi-monthly; the time and location of these meetings may vary.
- A quorum of five Members of the Sub Group must be present before a meeting can proceed.
- Each political party represented on the PCSP may nominate one member only to sit on each Sub Group.
- The Sub Group will report to the PCSP through the submission of a Sub Group Action Sheet.
- Meetings of the Sub Group will be private and not open to public attendance.
- Decisions taken by the Sub Group should be forwarded for ratification at a full meeting of the PCSP.

Urgent Action Authorisation:

Where the Sub Group require the undertaking of urgent action to address an emerging issue, the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the PCSP can provide ratification of the action.

Facilitation:

A PCSP Officer will attend meetings of the Sub Group and will as far as possible ensure that agreed actions are progressed.

Attendance:

Any member who fails to attend 3 consecutive Sub Group meetings may be asked if they wish to remain a member or wish to request an alternative nominee at the next PCSP meeting.

Review:

The Terms of Reference will be reviewed as and when required to ensure that they reflect the aims and objectives of the Sub Group.

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Terms of Reference for PCSP Bonfire Sub Group (2023)

Context:

In November 2016, Newry, Mourne & Down Policing and Community Safety Partnership agreed to establish a Bonfire Sub Group.

Aim:

The aim of the Sub Group is to facilitate discussions between relevant internal and external stakeholders on issues concerning bonfires that are based within the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area and that are known to the Sub Group.

Objectives:

The Sub Group will:

- Provide a forum for discussions between internal and external stakeholders and continue to develop relationships on bonfire management.
- Consider and facilitate the sharing of good practice and experience across communities.
- Provide regular feedback to Council through the PCSP.

Membership:

Membership of the Sub Group will be made up of the following:

- Minimum 2 and up to 5 Elected Members from the PCSP
- Minimum 2 and up to 5 Independent members from the PCSP
- Members of PCSP Statutory Partners / Designated Organisations

Other Attendees

- The Sub Group may invite other stakeholders to attend meetings as / when considered appropriate.

Operating Arrangements:

- The Sub Group will select a Chairperson for the period of 12 months through an open process. In the absence of the Chairperson, the meeting will select a Chairperson from those present.
- The Sub Group will meet bi-monthly; however additional meetings can be convened if required.
- A quorum of five Members of the Sub Group must be present before a meeting can proceed.
- Each political party represented on the PCSP may nominate one member only to sit on the Sub Group.
- The Sub Group will report to the PCSP through the submission of a Sub Group Action Sheet.
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Review:

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