

March 21st, 2023

**Notice Of Meeting**

You are requested to attend the Policing and Community Safety Partnership meeting to be held on **Tuesday, 28th March 2023 at 2:00 pm** in **Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre & MS 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 31 January 2023

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## 4.0 Matters Arising (Action Sheet attached)

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## 5.0 District Commander's Report - Period 6

Report to follow.

## 6.0 PCSP Officer Report

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**9.0 Statutory Partner Update**

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

**11.0 Date of Next Meeting - TBC (following Local Government Elections May 2023)**

# Invitees

- Cllr Terry Andrews
- Cllr Robert Burgess
- Cllr William Clarke
- Mrs Linda Cummins
- Ms Louise Dillon
- Cllr Hugh Gallagher
- Cllr Oonagh Hanlon
- Mrs Janine Hillen
- Cllr Roisin Howell
- Cllr Alan Lewis
- Mr Michael Lipsett
- Colette McAteer
- Patricia McKeever
- Cllr Karen McKeivitt
- Cllr Declan Murphy
- Cllr Michael Ruane
- Donna Starkey
- Sarah Taggart

**POLICING COMMITTEE AND POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP****Minutes of the Newry, Mourne & Down Policing Committee and Policing & Community Safety Partnership Meeting held at 6pm on Tuesday 31 January 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 R Howell, NMDDC  
Councillor A Lewis, NMDDC (Chair)  
Councillor D Murphy, NMDDC  
Councillor K McKeivitt, NMDDC  
Councillor M Ruane, NMDDC  
Superintendent Norman Haslett, PSNI  
Chief Inspector Lynne Corbett, PSNI  
Chief Inspector Peter Stevenson, PSNI  
Inspector Darren Hardy, 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  
Tara Campbell, PCSP Independent Member  
John Allen, PCSP Independent Member  
David Vint, PCSP Independent Member  
Liam Gunn, NIHE  
Roisin Leckey, PBNI  
Michael Heaney, YJA  
Donna Weir, EANI  
Aidan McCabe, SHSCT

**In attendance:**

Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement  
Martina Flynn, Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager  
Shannon Creaney, PCSP Officer  
Judith Thompson, PCSP Officer  
Patricia McKeever, Democratic Services Officer

**1 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks**

Councillor Lewis welcomed all to the meeting and commended the PCSP staff on all their hard work, acknowledging it had not been easy with reduced staff members.

Councillor Lewis said he had spoken to Superintendent Haslett recently who had given him a brief update regarding the pending PSNI budget cuts and Councillor Lewis said he had

requested a special meeting of the Partnership be arranged as soon as possible to update Members.

## 2 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

## 3 **Draft Minutes of Policing Committee and PCSP Meeting dated 29 November 2022**

Read: Minutes of Policing Committee and PCSP Meeting held on 29 November 2022 (copy circulated).

**Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Murphy seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed to approve the Minutes of the Policing Committee and PCSP Meeting held on 29 November 2022 as a true and accurate record.**

## 4 **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

## 5 **Policing Committee Business**

### **5.1 District Commander's Report – Period 5**

Read: District Commander's Report – Period 5 (copy circulated)

Superintendent Haslett presented the District Commander's Report to the Partnership.

Discussion then took place with the following points raised:

#### **General**

Members expressed their abhorrence at the shocking recent assaults on PSNI officers and wished them a speedy recovery.

Concern expressed by Councillor McKeivitt as to the risk of police officers feeling devalued as was currently the case in the Health Service and she said this was an area that should be monitored. Superintendent Haslett said all PSNI officers were very much valued, and he extended an invitation to all PCSP Members to come into any of the PSNI stations in the District and speak directly to the PSNI officers, he said they would very much appreciate their concern and support.

Members expressed concern at the redundancies within the PSNI and cuts to budgets and acknowledged the great work done by the Neighbourhood Policing Teams over the years. Mr Vint said it was difficult to reconcile budgetary cuts at a time when crime was increasing.

Superintendent Haslett said the budgetary cuts were out of PSNI control, however, he said it was up to him and his Senior Management Team to reconfigure the funding available to deliver the best service and he assured Members there would continue to be Neighbourhood Policing Teams operating across the District. Concern expressed that whilst budgetary cuts were out of the PSNI control, it was worrying that such cuts could become the 'norm' and everything should be done to ensure that would not become the case.

Superintendent Haslett said there was much more confidence in reporting crime and, he said that factor could be attributed to the higher numbers reported; he said not all crime had increased, burglaries and ASB had decreased.

Councillor Andrews said he considered a representative from the Policing Board should be invited to a future Partnership Meeting to discuss financial and budgetary concerns.

### **Road Safety**

In response to concerns raised by Michelle Osborne regarding young people riding motorised scooters on the Armagh Road, Inspector Gibson said motorised scooters were not permitted on public roads and she said there should be some education about the dangers of this and she would speak to residents and schools in this regard.

The initiative referred to by Superintendent Haslett of PSNI officers distributing hi-vis jackets to walkers was welcomed by Members.

Superintendent Haslett said the PSNI did not have the same level of technology as the UK with regard to testing for substance abuse. He said a physical impairment test was conducted by trained officers and where appropriate, confirmed by a medical professional.

Councillor Andrews thanked all those involved in helping to address the traffic speeding incidents in the Rowallane area and said the recent meeting had highlighted issues that he hoped could be resolved.

Councillor Clarke said the reconfiguration of Donard Park was almost complete, but he said there was still ASB in the car park, particularly the overflow car park and he considered that Council could install a barrier in the overflow carpark that would deter ASB behaviour.

### **Domestic Violence**

Superintendent Haslett said the PSNI was very much aware that men as well as women were victims of domestic violence; this would be highlighted in upcoming work.

### **Hate Crime**

Councillor Lewis, referred to an incident where a banner had been erected outside Cumran Primary School in Clough on Monday 30 January and said it had been swiftly removed. He said school staff did not wish the press to be involved and they were currently working closely with the PSNI; the PSNI were examining CCTV. Inspector Hardy confirmed the incident was the subject of an ongoing investigation and was being monitored closely.

## **Burglaries**

There had been incidents of oil thefts from homes in the Newcastle and Warrenpoint areas, Superintendent Haslett said the cost of living crisis had unfortunately resulted in an increase in oil theft and he said PSNI could put out messages on social media in this regard; additionally, he said if Members wanted to link in with Inspector Sheila Loughran, the Crime Prevention Officer could visit affected residents / locations to reassure them and he encouraged anyone affected by oil theft to report it to the PSNI.

## **ASB / DRUGS**

ASB and drug abuse still an ongoing problem in Downpatrick. Superintendent Haslett said as a result of targeted intervention by the PSNI, PCSP and other statutory agencies in response to sustained ASB earlier in the year in Downpatrick, that ASB had decreased in the area. He asked that all concerns be relayed to the PSNI and he assured Members that action would be taken. Inspector Hardy said the media coverage did not help matters and he said Neighbourhood Policing Teams were active in Downpatrick, tackling ASB in an effort to make the town a safer place. Chief Superintendent Haslett said it was not just a PSNI issue to be solved and a joined-up approach with traders, such as was the case in Newry was very beneficial.

Dan McEvoy said there were too many forums resulting in a loss of focus and a dedicated body that took the lead was required, he said some discussion was needed regarding this.

Superintendent Haslett said there was already a proven template that could be used to resolve this. Councillor Hanlon noted that the ASB Sub Group had made significant progress in addressing local issues. However she said Saturday evenings in Downpatrick town centre with individuals taking illegal substances and being heavily intoxicated was very off putting for residents. She said Downpatrick was referred to on Wikipedia as being the most dangerous town in Northern Ireland and she said that needed to be challenged as Wikipedia was not regulated.

## **6 PCSP Budget – Change Control Request**

Read: PCSP Budget – Change Control (copy circulated)

**Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Gallagher, seconded by Councillor Clarke it was agreed to:**

- **Note the report**
- **Approve the recommendation that £15,000 be reallocated from the PCSP 2022/23 Administration budget to the Operations budget.**

## **7 PCSP Officer Report**

Read: PCSP Officer Report (copy circulated)



Mrs Flynn said an additional 7 SIDs were to be installed bringing the total to 21. She said it was hoped to move to a remote monitoring system, however, she acknowledged, the cost at £11,500 may be cost prohibitive.

Mrs Flynn said a complaint had been received from the Alliance Party on behalf of a resident regarding the location of the Killyleagh SID. She said it was the only complaint received in three years and noted that the Partnership had no concerns about its location.

Mrs Flynn requested that going forward, the SIDs data was not published with the PCSP agenda on the Council website as information had been taken from the website and put out on social media without appropriate context.

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

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

## **8 ASB Sub Group Report**

Read: ASB Sub Group Report – January 2023 (copy circulated).

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

- **Note the report.**
- **Agree the attached Draft Action Sheet of ASB Sub Group 1 held on 6 December 2022 and ASB Sub Group 2 held on 7 December 2022.**

## **9 Statutory Partner Update**

Mr Liam Gunn NIHE:

- NIHE had erected fencing in Burrenview Court, Newcastle to address concerns relating to quads / scramblers, however the NIHE had received legal representation from an adjacent landowner advising that part of the fencing was on his land and under threat of court action it had reluctantly been decided to remove a panel of fencing, however discussions were ongoing with landowner and Mr Gunn said he would keep the PCSP updated as to progress.
- With regard to ASB in Housing Executive properties, NIHE had successfully ended the tenancy of three tenants, two in the Burrendale Estate and one in Marian Park Downpatrick, all of whom had been a source of noise / nuisance to neighbours.
- It was anticipated the CCTV scheme for the Burrendale flats would be installed in all communal areas by Summer 2023.

Ms Donna Weir EA:

- The Education Authority was facing similar financial restraints and staffing problems as the PSNI with vacancies unlikely to be filled.
- There had been an increase of £57,000 in funding offers to the District this year compared to last year, information was available on the Education Authority website.

- There was good news to report with youth working in both the voluntary and statutory sectors providing targeted support funding for the sector as agreed up until March 2023. New funding offers would be assessed on a year by year basis based on the financial situation. There was not yet a confirmed budget for 2023/24.
- There would be a significant consultation event later in March 2023 regarding the Youth Voice programme supported by Council and Community Planning team.
- Four cohorts of young people in Downpatrick, Newcastle and Newry were involved in leadership training via the Horizons programme, supporting them in terms of leadership and entrepreneurial skills.
- Staff continue to work with partners in the voluntary and statutory sectors to ensure young people get the best from the resources available.

Mr Michael Heaney YJA:

- The Youth Justice Agency would be marking their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a sequence of planned events, one of which would take place in Banbridge on 24 April, more details to follow.
- ASB in Downpatrick or elsewhere was best addressed via a multi agency approach.

Ms Roisin Leckey PBNI:

- Probations partnership with the PSNI, the focus was to target prolific offenders in the District.
- Regarding assaults on the PSNI, this may be an opportunity to campaign with the courts for tougher sentencing.

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

There was no update to report.

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Lewis it was agreed the PCSP write to the Permanent Secretary at the Department of Justice campaigning for tougher sentencing for offenders found guilty of assaulting front line service workers. Letter to be copied to the Attorney General's Office.

#### **12 Date of Next Meeting - 2pm on 28 March 2023 (Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre and online via Microsoft Teams)**

The next PCSP & Policing Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 28 March 2023 at 2pm in the Mourne Room, Downshire Civic Centre and online via Microsoft Teams.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 7.50pm.

**ACTION SHEET- POLICING COMMITTEE AND PCSP – 31 JANUARY 2023**

<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>11</b>	<b>LETTER TO THE PERMANENT SECRETARY</b>	<b>It was agreed the PCSP write to the Permanent Secretary at the Department of Justice campaigning for tougher sentencing for offenders found guilty of assaulting front line service workers. Letter to be copied to the Attorney General's Office.</b>	<b>M Flynn</b>	Draft letter complete – to be signed off by PCSP Chairperson	N

<b>Report to:</b>	Policing & Community Safety Partnership			
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	28 March 2023			
<b>Subject:</b>	PCSP Officer Report – March 2023			
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Martina Flynn, Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager			
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Martina Flynn, Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager			
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose and Background</b>			
1.1	<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> The attached report provides Members with an update on the progress of the PCSP Action Plan since the previous PCSP meeting on 31 January 2023.			
<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>			
4.1	<b>Revenue</b> All actions are budgeted for in the PCSP 2022/23 Action Plan <b>Capital</b> N/A			
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Equality and Good Relations implications</b>			
5.1	No Equality of Opportunity or Good Relations adverse impact is anticipated. Should have a positive impact on Equality of Opportunity and Good Relations.			
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Rural Proofing implications</b>			
6.1	Due regard to rural needs has been considered.			
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>			
7.1	Appendix I: PCSP Officer Report – March 2023			
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Background Documents</b>			
8.1	None.			

## **Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP Officer Report – March 2023**

The purpose of this Report is to provide an update on key activities and progress since the last PCSP meeting on 31 January 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 being progressed, including the development of a Monitoring & Evaluation Officer post for the PCSP and Good Relations service areas.

### **Overview of progress against PCSP Action Plan 2022/23**

#### **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>Theme</b>	<b>Aims &amp; description</b>	<b>Key Activities in this Period (February – March 2023)</b>
<b>PCSP Delivery</b>	Organising the work of the PCSP through appropriate structures and mechanisms	PCSP Sub Groups met in this period as follows – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASB Sub Group 1 (legacy Newry &amp; Mourne area) – 21 February 2023</li> <li>• ASB Sub Group 2 (legacy Down area) – 8 February 2023</li> </ul>
<b>Raise awareness of PCSP</b>	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 (February – March 2023)
<b>ASB</b>	Develop a range diversionary youth & community engagement projects	<p>Both ASB Sub Groups continue to work to the Action Plans for their respective areas.</p> <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>Shannon Creaney (PCSP Officer) recently took part in a good practice visit to London with the Respect Project to look at approaches used by youth groups / police there towards ASB. The visit was supported by funding from NMDDC's Good Relations budget.</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>448 hours of Community Safety Warden patrols were provided between 20 January 2023 and 11 March 2023. A detailed report is included at Appendix 1.</p>
<b>PCSP Small Grants</b>	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 will close on 17 April 2023. Further information has been sent to Members for circulation.</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 (February – March 2023)

<b>Drugs and Alcohol</b>	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>A Community Wellbeing event took place in Newry Leisure Centre on 9 March 2023 (in partnership with Star 360). This was a very successful event – attended by 25 stakeholders (with information stands), 100 members of the public and almost 300 students from local Secondary Schools.</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).</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.</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 continues to provide support to Women’s Aid ArmaghDown towards the cost of their DASS Worker (Domestic Abuse Safety &amp; 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 awareness raising event took place on 8 March (International Women’s Day) in the Burrendale Hotel, Newcastle. This was well attended by local agencies and members of the public.</p>
<b>Community Safety &amp; Vulnerability</b>	To develop and implement a range of community safety initiatives	<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>Continued attendance at DEA Fora to provide updates on PCSP work and linkages.</p>

	for vulnerable persons	
	Newry, Mourne & Down Community Support Partnership	The Community Support Partnership continues to engage with a number of vulnerable adults; the most recent meetings took place on 15 March 2023. Since its formation in late 2019 the Partnership has provided dedicated support to 31 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	<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>Three Kid's Court events have taken place in the last few weeks (Killyleagh, Ardglass, Dunsford) – these were very successful and well received by the Schools and motorists.</p> <p>21 SIDs are now installed across the District. Data has been downloaded from all 21 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>
<b>Fear of Crime, Burglary &amp; Crime Prevention</b>	To support communities to protect themselves and their property to reduce the fear of crime	<p>The Home Secure Service remains open to referrals (51 referrals were received in January/February 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 30 referrals 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>
	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 Culloville, Killyleagh, Ballymartin, Newry and Castlewellan (trailer marking event).</p> <p>Events are also planned with the SRC (Newry) and in Downpatrick (supported living tenants). The PCSP is also supporting an event with Good Morning Down in Downpatrick on 22 March.</p>



	To promote and develop the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme	<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>
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### Strategic Priority 3: To improve Confidence in Policing through collaborative problem solving with communities.

Theme	Aims & description	Key Activities in this Period (February – March 2023)
<b>Improve community confidence in policing</b>	Advocate for policing and effectively monitor local police performance and progress of the local Policing Plan	<p>No public meetings in this period.</p> <p>Members of the PCSP met with the PSNI on 15 February 2023 about consultation on the Draft NMD Local Policing Plan for 2023/24.</p>
	Support the engagement of the local community with the PSNI	<p>Community/police engagement is progressing well via planned events and other activities.</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>

**Summary Community Safety Wardens Reports: 20 January 2023 –  
11 March 2023**

	<b>No. Incidents attended</b>	<b>No. Incidents reported to PSNI</b>	<b>Total Hours Patrolled</b>
<b>Downpatrick</b>	27	0	112
<b>Newcastle</b>	21	0	112
<b>Newry</b>	23	0	112
<b>Warrenpoint</b>	25	2	112
<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>448</b>

**Notes:**

This reporting period covers the school mid-term break in February.

**Examples of Incidents Attended by Wardens:**

Downpatrick 21.01.2023 – Wardens at the New Model Farm area come across a group of teenagers drinking alcohol and smoking. The Wardens ask the group to dispose of their alcohol and move on from the area, which the group did.

Downpatrick 27.01.2023 – Wardens patrolling the Viastown Road come across young children riding their bikes along the road. Wardens stop the group and explain the dangers of riding a bicycle on and near a busy road. The children then move from the road to a safe area to ride their bikes.

Downpatrick 11.02.2023 – Wardens at the Bus Station in the Town Centre witness two young teenagers shouting at each other. Wardens approach the two teenagers and calm down the situation to prevent a fight breaking out.

Newcastle 20.01.2023 – Wardens at the back of the Tennis Court Building see a group of young teenagers drinking alcohol and smoking. Wardens ask the group to dispose of their alcohol and move on from the area, which they did.

Newcastle 10.02.2023 – Wardens assist a lady who has hit her jeep on the crash barrier at Donard Car Park.

Newcastle 24.02.2023 – Wardens around Donard Park see a number of cars parked in the car park revving their engines. Wardens approach the cars and ask them to keep the noise down and be mindful of residents living nearby.

Newry 11.02.2023 – Wardens walking the tow path see two older males who are already intoxicated drinking alcohol. Wardens explain to the males that they can't be drinking alcohol at the tow path, and ask them to dispose of the alcohol and head home safely, which they did.

Newry 18.02.2023 – Wardens at Barcroft Park see a group of three older teenagers acting suspiciously around a parked car. Wardens believe the group may be trying to break into the vehicle. Once the wardens begin to carefully approach the car, the three teenagers run off in different directions.

Newry 04.03.2023 – Wardens at the Pound Road hear a group of teenagers playing loud music late in the evening. Wardens approach the group and ask them to turn down the music to be mindful of those living nearby. The group turn their music down and move away from the houses nearby.

Warrenpoint 03.02.2023 – Wardens at Clonallon Park come across a group of young teenagers messing around and throwing rubbish. Wardens approach the group and ask them to lift all their litter and move on from the area, which they did.

Warrenpoint 24.02.2023 – Wardens on route to Duke Street are advised of a young male in bad condition outside Friar Tucks. Wardens attend quickly and discover the young male seems to be intoxicated and has passed out. Wardens phone the Police and Ambulance service and remain at the scene until they arrive to ensure the young male is safe.

Warrenpoint 04.03.2023 – Wardens at Bridle Loanan come across a group of teenagers drinking and smoking. Wardens approach the group and ask them to dispose of their alcohol and move on from the area, which they did.

## Appendix 2

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**Table Showing Data collected from SIDs 20 January 2023 – 14 March 2023**

	<b>% Speed violations over 30mph (*40mph)</b>	<b>% Speed violations over 35mph (*45mph)</b>	<b>No. speed violations over 70mph</b>	<b>No. speed violations over 100mph</b>	<b>Average % reduction in speed caused by SID</b>
<b>Ardglass</b>	41.3	14.9	6	0	4.66
<b>Burren</b>	58.4	25.0	6	0	No Reduction
<b>Camlough</b>	73.6	49.4	440	1	10.83
<b>Castlewellan</b>	55.0	27.0	36	0	11.87
<b>Clough</b>	44.7	14.3	2	0	4.66
<b>Crossmaglen</b>	58.5	35.4	3	0	6.45
<b>Darragh Cross*</b>	16.7	4.6	2	0	5.71
<b>Downpatrick*</b>	14.8	3.7	22	0	6.28
<b>Kilcoo*</b>	25.3	9.0	42	0	4.05
<b>Kilkeel</b>	40.2	11.4	30	0	No Reduction
<b>Killyleagh</b>	56.0	24.1	4	0	7.09
<b>Meigh</b>	60.0	33.0	11	0	13.93
<b>Newcastle</b>	24.7	6.9	3	0	5.55
<b>Newry (Camlough Road)</b>	41.0	12.9	42	9	3.33
<b>Newry (Chancellors Road)*</b>	9.1	2.2	2	0	No Reduction
<b>Newtownhamilton</b>	68.0	35.5	0	0	7.35
<b>Rostrevor</b>	47.6	26.1	65	0	11.66

<b>Saintfield</b>	45.3	22.0	2	0	7.41
<b>Strangford</b>	49.3	20.8	237	26	5.0
<b>Warrenpoint</b>	45.6	14.8	5	0	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.

There are currently road works ongoing with diversions in place near the Ardglass and Saintfield SIDs.

Due to Bluetooth connectivity issues a verbal update for the SID in Dundrum will be provided at the meeting.

**Key trends from data**

- The overall average percentile reduction in speed caused by SIDs was 5.89%
- On average 19.65% of vehicles going past the SIDs were traveling over 35mph (\*45mph).

**Time:**

- Burren SID, Kilcoo SID, Newcastle SID, and Rostrevor SID recorded the highest number of speeding offences around 5AM.
- Camlough SID, Castlewellan SID, Crossmaglen SID, and Downpatrick SID recorded the highest number of speeding offences around 6AM.
- Clough SID and Saintfield SID recorded the highest number of speeding offences around 7AM.
- Kilkeel SID and Newry (Camlough Road) SID recorded the highest number of speeding offences around 8AM
- Rostrevor SID recorded the highest number of speeding offences around 3PM.
- Darragh Cross SID, Newry (Chancellors Road) SID, Kilyleagh SID and Newtownhamilton SID recorded the highest number of speeding offences around 5PM.
- Meigh SID recorded the highest number of speeding offences around 9PM.
- Warrenpoint SID recorded the highest number of speeding offences around 10PM.
- Ardglass SID recorded the highest number of speeding offences around 11PM.

**Average speed (MPH) of cars travelling past each sign:**

- Ardglass - 30MPH
- Burren – 32MPH
- Camlough – 36MPH
- Castlewellan – 32MPH
- Clough – 30MPH
- Crossmaglen – 31MPH
- Darragh Cross\* - 35MPH
- Downpatrick\* - 35MPH
- Kilcoo\* - 37MPH
- Kilkeel – 29MPH
- Killyleagh – 31MPH
- Meigh – 33MPH
- Newcastle – 27MPH
- Newry (Camlough Road) – 30MPH
- Newry (Chancellors Road)\* – 31MPH
- Newtownhamilton – 34MPH
- Rostrevor – 30MPH
- Saintfield – 31MPH
- Strangford- 30MPH
- Warrenpoint – 30MPH

<b>Report to:</b>	Policing & Community Safety Partnership
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	28 March 2023
<b>Subject:</b>	SIDs Report, March 2023
<b>Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Martina Flynn, Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager
<b>Contact Officer (Including Job Title):</b>	Martina Flynn, Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager

<b>For decision</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>For noting only</b>
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose and Background</b>
1.1	<p><b>Purpose</b></p> <p>That the Committee:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approve the report.</li> <li>• Approve the recommendation that the Department for Infrastructure be engaged to install the final seven Speed Indicator Device Signs (SIDs) across the District.</li> </ul>
1.2	<p><b>Background</b></p> <p>21 Speed Indicator Device Signs (SIDs) have now been installed by the PCSP at locations across the Council District. The final seven SIDs are to be installed at the following locations as already agreed by the Partnership -</p> <p>Crotlieve – Mayobridge (from Hilltown side)  Downpatrick – Station Road, Killough  Newry – Forkhill Road, Killeavy (at Mulkerns Eurospar Complex)  Rowallane - TBC  Slieve Croob - Leitrim Village  Slieve Gullion - Concession Road, Culloville  The Mournes - Annalong Village</p> <p>The Department for Infrastructure have installed poles and sockets for all SIDs to date, with it noted that there had recently been an increase in installation costs. PCSP Staff therefore agreed to consider any alternative installation options.</p>
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key issues</b>
2.1	<p>The site locations for the next SIDs are in the ownership of the Department of Infrastructure. Any external contractor would require approval from the Department to install the poles on their land and be able to demonstrate that they have appropriate levels of insurance – indications are that this is likely to be a lengthy process which will delay the installation of the Signs.</p> <p>The PCSP – in its current form and with its current Membership – has been responsible for progressing the SIDs initiative and therefore it may be appropriate that agreement is reached on the next installations before a change in membership (following the Local Government Elections in May 2023). There is provision in the 2023/24 budget for the installation costs and every effort will be made to achieving VFM (approximate cost £11,900).</p> <p>Members were also advised on 9 December that the Department of Justice had advised the following re: SIDs - <i>Going forward Joint Committee will require a <u>very clear rationale of need (aligned to community safety) and a strong evidence base</u></i></p>

	<p><i>before any funding for new SIDs will be approved as the proportion of SIDs being funded risk displacing other community safety priorities. PCSPs should prioritise based on local need and consideration of the priority areas provided.</i></p> <p><i>Where it can be evidenced by the PCSP that Joint Committee provided funding for SIDs already in place, Joint Committee will consider maintenance costs required to keep those SIDs operational.</i></p> <p><i>Joint Committee officials are continuing to encourage DfI to provide a consistent policy for how they will facilitate PCSP placement of SIDs across the road network as soon as possible. We will continue to engage with you as soon as we have clarity from DfI.</i></p> <p>Going forward therefore the priority will move from installation of new SIDs to the maintenance of the current Signs. It is very unlikely that Joint Committee will approve the procurement of further SIDs without evidence of exceptional need – and even less likely in our District when 28 have already been procured and have the potential to be rotated / relocated in line with the agreed criteria. An agreement may need to be considered with the Department for Infrastructure for the costs associated with any relocation of Signs and this may be less complex if they are the only agency who have undertaken the installation works.</p> <p>Going forward it would also be recommended that the SIDs data report to the Partnership focus on key trends associated with the Signs (as opposed to reporting on individual high speeds recorded) and that the PSNI overlay the information with information on speed operations / enforcements within the Policing Committee report.</p>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
3.1	<p>That the Committee:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approve the report.</li> <li>• Approve the recommendation that the Department for Infrastructure be engaged to install the final seven Speed Indicator Device Signs (SIDs) across the District.</li> </ul>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>
4.1	<p><b>Revenue</b> All actions are budgeted for in the PCSP 2023/24 Action Plan.</p> <p><b>Capital</b> All actions are budgeted for in the PCSP 2023/24 Action Plan.</p>
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Equality and Good Relations implications</b>
5.1	<p>No Equality of Opportunity or Good Relations adverse impact is anticipated. Should have a positive impact on Equality of Opportunity and Good Relations.</p>
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Rural Proofing implications</b>
6.1	Due regard to rural needs has been considered.
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
7.1	None.
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Background Documents</b>
8.1	None.



<b>Report to:</b>	Policing & Community Safety Partnership				
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	28 March 2023				
<b>Subject:</b>	ASB Sub Group Report				
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose and Background</b>				
1.1	<b>Purpose</b> To consider and agree the Draft Action Sheet of the ASB Sub Group 1 meeting held on 21 February 2023 and the ASB Sub Group 2 meeting held on 8 February 2023.				
1.2	<b>Background</b> The attached Draft Action Sheets provide Members with an update on the work of the ASB Sub Groups since the last PCSP Committee meeting on 31 January 2023.				
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Key issues</b>				
2.1	None.				
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>				
3.1	That the Committee:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note the report.</li> <li>Agree the attached Draft Action Sheet of ASB Sub Group 1 held on 21 February 2023 and ASB Sub Group 2 held on 8 February 2023.</li> </ul>				
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>				
4.1	<b>Revenue</b> All actions are budgeted for in the PCSP 2022/23 Action Plan <b>Capital</b> N/A				
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Equality and Good Relations implications</b>				
5.1	No Equality of Opportunity or Good Relations adverse impact is anticipated. Should have a positive impact on Equality of Opportunity and Good Relations.				
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Rural Proofing implications</b>				
6.1	Due regard to rural needs has been considered.				
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>				
7.1	Appendix I: Draft Action Sheet of ASB Sub Group 1 held on 21 February 2023. Appendix II: Draft Action Sheet of ASB Sub Group 2 held on 8 February 2023.				
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Background Documents</b>				
8.1	None.				

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

### Action Sheet of PCSP ASB Sub Group 2 Meeting held on Wednesday 8 February 2023 at 2pm via Microsoft Teams

#### Present:

**Chairperson:** Cllr Terry Andrews

**Councillors:** Cllr William Clarke (representing Cllr Hanlon)

**Statutory Partners:** Sgt Kim Dunn (PSNI), Bronagh Magorrian (NIHE)

**Independent Members:** Dan McEvoy

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

**Apologies:** Insp Darren Hardy, Sgt Ryan Duffy, Sgt Kenneth Gracey (PSNI) Damien Brannigan (NMDDC), Martina Flynn (NMDDC), Cllr Hugh Gallagher (NMDDC), Cllr Alan Lewis (NMDDC), Cllr Oonagh Hanlon (NMDDC), Bernadette McDowell (YJA)

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

ITEM	SUBJECT	SUMMARY	ACTIONS FOR COMPLETION
ASB/001	Welcome and Apologies	<p>All were welcomed to the meeting and apologies are recorded above. Cllr Andrews welcomed Cllr Lewis on to the Sub Group (replacing Cllr Owen) and he also welcomed Cllr Clarke who was attending on behalf of Cllr O'Hanlon.</p> <p>Cllr Andrews wished Karen her all the best as it was noted that she is leaving Council at the end of March; this was supported by Dan McEvoy.</p>	
ASB/002	Action Sheet from last meeting	Action Sheet from previous meeting was noted, with all Members in agreement.	
ASB/003	ASB Sub Group Action Plan	<p>Judith updated Members on the revised Action Plan.</p> <p>Youth Justice Agency funding has been agreed for the Ballymote area of Downpatrick.</p>	Action Plan to be reviewed on an ongoing basis.

		<p>In relation to the issue raised previously by Dan regarding a more joined-up approach to ASB, this point was raised at the recent PCSP meeting and agreed that current structures are appropriate.</p>	
<p>ASB/004</p>	<p>Current/Emerging Issues</p>	<p>ASB at Ballynahinch noted and Bronagh queried if the PSNI could speak with those concerned about personal and home security.</p> <p>It was suggested that a leaflet drop take place advertising a community clinic for Ballynahinch.</p> <p>Dan requested feedback from Sgt Dunn on Knocknashinna ASB. She confirmed that there had been additional police presence in the area, and that individuals involved were being dealt with appropriately.</p> <p>There was discussion on Edward Street, Downpatrick. Bronagh stated that gates had been erected to deter ASB and that residents were happy with the measures taken.</p> <p>Cllr Clarke brought up the issue of Bracken Avenue in Burrendale Estate. Bronagh confirmed that safety measures would be implemented as soon as the appropriate legal approval was received.</p> <p>The issue of Donard Park car park was also discussed, with Cllr Clarke commending the fact that speed ramps had been raised and confirming that they would like to see a barrier installed as a further deterrent.</p> <p>Bronagh also advised the Sub Group about ASB in Strangford and in Dundrum area.</p>	<p>PCSP and PSNI to co-ordinate this event.</p> <p>Update at next meeting on progress.</p> <p>Update at next meeting as this is currently being addressed within Council.</p>

ASB/005	Updates from Agencies	<p>PSNI – incl ASB statistics PCSP NIHE</p> <p>No update from Education Authority or NIRFS as not in attendance.</p>	
AOB		None	
ASB/006	Date of Next Meeting	<p>To be confirmed after Council elections in May.</p> <p>A question was raised about having virtual, face to face or hybrid meetings. Judith advised that it had been agreed that every third meeting of the Sub Group was face to face but this would be subject to approval from the Sub Group once reconstituted.</p>	To be discussed at next meeting

The meeting concluded at: 3.05pm.

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

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**Action Sheet of** **PCSP ASB Sub Group 1 Meeting held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023 at 7PM**  
**Via Microsoft Teams**

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**Present:**

**Chairperson:** Cllr Karen McKevitt

**Independent Members:** Tara Campbell, Michelle Osborne, John Allen

**Statutory Partners:** Insp Adam Corner, Sgt Ryan Duffy (PSNI) Sgt Kenneth Gracey (PSNI), Niall Fitzpatrick (NIHE), Aiveen Kavanagh (YJA)

**Council Officials:** Shannon Creaney

**Apologies:**

Martina Flynn (NMDDC), Damien Brannigan (NMDDC), Sgt Warren Roberts (PSNI), Sgt Robin Blair (PSNI), Donna Weir (EA).

ITEM	SUBJECT	SUMMARY	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
ASB/001	Welcome and Apologies	All were welcomed to the meeting and apologies were recorded as above.	

ASB/002	Matters arising from Action Sheet from meeting held on 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2022.	All actions from the previous meeting have been completed.	Proposed Correct by Cllr Karen McKeivitt and Seconded by Niall Fitzpatrick NIHE.
ASB/003	ASB Sub Group Action Plan	Members were updated on any additions made to the ASB Sub Group Action Plan and advised that a new plan would be developed once the group membership is changed after the Council Elections.	
ASB/004	Update from Agencies	<p>Update received from PSNI</p> <p>Update received from PCSP</p> <p>Update received from NIHE</p> <p>Update received from YJA</p>	<p>Cllr McKeivitt requested that information on PCSP Financial Assistance be circulated with PCSP Members so they can promote to groups on social media etc.</p> <p>Niall Fitzpatrick NIHE requested that the PSNI visit elderly residents in the Clanrye Avenue area of Newry to provide reassurance after ASB issues have risen from one individual in the area.</p> <p>Aiveen Kavanagh provided information about the YJA ESD Funding Stream which is open for Applications. A Kavanagh to circulate any flyers or more detailed</p>

			information on this funding stream with the ASB Sub Group.
ASB/005	Current / Emerging Issues	<p>Niall Fitzpatrick NIHE and Cllr McKevitt thanked the police for their increased presence in the Granite View area which was requested at the last meeting. A discussion took place around ASB issues within the Granite View area which are ongoing.</p> <p>Cllr McKevitt raised concerns around increasing theft of plant machinery and oil in the legacy Newry and Mourne area. Tara Campbell suggested promotion of the Home Secure Scheme may ease the fear of oil thefts.</p> <p>Insp Adam Corner (PSNI) provided information on ASB issues associated with a newly formed Traveller Camp in the Culloville area. ASB issues included Cold Calling and excessive drinking leading to a fear of crime from residents in the wider Culloville area.</p>	<p>Sgt Veronica Bailie (PSNI) to contact Niall Fitzpatrick and Cllr McKevitt to discuss the ongoing issues in the Granite View area.</p> <p>S Creaney to circulate the flyer and referral form for the Home Secure Scheme with the ASB Sub Group for wider distribution.</p> <p>S Creaney and PSNI to look at holding a Crime Prevention Stall in the Culloville area near the Traveller Camp to ease the fear of crime in the Culloville area. S Creaney to link with Crime Prevention officer Tom Jameson to look at providing residents in Culloville near the newly formed Traveller Camp with "No Cold Calling" stickers.</p>

		The group expressed thanks to Cllr McKeivitt for chairing the ASB Sub Group 1 Meetings for the 2022/23 period.	
ASB/006	Date of Next Meeting	TBC after Council Elections, likely late June/early July 2023.	S Creaney to circulate date of next meeting with ASB Sub Group members after Council Elections.

The Meeting ended at 19:44.

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