

January 23rd, 2025

**Notice Of Meeting**

You are requested to attend the meeting to be held on **Tuesday, 28th January 2025 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 26 November 2024

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## 9.0 Date and Time of Next Meeting

6pm on 25 March 2025 online via Microsoft Teams

# Invitees

- Cllr Terry Andrews
- Cllr Conor Galbraith
- Cllr Oonagh Hanlon
- Cllr Roisin Howell
- Cllr Aidan Mathers
- Cllr Declan Murphy
- Cllr Henry Reilly
- 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 on Tuesday 26 November 2024 at 6.00pm in the Downshire Chamber, Downpatrick and remotely via MS Teams**

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#### **In attendance in Chamber:**

Councillor A Mathers NMDDC  
Superintendent Norman Haslett, PSNI  
Chief Inspector Tori Anderson, PSNI  
Chief Inspector Joe Tierney, PSNI  
Inspector Kelly Gibson, PSNI  
Inspector Darren Hardy, PSNI  
Sergeant Ryan Duffy, PSNI  
Glen Cleland, NIFRS  
Roisin Leckey, PBNI  
Niall Lawlor, PCSP Independent Member

#### **In attendance via Teams:**

Councillor T Andrews, NMDDC (Chair)  
Councillor K Feehan, NMDDC  
Councillor C Galbraith, NMDDC  
Councillor H Reilly, NMDDC  
Councillor D Taylor, NMDDC  
Councillor J Truesdale, NMDDC  
Tara Campbell, PCSP Independent Member  
Louise Kennedy, PCSP Independent Member  
Colleen McCreesh, PCSP Independent Member  
Michelle Osborne, PCSP Independent Member (Vice Chair)  
William Slater, PCSP Independent Member  
David Vint, PCSP Independent Member  
Michael Heaney, YJA

#### **Officials in attendance in Chamber:**

Martina Flynn, Acting Head of Engagement  
Shannon Creaney, Acting Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager  
Amy McKeown, Monitoring & Evaluation Officer, PCSP and Good Relations  
Jacqueline Urey, PCSP Officer  
Shane McGivern, Safer Communities & Good Relations Officer  
Sarah- Louise Taggart, Democratic Services Manager

## **1 Welcome, Chairperson's Remarks and Apologies**

Councillor Andrews welcomed members to the Partnership meeting.

Apologies were received from Councillor Oonagh Hanlon, Councillor Kate Murphy, Anne Sheridan and Martina Byrne.

Councillor Andrews said it has been a very busy time recently with some excellent events taking place. Councillor Andrews thanked the PCSP team who have worked with the PSNI,

An Garda Síochána and other agencies to deliver events. The events included the cross-border Road Safety event in Mullingar held on 2 October. Councillor Andrews thanked the Vice Chair Michelle Osborne for representing the PCSP at the Youth Safety and Wellbeing Conference in Newry on 10 October with over 400 secondary school students in attendance. Both of these events were a great success.

Councillor Andrews discussed the PSNI Road Safe Road Show which took place at St. Pauls High School Bessbrook on 7 November and noted the impact that this had on those in attendance.

Councillor Andrews thanked members for attending the recent PCSP Planning Sessions and for their input into the development of the PCSP Action Plan for 25/26. The Action Plan is tabled for approval at this evening's meeting. Surveys have been issued to PCSP members and also to the wider community to inform the PCSP Strategic Assessment for 25/26. Councillor Andrews asked that all members complete the PCSP Members Survey and forward the Community Survey to groups, agencies or individuals who may wish to have an input into this important exercise. This will help the partnership to understand the key community safety issues across the district.

## **2 Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

## **3 NIFRS presentation - Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) 2025-2030**

Councillor Andrews welcomed Glen Cleland, District Commander (Downpatrick District) with the NIFRS who joined the meeting to present on the NIFRS Community Risk Management Plan 2025-2030 which is currently out for consultation.

Mr Cleland gave an overview and background to the CRMP and advised that the public consultation for the CRMP closes on 9 January 2025. Mr Clelland added that feedback on the plan is important and that it will help to shape the future of the Fire and Rescue Service. The consultation can be completed online, via email or by post.

Councillor Reilly commented that the presentation was very impressive and thanked Mr Cleland. Councillor Reilly added that it would be good to get as many responses as possible.

Mrs Leckey thanked Mr Cleland for the presentation and asked in relation to safety of the area if there are any planned cutbacks in the NIFRS. Mr Cleland advised that the NIFRS don't know if there will be any future cutbacks as the budget is set on yearly basis. Mr Cleland advised that the point of the CRMP is improvement and not cutbacks.

Mrs Leckey also asked if there was any difficulty in recruiting staff. Mr Cleland advised that staff numbers haven't decreased in this District during his tenure of 12 years.

#### 4 **Draft Minutes of previous PCSP & Policing Committee Meeting held on 24 September 2024**

Read: Minutes of PCSP & Policing Committee Meeting held on 24 September 2024 (copy circulated).

**Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Truesdale, seconded by Louise Kennedy, it was agreed to approve the Minutes of the Policing Committee and PCSP Meeting held on 24 September 2024 as a true and accurate record.**

#### 5 **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

#### **PCSP Business**

#### 6 **PCSP Officer Report**

Read: PCSP Officer Report (copy circulated)

Ms. Creaney advised that the PCSP Officer Report is for noting. Ms. Creaney added that some of key PCSP events are highlighted within the report. Ms. Creaney discussed the previously mentioned Community Safety surveys and advised that she will be circulating these to members and asked that everyone completes the Member's Survey and also circulate the Community Survey with the wider public.

Councillor Truesdale asked if more specific detail on locations could be provided on the Community Safety Warden Report. Ms. Creaney advised that further detail will be added where possible in future reports.

Ms. Kennedy asked about the work that is being done on Ending Violence Against Women and Girls and whether the partnership approach (with ABC Council and Women's Aid) will be applied to the work that's being done with South Eastern Domestic and Sexual Violence Partnership as well and if that will feed into EVAWG funding which is being granted.

Mrs Flynn advised that the work that is being done with ABC PCSP and Women's Aid is to support a staff officer who is working with children and families who have come to police attention through Op Encompass. Mrs Flynn added that there is funding coming from The Executive Office through the Ending Violence against Women and Girls Strategy. NMDCC have been awarded £65,000 to spend in the 24/25 year under the Momentum Fund and £135,000 from the Change Fund which will go out through small grants. In terms of partnership working under EVAWG, Mrs. Flynn advised that Council is looking at bringing together a Working Group on this. A number of proposals have been brought to Council Committee for approval including some joint work with the Education Authority and a conference in March 2025. Within the working group, Council will be looking for

representation from both Domestic Violence Partnerships in the Southern and South Eastern Trusts. The funding under the EVAWG strategy will consolidate the work that the PCSP and Council has carried out to date with partners and allow us to look at new opportunities for partnership working.

Councillor Reilly discussed the recent event in Mullingar adding that it was an excellent conference and gave his thanks to Mrs Flynn for her work on organising this. Councillor Reilly stated that he hoped learnings from this conference could be widely implemented.

## **7 PCSP Action Plan 2025/26**

Read: Draft Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP Action Plan 2025/26 (copy circulated)

Ms Creaney advised that the 2025/26 Action Plan was for approval and thanked all Members for their attendance at recent planning sessions and contributions to the Plan, either in person or with comments via email.

**Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Reilly, seconded by Tara Campbell it was agreed the Committee:**

- **Note the report**
- **Approve the attached draft Action Plan for the PCSP for 2025/26**

## **8 ASB Sub Group Report**

Read: ASB Sub Group Reports (copies circulated)

**Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Reilly, seconded by Councillor Truesdale it was agreed the Committee:**

- **Approve the report**
- **Approve the Action Sheet for the ASB Sub Group 1 meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024 and the Action Sheet for the ASB Sub Group 2 meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024.**

## **9 SIDs Sub Group Report**

Read: SID Sub Group Reports (copies circulated)

**Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Reilly, seconded by William Slater it was agreed the Committee:**

- **Approve the report**
- **Approve the Action Sheet for the SID Sub Group meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024 and the Action Sheet for the SID Sub Group meeting held on 6 November 2024.**

## 10 District Commander's Report – Period 3

Read: District Commander's Report – Period 3 (copy circulated)

Superintendent Haslett provided the District Commander's Report to the Partnership, highlighting the following points:

### Engagement

Superintendent Haslett advised that resourcing continues to be an issue of concern within the PSNI, with officer numbers at lower levels than needed. Mr Haslett stated this is impacting on the ability of local officers to engage with the public.

Although Superintendent Haslett expressed that where possible, engagement with the Neighbourhood Teams continues. This was highlighted by examples given such as events and meetings attended by Newry City Neighbourhood Team, South Down Neighbourhood Team and Slieve Gullion Neighbourhood Team.

### Social Media

The total number of Facebook followers of PSNI NMD is over 75,000 with a fortnightly post reach of almost 600,000 which is significant number.

The PSNI have over 900,000 followers on Twitter and over 15,500 members on the NextDoor App, with 83 posts on this app during 2024 to date.

### Hate Crime

Superintendent Haslett advised that all types of hate crime has reduced in Newry Mourne and Down within the last 12 month rolling period and levels are on a downward trend. Superintendent Haslett expressed that racially motivated hate crimes account for almost half the hate crimes recorded within the NMD District, followed by sectarian hate crimes.

### Anti-Social Behaviour

Superintendent Haslett stated that ASB recorded crimes in Newry, Mourne and Down has reduced, with a fall of 4% from November 2023. There was a slight increase in ASB recorded Crimes in October 2024, which Superintendent Haslett explained is seen annually in respect of the Halloween period. Many of these recorded ASB incidents involved young people and fireworks.

Superintendent Haslett advised that the Ballybot Ward, followed by the Cathedral Ward and Kilkeel saw the highest number of recorded ASB incidents in Newry Mourne and Down in October 2024.



## **Domestic Abuse**

Superintendent Haslett provided an update on domestic abuse crimes and incidents and advised that these incidents continue to decrease in Newry, Mourne and Down from the last rolling 12-month period. Superintendent Haslett also stated that violence against women and girls in the District continues to decrease, with a reduction of 21% over the last 12-month rolling period. Additionally, Mr Haslett advised that in Newry Mourne and Down, domestic incidents have decreased by 230 incidents and domestic offences have decreased by 402 incidents. Mr Haslett stated he believes there is a greater confidence in Domestic Abuse victims reporting incidents, and that local PSNI Officers have been trained by Women's AID to deal with Domestic Abuse incidents appropriately.

Superintendent Haslett also commented on PSNI participation in the new "One Stop Shop" initiative in Newry, and also stated that Op Encompass remains active, with Police attending 148 domestic incidents where the Op Encompass criteria has been met and referring 286 children to schools or colleges as a result so far in the 2024/25 school year to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024.

## **Road Safety**

Superintendent Haslett provided an update on the number of fatalities in Northern Ireland due to Road Traffic Collisions, which currently was 59 this year to date. 32 of these fatalities were in the Southern area. Mr Haslett stated that there have been 6 fatalities in Newry, Mourne and Down so far this calendar year, with one of these incidents occurring since the last PCSP meeting.

Superintendent Haslett advised that recorded RTC's with injury has increased, and that based on the last 4 months Thursdays between 2pm and 7pm appear to be a time of higher risk on the roads.

Superintendent Haslett stated that his officers have worked on enforcement events during this reporting period including a road safety day with colleagues in An Garda Síochána, and that the PSNI continue to use the Mobile Road Safety Cameras in Newry, Mourne and Down.

## **Drugs**

Superintendent Haslett informed the Partnership that in a rolling 365-day period, by the end of September 2024 Newry Mourne and down Police Officers had made 568 drug seizures, the 4<sup>th</sup> highest performing in Northern Ireland, with 207 drugs arrests made.

Superintendent Haslett also advised that his officers had 2 days of action against drugs during this reporting period on the 14 and 15 of October 2024, where officers made a number of successful arrests and seizures of drugs.

## **General**

Superintendent Haslett advised that from September to November 2024, 28 Officers in NMD District were assaulted whilst responding to 22 Police incidents. Superintendent Haslett

provided a description of some circumstances around these assaults, highlighting a number of recent ramming incidents in the District which left the responding PSNI Officers injured.

Superintendent Haslett also highlighted an assault on a female Police Officer which took place in the Fisher Park area of Newry on the 15<sup>th</sup> of November. Mr Haslett advised that this female Police Officer was assaulted multiple times whilst responding to an incident, and as a result sustained serious injuries to the face and head. When being arrested, the same offender assaulted another Police Officer, before he was brought to Police Custody for the weekend. On Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> of November, this offender attended Newry Magistrates Court, and was granted bail, despite the offender being homeless and the offences which occurred. Superintendent Haslett expressed his frustrations around this outcome and advised that he recently attended an event where the Chief Constable announced that he was seeking a meeting with the Lord Chief Justice to bring to their attention the apparent leniency which the courts are treating assault on police officers in Northern Ireland. Superintendent Haslett added that he has previously gone on record before stating his abhorrence at this sort of thing happening because it is not acceptable to assault a nurse, a doctor, a member of the Ambulance Service or indeed the Fire Service, so likewise it should be unacceptable to assault a police officer. Superintendent Haslett wrote to the Chief Constable personally in respect to this particular incident and has an assurance that he will be bringing this incident forward as a case study to the Lord Chief Justice when they meet in due course.

### **South Armagh Policing Review**

Superintendent Haslett discussed the South Armagh Policing Review which was published in August 2021 with 50 recommendations to improve policing in the South Armagh area/ Slieve Gullion DEA. 47 of these recommendations fall within the remit of Superintendent Haslett as the local District Commander. Of the 47 recommendations, 45 have now been completed. One of which has not is recommendation 44 which talks of cross border accountability, the recommendation says that a cross-border accountability mechanism should be established at a local level with bi-annual reporting by PSNI and An Garda Síochána on joint cross-border performance priorities. This should be incorporated formally under the auspices of the PCSP and Joint Policing Committees. The Joint Policing Committees have now been stood down and replaced with Community Safety Partnerships in the Republic of Ireland. Superintendent Haslett advised that himself and then Chief Inspector Lynn Corbett visited the JPC in Dundalk in March of this year and were very warmly received and able to report jointly with colleagues there (Superintendent Charlie Armstrong) on what PSNI have been doing to establish a cross-border partnership with AGS and how they are tackling organised crime groups which work across the border.

Superintendent Haslett proposed that he will write to the PCSP Chair to formalise this as per the Recommendation with a bi-annual reporting structure where PSNI and An Garda Síochána can present to both the PCSP for Newry, Mourne and Down and to the Community Safety Partnership in Louth.

Councillor Andrews thanked Superintendent Haslett for his report and advised that he would be happy to support what was being proposed in relation to cross-border bi-annual reporting.

Councillor Andrews discussed his concerns about the police officer who was assaulted on the 15<sup>th</sup> of November and concurred with Superintendent Haslett that this was simply not good enough. Councillor Andrews added, if possible, the PCSP Partnership should write to the Department of Justice or whomever is responsible to state the shared concerns about what

has happened and ask for that type of assault to be reviewed and that it be treated on the same level as assaults to other professions.

Councillor Andrews welcomed the highlighted work in the District Commander's report and all the work that has been done since the last meeting to deliver what is a very important service.

Councillor Mathers thanked Superintendent Haslett for the detailed report and welcomed the recent drug seizures and would encourage more of the same. Councillor Mathers added that drugs and drug dealers continue to cause a blight on communities and needs to continue to be a priority for police in the time ahead. Councillor Mathers discussed the assault on the female officer and added that this incident does not reflect the people of Newry and hopes that she makes a full recovery. Cllr Mathers advised that people are working more and more alongside police in Newry and this type of behaviour is unwelcomed.

Superintendent Haslett thanked Councillor Mathers and added that he would pass his comments on to the officer.

Mrs. Leckey discussed the District Commander's report and added that it was great to see the decrease in all aspects of crime. Mrs. Leckey asked a question in relation to the domestic violence decrease and whether the figures presented included all cases or just cases that have gone to court.

Superintendent Haslett advised that the figures are a reflection that the number of incidents and offences have all decreased- this is the also the case across the South Area. Mrs Leckey added that the incident involving the female police officer was horrific and condemned this attack.

Superintendent Haslett highlighted that this assault also fell under the topic of Ending Violence Against Women and Girls, which PSNI are currently focusing on.

Councillor Truesdale expressed best wishes towards the Police Officer who was assaulted in Newry and sought clarification around the figures provided in the District Commander's Report around Operation Encompass, as she felt these figures were very concerning.

Councillor Reilly thanked Superintendent Haslett for his report and proposed that full Council also support what Superintendent Haslett has said and sends a supporting letter to the Chief Justice as it is totally unacceptable. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Truesdale.

Mrs. Flynn advised that PCSP can take forward what has been proposed and seconded by the PCSP Committee in terms of writing to the Lady Chief Justice. In terms of full Council, that would have to be proposed and agreed at the next full Council meeting.

## **11 Date of Next Meeting**

The next PCSP & Policing Committee Meeting will be held Tuesday 28 January 2025 at 6pm, this will be held in Monaghan Row, Newry with a hybrid option available.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 7:29pm

**ACTION SHEET- POLICING COMMITTEE AND PCSP – 26 November 2024**

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DECISION</b>	<b>Lead officer</b>	<b>Actions Taken/Progress to date</b>	<b>Remove from Action Sheet Y/N</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Assault on an on-duty female Police Officer in Newry on 15 November 2024</b>	<b>S Creaney to draft a letter to the Lady Chief Justice Office on behalf of the Partnership regarding this assault, highlighting the Partnerships concern around the courts granting of bail to the offender.</b>	<b>S Creaney</b>	Letter signed by PCSP Chair Cllr Terry Andrews and sent to Lady Chief Justice Office on Wednesday 8 January 2025.	Y

<b>Report to:</b>	Policing & Community Safety Partnership
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	28 January 2025
<b>Subject:</b>	PCSP Officer Report – January 2025
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Shannon Creaney, Safer Communities and Good Relations Manager (Acting)
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Shannon Creaney, Safer Communities and Good Relations Manager (Acting)

Confirm how this Report should be treated by placing an x in either:-			
<b>For decision</b>		<b>For noting only</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose and Background</b>		
1.1	<b>Purpose</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To note the report.</li> <li>To note the attached PCSP Officer Report.</li> </ul>		
1.2	<b>Background</b> <p>The attached report provides Members with an update on the progress of the PCSP Action Plan since the previous PCSP meeting on 26 November 2024</p>		
<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>Note the attached PCSP Officer Report.</li> </ul>		
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>		

<p>4.1</p>	<p><b>Revenue</b></p> <p>All actions are budgeted for in the PCSP 2024/25 Action Plan</p> <p><b>Capital</b></p> <p>N/A</p>
<p>5.0</p>	<p><b>Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)</b></p>
<p>5.1</p>	<p><b><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></b></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>5.2</p>	<p><b><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></b></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>5.3</p>	<p><b><i>Proposal initiating consultation</i></b></p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i> <input type="checkbox"/></p>

<b>6.0</b>	<b>Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)</b>
6.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
7.1	Appendix I: PCSP Officer Report – January 2025
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Background Documents</b>
8.1	None.

## Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP Officer Report – January 2025

The purpose of this Report is to provide an update on key activities and progress since the last PCSP meeting on 26 November 2024.

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 –

- **PCSP Reconstitution** – New PCSP Independent Member appointments were confirmed by the Policing Board on 1 June 2024. The NI Policing Board are hosting PCSP Chair and Vice Chair Training on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March 2025 at 6PM in the Mid-Ulster area (venue tbc by NI Policing Board).
- **PCSP Surveys** – Members were invited to respond to the PCSP Members Survey and PCSP Community Survey which closed on the 24<sup>th</sup> of January. Thank you to members who have responded.
- **PCSP Staffing Update** – Kaitlyn Hanna has recently been appointed as the PCSP Officer covering Slieve Gullion, Newry and Crotlieve DEA's. PCSP Officer Judith Thompson returned to work in December 2024 and will be covering the Rowallane and Downpatrick DEA's. PCSP Officer Jacki Urey remains in post covering Slieve Croob and The Mournes DEA's.
- **PCSP Small Grants** - The PCSP Small Grants Scheme for 2025/26 is now open for applications from Monday 13th of January at 12 noon to 24th February at 12 noon. More information on how to apply and guidance notes for eligible projects can be found here - [www.newrymournedown.org/residents-grants-and-funding](http://www.newrymournedown.org/residents-grants-and-funding)



Overview of progress against PCSP Action Plan 2024/25

<b>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</b>		
<b>Theme</b>	<b>Aims &amp; description</b>	<b>Key Activities in this Period (November 2024 – January 2025)</b>
<b>PCSP Delivery</b>	Organising the work of the PCSP through appropriate structures and mechanisms	<p>PCSP Sub Groups (ASB, Bonfire and SID Sub Groups) have now been reconstituted following the reconstitution of the PCSP on 1 June 2024.</p> <p>ASB Sub Group 2 met in Newcastle on the 3 December 2024. ASB Sub Group 1 held a meeting with the Housing Associations based in Newry on the 21 November 2024.</p>
<b>Raise awareness of PCSP</b>	To evidence impact through increased awareness of the PCSP	<p>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.</p> <p>PCSP Officers have recently attended a series of events which have assisted with raising awareness of our work – these events have included the Domestic and Sexual Violence 16 Days of action events in Newry and Downpatrick Leisure Centre, a Dementia Friendly event in Clough, Ballynahinch Job Centre Information Event and the Beat the Blues event in Newcastle.</p>

		<p>Feedback from these has been very positive and the events have also created new opportunities for partnership working.</p> <p>PCSP staff have continued to work with cross-border partners and recently joined with Longford County Council and Drogheda Implementation Board to submit an application to the Department of Justice (Republic Of Ireland) Community Safety Innovation Fund – €30,000 has subsequently been awarded to establish an All-Island Community Safety Network. This Network will create opportunities to share ideas, good practice and develop projects around community safety, community / police engagement and also provide networking opportunities across all bodies, North &amp; South. Funding has been awarded to support a series of cross-border community safety events over the next two years.</p> <p>The most recent cross-border event took place in the Bloomfield House Hotel, Mullingar on 2 October. This event focused on Road Safety and provided a platform to share ideas and best practice in the realm of road safety, as well as an opportunity for PCSP members to network and make new connections for possible future partnership projects.</p>
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<b>Strategic Priority 2: To improve community safety by addressing local community safety issues, tackling crime and anti-social behaviour</b>		
<b>Theme</b>	<b>Aims &amp; description</b>	<b>Key Activities in this Period (November 2024 – January 2025)</b>
<b>ASB</b>	Develop a range diversionary youth & community engagement projects	Both ASB Sub Groups continue to work to the Action Plans for their respective areas.  Throughout November and December, PCSP worked in partnership with partner agencies across the Council District to address ASB issues. These included pop-up student safety stalls at SRC Refreshers Fairs in Newry, a drugs awareness

		<p>talk to students in St Pauls High School in Bessbrook and a PCSP stand at the RESPECT Youth Project awards night. Feedback from these events have been excellent.</p> <p>PCSP also delivered a Youth Safety &amp; Wellbeing Conference in Newry on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2024 in partnership with PSNI, Education Authority and The Crisis Café in Newry. This conference had over 420 year 13 students in attendance, and had presentations delivered on the topics of road safety, sextortion/online safety, organised fights/knife crime, as well as mental health and wellbeing.</p> <p>PCSP are also working with Councils Environment Health Department to facilitate the 'Bee Safe,' event for Primary Schools throughout the District.</p>
	<p>Provision of a District-wide Community Safety Warden Scheme</p>	<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>560 hours of Community Safety Warden patrols were provided from 9<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – 18<sup>th</sup> January 2025. A detailed report is included at Appendix 1.</p>
<p><b>PCSP Small Grants</b></p>	<p>Provision of a small grants programme to increase the</p>	<p>The PCSP Small Grants Scheme for 2024/25 opened on 22 January 2024 and closed on 28 February 2024. 51 applications were received – 44 applications have been approved, with a total of £85,254 awarded. Letters of Offer have now been</p>

	<p>capacity of the community to address community safety issues</p>	<p>issued to all groups and pre-commencement workshops with groups took place on 5 June (Newcastle) and 6 June (Newry). These were very well attended with excellent attendance from groups.</p> <p>Further information has been issued to Members about projects and activities supported by the Small Grants Scheme after the induction evenings.</p> <p>The PCSP Small Grants Scheme for 2025/26 is now open for applications from Monday 13th of January at 12 noon to 24th February at 12 noon. More information on how to apply and guidance notes for eligible projects can be found here - <a href="http://www.newrymournedown.org/residents-grants-and-funding">www.newrymournedown.org/residents-grants-and-funding</a></p>
Theme	Aims & description	Key Activities in this Period (November 2024 – January 2025)
<p><b>Drugs and Alcohol</b></p>	<p>To support the delivery of a range of programmes, and develop a range of awareness raising campaigns</p>	<p>Officer attendance at SEDACT and SDACT meetings in this Period.</p> <p>We have recently facilitated Theresa Burke to deliver a series of presentations to schools and colleges throughout the District. Dates of these presentations were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SRC Greenbank Campus – 12<sup>th</sup> of November 2024</li> <li>• SRC Newry East Campus – 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024</li> <li>• SRC Newry Model Campus – 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024</li> <li>• St Pauls High School Bessbrook – 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024</li> <li>• Lecale Trinity Grammar School Downpatrick – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025</li> </ul> <p>We are currently working with the DSM Foundation to facilitate the drug use awareness play 'I love you mum – I promise I wont die,' in local secondary schools throughout the District. Dates have been scheduled for this in Sacred Heart</p>

		Grammar School in Newry and Lecale Trinity Grammar School in Downpatrick in February 2025, with plans to facilitate this in two additional schools in March 2025.
	To support the development of the RAPID Bin initiative across the NMDDC area	<p>A total of 20 RAPID Bins are now 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 28 January.</p>
<b>Domestic Crime / Abuse and Sexual Violence</b>	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 &amp; Sexual Violence Partnership and the Southern Area Domestic Violence Partnership.</p> <p>The PCSP is currently engaging with Women’s Aid ArmaghDown to agree how the PCSP can effectively support local services in the remaining of 2024/25 financial year and the upcoming financial year 2025/26 – a partnership approach with ABC PCSP is being explored to maximise our engagement and potential outcomes.</p> <p>We continue to support the new One Stop Shop initiative which Women’s Aid launched in Newry on 3 October 2024.</p> <p>PCSP also supported the 16 Days of Action events in Newry Leisure Centre and Downpatrick Leisure Centre in November 2024.</p> <p>We are currently working with the Support Services Manager in Womens Aid Armagh Down to support their “Together We Walk,” Womens Aid Armagh Down and Volunteer Now event in early March 2025.</p>
<b>Community Safety &amp; Vulnerability</b>	To develop and implement a range of community safety initiatives for	<p>Continued attendance at local multi-agency partnership meetings including and Newry, Mourne &amp; Down Intercultural Forum, Locality Planning Groups (Newry &amp; South Armagh) and local Inter-Agency Forums.</p> <p>PCSP Officers are attending Newcomer Stakeholder Forum meetings in Newry and Newcastle.</p>

	vulnerable persons	<p>Personal safety &amp; crime prevention talks were recently delivered to vulnerable adults in Kilkeel, Newcastle, and Lislea. This also included a pop-up safety stall at the Buttercrane Shopping Centre in Newry. Further events are planned across the District for February and March 2024.</p> <p>PCSP also delivered a joint Fraud Awareness initiative with Danske Bank and the PSNI Crime Prevention Officer at the end of November. This included hosting pop up stalls within Danske Bank premises to raise awareness around scams and safer banking.</p> <p>PCSP continue to attend Age Friendly Strategic Alliance meetings and are working on a number of initiatives with the councils Health Improvement worker (inequalities).</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 6 November 2024. Since its formation in late 2019 the Partnership has provided dedicated support to 36 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.
<b>Road Safety</b>	To support and promote road safety initiatives	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>28 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. We have now moved to a remote data monitoring model for 19 of the Signs – this has resulted in a much more efficient information management system and allow for savings in both staff time and travel costs.</p> <p>PCSP has recently supported and facilitated the NIFRS “Your Choice,” presentation in two SRC campuses in Newry. These presentations included a ‘cut out’ demonstration from a car by the Fire Service to reinforce the impact of RTC’s.</p> <p>The PSNI Roadsafe Roadshow took place in St. Paul’s High School, Bessbrook on 7 November 2024. Students from St Pauls High School Bessbrook, St Joseph’s High School Crossmaglen and St Marks High School in Warrenpoint were in attendance.</p> <p>PCSP has also recently provided Hi-Vis vests to a number of groups to facilitate pedestrian safety in the darker mornings and evenings. These have included Kilcoo Walking Group and the Rainbows Mothers and Toddlers Group in Kilkeel.</p>
<p><b>Fear of Crime, Burglary &amp; Crime Prevention</b></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 (226 referrals have been received since 1 April 2024); 100% of beneficiaries report feeling safer as a result of the interventions.</p> <p>The Social Alarm Scheme also 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 98 referrals have now been made to this Scheme and a number of arrests have been made at the homes of victims after</p>

		alarms were triggered due to perpetrators arriving at the premises. A total of 240 trigger calls have been made by Alarm beneficiaries since the Scheme became operational.
	To develop a range of crime prevention interventions (including rural crime)	<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 Newry, Downpatrick, Newcastle and Crossgar.</p> <p>PCSP Officers are also hosted Christmas Crime Prevention pop-ups in a number of Shopping premises throughout December to keep local residents informed about burglary prevention whilst out Christmas shopping.</p> <p>PCSP recently held a Trailer Marking event with the local Neighbourhood Team in Ballynahinch on the 18<sup>th</sup> of January 2025.</p>
	To promote and develop the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme	Following the recent reaccreditation process there are now 60 active and fully accredited NHW Schemes across the District.



<b>Strategic Priority 3: To improve Confidence in Policing through collaborative problem solving with communities.</b>		
<b>Theme</b>	<b>Aims &amp; description</b>	<b>Key Activities in this Period (November 2024 – January 2025)</b>
<b>Improve community confidence in policing</b>	Advocate for policing and effectively monitor local police performance and progress of the local Policing Plan	We are aware of current challenges facing the PSNI (including budget / workforce) and the local impact on availability of NPT Officers to support some events etc.
	Support the engagement of the local community with the PSNI	Community/police engagement is progressing well via planned events and other activities (as outlined above).  The PSNI/PCSP Mobile Unit remains very popular, and plans are in place to ensure that it continues to be widely deployed across the District. We have recently resourced the cost of some upgrades to the Unit's software and game consoles and are confident that this will extend the use of the vehicle even further.

### **Summary of Community Safety Wardens Reports: 9<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – 18<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

	<b>No. Incidents attended</b>	<b>No. Incidents reported to PSNI</b>	<b>Total Hours Patrolled</b>
<b>Downpatrick</b>	13	0	140
<b>Newcastle</b>	23	0	140
<b>Newry</b>	12	0	140
<b>Warrenpoint</b>	19	0	140
<b>Total</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>560</b>

#### **Notes:**

This reporting period covers the Christmas & New Year Holiday period.

#### **Examples of Incidents Attended by Wardens:**

Downpatrick 03.01.2025 - Wardens patrolling the area surrounding the bus station came across a group of intoxicated teenagers holding bottles of beer. The wardens approached the group and asked them to leave the place immediately and explained that alcohol is not allowed to be consumed in the public. The group then left immediately.

Downpatrick 03.01.2025 – Wardens patrolling the bus station noticed a group of older children. Several of the children appeared to be drunk. The wardens approached them and let them know that alcohol is not allowed to be consumed in public and they asked them to disperse, which they did.

Newcastle 21.12.2024 – Wardens noticed several children messing about on scooters near the Bryansford Road. The wardens approached them and reminded them to be mindful of the road and nearby traffic.

Newcastle 27.12.2024 – While patrolling the promenade the wardens noticed a group of teenagers drinking on the main street. They approached them and explained that they cannot drink alcohol in public. They then asked them to dispose of the alcohol and leave the area and the group co-operated.

Newry 21.12.2024 – In the Barcroft area, wardens approached a group of teenagers that were drinking at the Barcroft Steps. The wardens spoke with the group and eventually succeeded in dispersing the group.

Newry 30.11.2024 – Wardens observed a group of teenagers gathered outside the leisure centre, listening to loud music on their phones. The wardens approached and asked them to turn down the music and disperse. The group co-operated.

Warrenpoint 13.12.2024 – While patrolling, wardens noticed six teenagers gathered and drinking in the play park on Duke Street. Wardens approached them and they ran off. The same teenagers were later seen messing about on Duke Street. Wardens told them not to be consuming alcohol in public. At the time the group did not have any alcohol on them. Later in the night the same group was walking through the town again when wardens spoke with them and encouraged them to go home, which they did.

Warrenpoint 14.12.2024 - Wardens observed a group of teenagers sitting outside a local shop attempting to get someone to buy them cigarettes. Wardens approached them and told them to move on. The same teens were later in the car park and asked the wardens for a light of what the wardens believed to be Marijuana. Wardens began to speak with the group and the group ran away.

**Table Showing Data Collected from SIDs from 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

Location of SID	85% of vehicles were travelling at this speed (MPH)	% Speed violations over 30mph (*40mph)	% Speed violations over 35mph (*45mph)	No. speed violations over 70mph	Average % reduction in speed caused by SID	Time of highest number of Speeding Offences (>30MPH*)
Annalong	36	60.7	19.6	0	4.66	05:00 AM
Ardglass	35	35.4	12.5	4	6.20	03:00 AM
Ballynahinch	33	27.0	5.9	0	7.03	05:00 AM
Burren	40	70.5	38.2	18	No Reduction	09:00 AM
Camlough	-	-	-	-	-	-
Castlewellan	34	39.6	10.2	0	7.66	03:00 AM
Clough	35	44.3	13.4	15	5.0	05:00 AM
Crossmaglen	40	56.1	31.9	0	7.0	05:00 AM
Culloville*	42	19.3	4.7	0	3.05	05:00 AM
Darragh Cross*	40	14.4	3.5	2	5.14	03:00 AM
Downpatrick*	41	15.1	3.9	49	6.28	11:00 PM

<b>Dundrum</b>	37	51.5	20.9	67	4.37	05:00 AM
<b>Kilcoo</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Killeavy*</b>	37	3.4	0.05	0	6.56	05:00 AM
<b>Kilkeel</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Killough</b>	34	40.8	8.7	0	3.79	8:00 PM
<b>Killyleagh</b>	38	58.8	24.7	1	5.93	10:00 PM
<b>Leitrim</b>	34	36.4	8.1	0	18.97	07:00 AM
<b>Mayobridge</b>	37	62.7	23.1	0	No Reduction	05:00 AM
<b>Meigh</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Newcastle</b>	32	23.3	6.5	9	5.18	05:00 AM
<b>Newry (Camlough Road)</b>	35	39.5	12.5	22	3.33	05:00 AM
<b>Newry (Chancellors Road)*</b>	38	8.4	2.1	0	No Reduction	1:00 PM
<b>Newtownhamilton</b>	41	73.8	41.3	12	6.28	1:00 PM
<b>Rostrevor</b>	41	56.5	32.8	81	6.87	05:00 AM

<b>Saintfield</b>	36	37.4	16.4	9	7.58	05:00 AM
<b>Strangford</b>	37	58.9	23.0	230	4.37	10:00 PM
<b>Warrenpoint</b>	36	50.2	16.6	13	1.66	11:00 AM

**Notes:**

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

The SID in Castlewellan was replaced on the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and data from this SID is now reflected in the table above (Data from 7<sup>th</sup> January to 20<sup>th</sup> January).

There are issues with downloading the data from the SID in Camlough, Kilkeel, Kilcoo and Meigh. PCSP Staff are working with PWS to rectify this issue.

**Key trends from data**

- The overall average percentile reduction in speed caused by SIDs was 4.53%
- On average 13.59% of vehicles going past the SIDs were traveling over 35mph (\*45mph).
- The SID which caused the highest reduction in speed was Leitrim SID with an average of 18.97% reduction in speed caused by the SID.

<b>Report to:</b>	Policing & Community Safety Partnership
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	28 January 2025
<b>Subject:</b>	ASB Sub Group Report
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Shannon Creaney, Safer Communities and Good Relations Manager (Acting)
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Shannon Creaney, Safer Communities and Good Relations Manager (Acting)

Confirm how this Report should be treated by placing an x in either:-

<b>For decision</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>For noting only</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose and Background</b>
1.1	<p><b>Purpose</b></p> <p>To consider and agree the Draft Action Sheet of the ASB Sub Group 2 meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024</p>
1.2	<p><b>Background</b></p> <p>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 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024.</p>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key issues</b>
2.1	None.
<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>• Agree the attached Draft Action Sheet of the ASB Sub Group 2 meeting held on 3 December 2024.</li> </ul>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>

4.1	<p><b>Revenue</b></p> <p>All actions are budgeted for in the PCSP 2024/25 Action Plan</p> <p><b>Capital</b></p> <p>N/A</p>
5.0	<p><b>Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)</b></p>
5.1	<p><b><i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i></b></p> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
5.2	<p><b><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></b></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.3	<p><b><i>Proposal initiating consultation</i></b></p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i> <input type="checkbox"/></p>



<b>6.0</b>	<b>Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)</b>
6.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
7.1	Appendix I: Draft Action Sheet of ASB Sub Group 2 meeting held on 3 December 2024
<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 2 Meeting held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024 at 7pm in The Newcastle Centre, Newcastle

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**Present:****Chairperson:**

Cllr Jill Truesdale

**Elected Members:**

Cllr Henry Reilly

**Independent Members:**

Niall Lawlor, William Slater

**Statutory Partners:**

Inspector Hardy (PSNI), Phillip Mageean (NIFRS)

**Council Officials:**

Jacqueline Urey (NMDDC)

**Apologies:**

Sgt Gracey (PSNI), Cllr Oonagh Hanlon, Shannon Creaney (NMDDC), Martina Flynn (NMDDC), Bernadette McDowell (YJA), Aileen O'Callaghan (EA), Maureen O'Gorman (EA), Tara Campbell (Independent)

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	Adoption of previous Action Sheet	Action Sheet agreed. Proposed by Cllr Reilly and seconded by Niall Lawlor.	
ASB/003	Update of Outstanding Actions from last meeting	<p><u>Actions completed:</u></p> <p>(1) PCSP actioned Donard Car Park ASB meeting and Cllr Truesdale shared meeting update with members</p> <p>(2) NIFRS shared resources with EA</p> <p>(3) Inspector Hardy shared information with Sgt Gracey re The Forge, Kilkeel</p>	<p><u>Actions Outstanding:</u></p> <p>Inspector Hardy to pass on 101 service feedback (meeting 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024)</p> <p>EA to look at service provision in Killough (meeting 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024)</p>
ASB/004	Current / Emerging Issues	<p>(1) Castlewellan Halloween ASB – houses egged. Potential hate crime – newcomer has been supported by NMDDC social inclusion officer and PCSP passed details to PSNI CPO.</p> <p>(2) Ballynahinch &amp; Newcastle - unlicensed use of fireworks in residential areas</p> <p>(3) Scrogg Road &amp; Newry Street, Kilkeel – ASB over</p>	

		<p>Halloween</p> <p>(4) Annalong – ASB and vandalism of public toilets</p> <p>(5) Water safety concerns - sea swimmers, quarries. PCSP has plans for Summer 2025 water safety event/s</p> <p>(6) Winter/Christmas ASB – PSNI Christmas Campaign in all Sub Group 2 plan areas with targeted patrols in town centres and residential areas</p> <p>(7) Attack on NIFRS in Flying Horse, Downpatrick over Halloween period</p>	<p>(4) Inspector Hardy to pass information to Sgt Gracey</p> <p>(7) Inspector Hardy to monitor area</p>
ASB/005	Development of ASB Subgroup Plan 2024/2025	No further areas added	J Urey / PCSP - continue to populate with PCSP and partnership ASB intervention information
ASB/006	Updates from Agencies	<p>Update received from PSNI</p> <p>Update received from PCSP</p> <p>Update received from EA (shared via email)</p> <p>Updated received from NIFRS</p>	

ASB/007	Date of Next Meeting	To be arranged	PCSP to send out proposed date and papers to members in due course.
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Meeting concluded at 7:50 pm

<b>Report to:</b>	Policing & Community Safety Partnership
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	28 January 2025
<b>Subject:</b>	SIDs Update
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Shannon Creaney, Safer Communities and Good Relations Manager (Acting)
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Shannon Creaney, Safer Communities and Good Relations Manager (Acting)

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<b>For decision</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>For noting only</b>	
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose and Background</b>		
1.1	<p><b>Purpose</b></p> <p>To provide an update on the potential to procure and deploy a number of mobile SIDs (Speed Indicator Devices) across the District, and –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approve the report</li> <li>• Approve the procurement of 5 Mobile Speed Indicator Signs before 31 March 2025 (subject to agreement on Terms &amp; Conditions of use with the PSNI)</li> </ul>		
1.2	<p><b>Background</b></p> <p>As noted in the Action Sheet from the SIDs Sub Group meeting held on 6 November 2024 (approved at the PCSP meeting on 26 November 2024) it was agreed that the SID relocation exercise be paused due to costs and instead the possibility of purchasing portable SIDs would be investigated.</p> <p>PCSP Staff have since been liaising with staff from other PCSPs across Northern Ireland in order to establish how mobile SIDs have been effectively deployed by their Partnerships. ABC (Armagh, Banbridge &amp; Craigavon) PCSP have shared detail of their agreement with the PSNI which outlines the terms and conditions for the shared deployment of mobile SIDs (extending to conditions of use and maintenance &amp; insurance). This information has been shared with the PSNI in NMD who have agreed in principle to take responsibility for the deployment of the mobile SIDs in our District (subject to agreement on Terms &amp; Conditions of use). Approval is therefore required to proceed to procure 5 Mobile Speed Indicator Signs</p>		

	(one per Neighbourhood Policing Team) before 31 March 2025. The cost of these Signs is expected to be approx. £14,000 (£2,800 per Sign).
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key issues</b>
2.1	Procurement of the Mobile SIDs must take place before 31 March 2025 as costs can be covered from the PCSP Council budget due to an underspend in salary costs for 24/25.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
3.1	That the Committee- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approve the report</li> <li>• Approve the procurement of 5 Mobile Speed Indicator Signs before 31 March 2025 (subject to agreement on Terms &amp; Conditions of use with the PSNI)</li> </ul>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>
4.1	<p><b>Revenue</b></p> <p>N/A</p> <p><b>Capital</b></p> <p>Procurement of the Mobile SIDs must take place before 31 March 2025 as costs can be covered from the PCSP Council budget due to an underspend in salary costs for 24/25.</p>
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7.1	<p>None.</p>
8.0	<p><b>Background Documents</b></p>
8.1	<p>None.</p>