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**LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL****Private Meeting of the Policing and Community Safety Partnership held in the Council Chamber, Lagan Valley Island, Lisburn on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 at 6.03 pm**

**PRESENT:** Councillor A Givan (Chairman)  
 Councillor B Higginson  
 Councillor C Kemp  
 Councillor J Lavery  
 Councillor A Martin  
 Councillor M McKeever  
 Mrs P Yellamaty (Vice Chairperson)

**PRESENT IN A REMOTE LOCATION:** Councillor J Gallen  
 Councillor S Lowry  
 Mrs G Conroy  
 Mrs Y Craig  
 Mr J Bentley  
 Mr D McBurney

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council  
 Acting PCSP Manager  
 PCSP Officer (JB)  
 Member Services Officers (BS and EW)

Designated Organisations  
 Mr D Marley, NIHE  
 Superintendent K Moore, PSNI  
 Acting Chief Inspector Katrina McMullan, PSNI  
 Ms Catriona Cullen, Youth Justice Agency  
 Mr Colin Weir, NIFRS  
 Mr Johnny Crymble, Education Authority

**Commencement of the Meeting**

The Chairman, Councillor A Givan, welcomed everyone to the private meeting of the PCSP.

The Chairman extended a particular welcome to the undernoted representatives from the Partnership's Statutory bodies who were in attendance at their first meeting of the PCSP:

- Chief Inspector, Katrina McMullan, PSNI
- Mr Colin Weir, NIFRS
- Ms Catriona Cullen, Youth Justice Agency

## 1. Apologies

Apologies were reported on behalf of Mr Philip Dean and Ms Aisling Playford.

The Chairman, Councillor A Givan, informed the Partnership that Ms P Leeson, Independent Member, had resigned from the PCSP having taken up a new position of employment. The Chairman having conveyed best wishes to Ms Leeson on her new position thanked her for her contribution to the Partnership.

The Chairman referred to the vacancy on the Partnership occasioned by Ms Leeson's resignation and advised that the Policing Board had confirmed that the vacancy should remain unfilled in light of the current recruitment exercise for Independent Members to the PCSP which would be completed by June 2024.

## 2. Declarations of Interest

Councillor P Burke declared an interest in item 5 of the Acting PCSP Manager's report, Applications for Funding Under £500, in view of his membership of Lisburn Feile and submitted a signed Declaration of Interest form accordingly.

## 3. Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor M McKeever, seconded by Councillor J Laverty, and agreed that the minutes of the undernoted meetings be adopted:

- Private Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- Public Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023
- Special Meeting to Elect a Vice-Chairperson held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023
- Policing Committee held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023

Ms G Conroy joined the meeting at 6.39 pm.

### 3.1 Matters Arising

#### Private Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Item 4.2 Presentation by Dreamscheme – Councillor M McKeever put on record that he had raised the question on the evening of 19<sup>th</sup> September in relation to difficulty accessing adequate infrastructure to accommodate activities run by Dreamscheme and other groups.

## Policing Committee held on 21 November 2023

### Item 4.2 Bike Marking Event Request - Carryduff Area

Councillor B Higginson referred to his request in relation to a bike marking event at the previous meeting of the Partnership and sought an update thereon. The Acting PCSP Manager advised that such an event would be arranged to take place in the springtime and would be progressed by PCSP Officer, Mr J Bingham.

#### 4. Update from Statutory Partners

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

##### 4.1 Update from Superintendent K Moore, PSNI

Prior to providing her update to the Partnership, Superintendent K Moore, put on record her thanks to the Acting Chief Inspector K McMullan for her efforts as City Neighbourhood Policing Team Inspector prior to having been appointed to the position of Acting Chief Inspector for the Lisburn and Castlereagh District. Supt Moore also advised the Partnership that Superintendent I McCormick had been appointed to District Commander for Mid & East Antrim District.

Supt Moore referred to the concerted efforts of the policing teams over the Christmas and New Year period and updated the Partnership in relation to operation 'Seasons Greetings' which had run from 27 November 2023 to 2 January 2024 and which had focused on the themes of safe shopping, safe roads and safe socialising.

Supt Moore updated the Partnership on the current levels of antisocial behaviour and theft and burglary incidents, including the number of fixed penalty notices issued, arrests for incidents associated with violence during night-time economy leading up to Christmas and shoplifting incidents with 22% of outcomes having been taken through the criminal justice procedures. There had been a 2.2% decrease in overall crime figures which equated to 138 less crimes compared to the same period last year.

Supt Moore reported that the Policing with the Community Carol Service had taken place on Monday, 11 December 2023 in Christ Church, Lisburn and had been well attended. She expressed thanks to the Chairman, Councillor A Givan, and members of the Partnership for their attendance.

During her update, Supt Moore highlighted the following:

- the Asian community had been specifically targeted recently with theft mainly cash and items of jewellery
- bicycle thefts had increased. The bike marking initiative would be beneficial in addressing this area of theft.

#### 4.1 Update from Superintendent K Moore, PSNI (Cont'd)

- a significant reduction in burglaries from sheds and garages particularly in the Carryduff and Four Winds area. The colder weather impacts this area of burglary.
- the work of the Neighbourhood Policing team and introduction of CCTV in Lisburn Square had contributed to the numbers of ASB incidents having remained fairly low.
- the overall outcome rate for D District was currently 33.2%, being the leading District across Northern Ireland in terms of overall outcome rates.
- in regard to the forthcoming inclement weather and industrial Action on Thursday 18 January, Supt Moore gave an assurance that her teams would remain focused on road safety and would endeavour to assist with traffic issues as best as possible, bearing in mind that PSNI's own resources could be impacted due to both these factors.
- National Neighbourhood Policing Week of Action – Supt Moore reported that this national event was taking place from 22-28 January 2024.
- PSNI Local Policing Plan 2024/2025 – Supt Moore welcomed any feedback from the PCSP and also any suggestions for specific areas of crime to be included as part of the wider community engagement.

At the conclusion of Supt Moore's update the following issues were raised by members of the Partnership and responded to by Supt Moore:

- Councillor J Laverty welcomed the number of drug seizures across the District and asked that the gratitude of the Partnership be conveyed to the PSNI Officers concerned
- Councillor J Laverty referred to the figures relating to domestic violence incidents and enquired if there had been any progress in relation to how points were awarded for persons who have had to remove themselves from their homes when domestic violence had occurred. During her response Supt Moore highlighted the downward trend had continued in terms of reported incidents of domestic violence and referred to the public themed event that would take place again to encourage reporting of violence against women and girls. Supt Moore indicated that the number of reported incidents was not reflective of what was happening behind closed doors.
- Councillor T Mitchell enquired about any feedback on the cause of the significant number of road traffic incidents on the Saintfield Road and the Old Ballynahinch Road which he travelled most mornings on his way to work. Councillor Mitchell suggested that if speed was the cause of these accidents then it would be beneficial to have a review of speed limits on the above-mentioned roads. Supt Moore advised that she would require detail on the road traffic incidents in order that her Officers could investigate this matter with DfI Roads.

#### 4.1 Update from Superintendent K Moore, PSNI (Cont'd)

Councillor B Higginson left the meeting at 6.58 pm.

The PCSP Officer, Mr J Bingham, addressed the meeting on this issue and advised that this stretch of road was being reviewed currently by DfI Roads. Councillor A Martin who was also very familiar with the stretch of road in question made a number of comments in relation to 3 specific locations, Supt Moore again suggested that the specific detail be forwarded to her in order that it can be passed to the Neighbourhood Policing and Road Safety teams.

- Ms P Yellamaty raised the issue of under-reported domestic violence incidents and enquired if there would be an opportunity to engage with the organisation Women's Aid to address this issue. She welcomed the success of the event on the theme of domestic violence last year. Supt Moore having acknowledged that the valuable efforts of Ms V Kearney, a support worker for Lisburn's Women's Aid, undertook to have further engagement with Women's Aid and the public protection teams to consider and explore other options to get the message out there. She also referred to the fact that legislation had changed recently which now included coercive control as a criminal offence.

Supt Moore responded to further questions from Ms P Yellamaty in regard to any breakdown of minority groups reporting domestic violence incidents and also in relation to the recent reports of burglaries on members of the Asian community. Supt Moore explained the reason why the level of detail relating to minority groups reporting domestic violence was not recorded in the first instance.

#### 4.2 Update from Mr C Weir, NIFRS

Mr Weir having thanked the Partnership for their welcome advised the Partnership of his career to date with the NIFRS. He then updated the Partnership with current programmes relating to fire safety in the community, including:

- Risk Strategy on Fire Safety in the Home which had been delivered by the Lisburn crew
- work with Sensory Support Group to address issues or those with sensory issues
- a Winter safety campaign which included keeping safe in your home over the Christmas period
- a focus on road safety through engagement with communities and schools
- carbon monoxide awareness sessions
- visits by a number of youth organisations to the fire station for fire safety advice

#### 4.3 Update from Mr J Cymbble, Education Authority

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

- training on the 'Ending Violence against Young Women' Framework
- working on leadership programmes with young people from the Brooklands and Laurelhill Youth Centres and other youth clubs across the district, and which had included trips to Dublin and London.
- a recent residential trip by the members of the Youth Council which was six months into its new term.

Mr Cymbble responded to questions from the Partnership on some of the issues raised. He mentioned a further initiative, Violence Against Young Men, which had been developed by Dr Colm Walsh, Queen's University of Belfast which was being delivered to youth & community workers.

Councillor S Lowry having commended the community safety initiatives that were taking place at Brooklands Youth Centre enquired if there were any plans to run similar projects across different areas of the Council area. Mr Crymble discussed the funding process of the Education Authority which released funding every three years. He also highlighted a number of youth centres in the Lisburn area which were involved in similar initiatives as a result of funding from the Education Authority.

#### 4.4 Update from Ms C Cullen, Youth Justice Agency

Councillor A Martin left the meeting at 7.20 pm.

Ms C Cullen having introduced herself to the Partnership advised that she had worked for the Youth Justice Agency for the past 23 years during which time she had gained experience in a number of different areas, having recently transferred to Lisburn area. She discussed her work with the two Youth Diversion Officers in Lisburn who would assist in highlighting any young people who needed support through early intervention. Ms Cullen also discussed the funding from the Youth Justice Agency that could be offered to groups who came forward with relevant proposals.

Ms Cullen responded to questions from the Partnership on issues relating to the work of the Youth Justice Agency, including:

- the Chairman, Councillor A Givan, enquired as to who typically would refer young people to the Youth Justice Agency. Ms Cullen advised that most referrals would come from the PSNI and the Children's Diversion Forum but referrals would also come from the Education Authority, social services and on occasions voluntary referrals. She elaborated on the actions that the Agency would take following a typical referral and the different pathways available to a young person.

#### 4.4 Update from Ms C Cullen, Youth Justice Agency (Cont'd)

- Ms P Yellamaty enquired if the Youth Justice Agency received referrals in respect of young persons under the age of 10 years. In response Ms Cullen discussed the areas of support for primary school age children, such as the Early Intervention programme. In response to further questions from Ms Yellamaty, Ms Cullen discussed on-line workshops for the likes of parent groups that had been delivered by the Youth Justice Agency and also the need for specific family sessions.
- Councillor J Lavery raised the issue of young persons under the age of 10 years in secure accommodation Ms Cullen acknowledged that there were many checks and balances in place for such cases and that the Youth Justice Agency worked closely with Social Services on these issues.

#### 4.5 Update from Mr D Marley, NIHE

Mr Marley reported on a number of issues including:

- two reported cases of antisocial behaviour (ASB) in the LCCC area for the period which brought the total number of ASB cases to 46 for the year to date, it being noted that there had been no reported cases of ASB over Christmas and the New Year period. Mr Marley stated that whilst their customers were encouraged to report all incidents of ASB he was of the opinion that there had been incidents which had not been reported during this time. Both reported cases had been reported within three days and investigated within five days.
- five incidents of house fires across the Council area, three of which had been quite serious. Whilst all of the tenants had been allocated replacement homes - these incidents had resulted in five houses being out of stock for a significant period of time. Mr Marley put on record his thanks and appreciation to the PSNI for having responded quickly on these occasions.
- concern regarding accessibility of emergency responders on Thursday of that week (18<sup>th</sup> January) due to the industrial action taking place that day and also due to the inclement weather conditions.
- a number of community safety funded events had taken place over the Christmas period across the Lisburn and Castlereagh area, all of which had been well attended. This week's event by the NIHE community safety team was on the subject of hate crime awareness which had been delivered in local schools.

Mr Marley responded to questions from the Partnership on issues raised including:

- Councillor J Lavery enquired in relation to the review on NIHE's assessment appraisal criteria as this was a very important and emotive area especially when children were involved. He also expressed concern that domestic violence incidents were under-reported. In response Mr Marley having



#### 4.5 Update from Mr D Marley, NIHE (Cont'd)

acknowledged that this was a complex piece of work and which was difficult to put a timeline on advised that this matter was with the Policy Unit currently.

Mr Marley assured that since the last PSCP meeting he had met with colleagues to consider how best to address this review and how best to support those most in need, There was a need to consider a number of different scenarios in regard to intimidation points as a result of issues such as hate crime which included intimidation, paramilitarism, sectarianism and domestic violence. He also assured that NIHE had a responsibility to deliver for those people who come forward in need of safe and secure housing.

Councillor T Mitchell also made a number of comments in support of Councillor Laverty's concerns. He too was of the opinion that the assessment criteria required serious consideration.

Mr Marley assured the Partnership that NIHE look at eligibility first and foremost and would act accordingly. He also emphasised the point that NIHE require hard evidence in the first instance.

The Chairman, Councillor A Givan, thanked all the statutory agency representatives for their contributions.

#### 5.0 Report of the Acting PCSP Manager

##### 5.1 PCSP Draft Action Plan 2024/2025

It was reported that, in accordance with Department of Justice Planning Guidance, that PCSP Action Plans were to be submitted for approval not later than 16 February 2024. The current Department priorities in relation to community safety, to be included in PCSP Action Plans, were outlined in the Acting PCSP Manager's report.

The Partnership had been furnished with a copy of the draft Action Plan 2024/2025 which had been reflective of the community safety priorities.

The Acting PCSP manager responded to a number of questions and suggestions from the Partnership and Supt Moore in relation to the draft action plan.

The Chairman, Councillor A Givan, thanked Mr Bentley for his kind offer of assistance in relation to cyber security awareness training.

It was proposed by Councillor T Mitchell, seconded by Councillor B Higginson, and agreed that the action plan 2024/2025 be approved subject to the plan being revised to take account of some of the issues raised, where appropriate.

## 5.2 Participatory Budgeting (Grand Choice) Update

### 5.2.1 Castlereagh South Update

The Acting PCSP Manager reported that the Grand Choice participatory budgeting initiative for Castlereagh South had closed for applications on 24 September 2023 and had taken place on Saturday 21 October 2023 in St Joseph's Parish Centre, Carryduff. The Partnership had been furnished with a copy of a summary of the successful applications.

The Acting PCSP Manager in response to the matter raised by Councillor M McKeever at the November meeting of the PCSP reported that since 2020 there had been 13 applications not based in the targeted DEA but who had been awarded funding through Grand Choice based on the fact that the project would benefit a significant number of residents in that DEA. The Acting Manager listed a number of such organisations. The Acting Manager reminded the Partnership that the public make the decision on what groups are awarded Grand Choice funding and it was not the decision of the shortlisting panel.

The PCSP Officer, Mr J Bingham, also addressed the Partnership on this issue. He too emphasised the importance of the applicants demonstrating how their project would benefit that DEA.

Councillor M McKeever having indicated that the issue was about proportionality across the Council area, enquired if a particular project was based in a different DEA could that project apply again for their own DEA.

In view of the time limit on the application process for the next Grand Choice event, the Chairman recommended that the PCSP proceed with the current criteria and that the matter be considered at the next meeting of the Partnership. This course of action was proposed by Councillor T Mitchell, seconded by Mr J Bentley, and agreed.

### 5.2.2 Castlereagh East Update

The Acting PCSP Manager updated the Partnership in regard to the next Grand Choice participatory budgeting initiative which was planned to take place on Saturday 9 March 2024 in St Mary's Church of Ireland Parish Hall, Ballybeen. It was noted that the application process would run from Monday, 15 January to Sunday, 11 February 2024.

It was agreed that:

- a) the successful projects for Castlereagh South Grand Choice initiative be noted,
- b) PCSP Members encourage applications from the Castlereagh East DEA, and
- c) members of the Partnership assist with the event at St Mary's Church of Ireland, Ballybeen, on 9 March 2024.

### 5.3 Problem Solving in Partnership Awards 2024

The Acting PCSP Manager reported on the success of the PSNI Problem Solving in Partnership awards last year which celebrated the key work of the PSNI in embedding and implementing collaborative problem solving. It was noted that the Policing Board had agreed to partner again with the PSNI implement the next Problem Solving in Partnership awards. Both the Policing Board and the PSNI recognise the vital work that PCSPs deliver in relation to problem solving in partnership and had agreed to add a category specifically for PCSPs to submit applications.

In this regard the Acting PCSP Manager reported that an application had been submitted which focused on the partnership approach that had been adopted to resolve anti-social behaviour issues in Lisburn Square during the summer months in 2023. The project had demonstrated effective partnership working to solve a community problem with PSNI as a key partner.

It was noted that the PCSP would be advised of the outcome following the announcement of the awards in February 2024 and that the Chairman, Councillor A Givan and the PCSP Officer, Mr J Bingham, would attend the awards ceremony.

### 5.4 Consultation Response - Proposals to Amend Legislation to Help Tackle Anti-Social Behaviour

The Acting PCSP Manager outlined the background and key issues in relation to the above consultation by the Department of Justice and the Department for Communities, the closing date for comments being 4 March 2024.

The Partnership had been provided with a copy of the proposed consultation response from the Partnership.

Councillor T Mitchell left the meeting at 8.26 pm.

The Acting PCSP Manager responded to comments and questions from the Partnership in relation to the proposed responses at the undernoted questions:

- No. 7 (who should be enforcing the Powers relating to dinking in public places)
- No. 8 (any changes to the current solutions to address drinking in designated public places)
- No. 11 (amending and expanding the definition of ASBOs)
- No. 14 (the imposition of ASBOs)

Supt Moore also addressed the Partnership on the issues raised in connection with questions 7 and 8, during which she made reference to the PSNI's limited resources and the importance of this area of work being addressed in partnership. The Acting PCSP Manager highlighted the feedback from the Head of Service (Environmental Health) on these issues.

Councillor J Gallen left the meeting at 8.35 pm.

#### 5.4 Consultation Response - Proposals to Amend Legislation to Help Tackle Anit-Social Behaviour (Cont'd)

It was agreed that as the consultation response was not due to be submitted until March 2024 an amended response be prepared and the matter be considered further at the next meeting of the Policing Committee. The Chairman, Councillor A Givan, thanked the Acting PCSP Manager and PCSP Officer, Mr J Bingham, for their efforts to date on this piece of work.

In response to comments from Mr D Marley, NIHE representative, in connection with the proposed response at question no. 11 the Chairman asked that Mr Marley email his comments to the Acting PCSP Manager for consideration in preparing a revised draft response for the next Policing Committee meeting.

#### 5.5 Application for Funding Under £500

It was proposed by Councillor J Laverty, seconded by Councillor C Kemp, and agreed that the Partnership approve the following funding applications for projects under £500:

Group	Project	Amount Requested
9 <sup>th</sup> Antrim Scouts (Based in Lisburn)	PSNI Engagement event on Road Safety	£420
Lisburn Feile	PSNI Engagement event on Road Safety	£450
Carryduff GAC	PSNI Engagement event with youth members	£500
Carryduff Colts	PSNI Engagement event with youth teams	£500

#### 5.6 Forthcoming Events

The Partnership noted the dates of the following forthcoming events with members encouraged to attend where appropriate:

Date	Event	Location
29 January 2024 10.00am – 2.00pm	PCSP Road Safety Sub-Group Meeting	Lagan Valley Island, Lisburn
1 February 2024 6.00pm – 9.00pm	Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators Evening (Lisburn)	Lagan Valley Island, Lisburn
28 February 2024	Scambassador Event	Lagan Valley Island, Lisburn
9 March 2024 11.00am – 3.00pm	Castlereagh East Grand Choice Market Place Event	St Mary`s COI Hall, Ballybeen, 1A Craigleith Drive, Dundonald

6. Any Other Business

6.1 New Local Policing Plan  
Supt K Moore

Supt K Moore reminded the Partnership that the PCSP would be provided an opportunity for feedback and formal action on the PSNI's new Local Policing Plan in due course.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8.38 pm.

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Chairperson

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**LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL****Special Private Meeting of the Policing and Community Safety Partnership held in the Council Chamber and Remote Locations on Tuesday, 20 February, 2024 at 6.33 pm****PRESENT IN COUNCIL CHAMBER:**

Councillor A Givan (Chairman)  
 Mrs P Yellamaty (Vice-Chairperson)  
 Councillor P Burke  
 Councillor B Higginson  
 Councillor C Kemp  
 Councillor J Laverty  
 Councillor A Martin  
 Councillor M McKeever  
 Mrs G Conroy  
 Mr D McBurney  
 Ms A Playford

**PRESENT IN REMOTE LOCATION:**

Councillor J Gallen  
 Councillor T Mitchell  
 Mr J Bentley

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

Acting PCSP/Member Services Manager  
 PCSP Support Officer (JB) (present remotely)  
 Member Services Officers (CR and EW)

**Designated Organisations**

Superintendent K Moore, PSNI  
 Chief Inspector K McMullen, PSNI  
 Mr D Marley, Northern Ireland Housing Executive  
 Ms F McKibbin, Probation Board for Northern Ireland

**Commencement of the Meeting**

The Chairman, Councillor A Givan, welcomed everyone to the special meeting.

1. **Apologies**

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Councillor S Lowry, Mrs Y Craig, Mr P Dean, Ms C Cullen (Youth Justice Agency), Mr C Weir (NI Fire & Rescue Service) and Mr J Crymble (Education Authority).

2. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

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### 3. Report of the Acting PCSP/Member Services Manager

#### 3.1 Participatory Budget (Grand Choice) – Castlereagh East Update

Members noted from the report, an update in respect of the Castlereagh East Grand Choice Participatory Budget initiative. The Acting PCSP/Member Services Manager encouraged Members to attend the event on 9 March and to promote it with local community organisations within the District Electoral Area.

#### 3.2 Road Safety Sub-Group Update

Members were provided with a copy of recommendations by the Road Safety Sub-Group in respect of the location and efficiency of existing Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) as well as new applications for SIDs.

Councillor M McKeever pointed out that a new application for a SID at Purdysburn Road/Alderwood Hill/St Ita's Primary School had been recommended for approval; however, he stated that a SID was already in place in that vicinity.

Lengthy discussion ensued, during which a number of Members expressed concern regarding the relocation of the SID currently in place at Ballynahinch Road, Carryduff, given that this was already a very busy road and the development of a new Lidl store would potentially increase traffic. The Acting PCSP/Member Services Manager pointed out that the Partnership had taken a decision in September 2021 that SIDs would be reviewed and rotated on a 6 month basis and that the device at Ballynahinch Road had been in place for 5 years.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Mr J Bentley, seconded by Councillor M McKeever and agreed that:

- (a) the recommendations of Sub-Group in relation to SIDs be approved, subject to the device at Ballynahinch Road being retained for a further 6 months and being automatically relocated at that stage;
- (b) the Acting PCSP/Member Services Manager and the PCSP Officer liaise regarding there already being a SID at the Purdysburn Road location; and
- (c) the recommendations of the Sub-Group in relation to road safety initiatives for 2024/25 be approved.

In response to Members' comments regarding the SID at Ballynahinch Road currently being out-of-order, the PCSP Officer confirmed that this matter had been reported to the contractor but agreed to follow this up.

In relation to the SID at Ballynahinch Road being relocated in 6 months' time, the PCSP Officer took note of comments that it would be beneficial to have a conversation with Roads Service and the PSNI regarding what steps could be taken to address speeding when the device was no longer in place.



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**3.3 Consultation Response – Proposals to Amend Legislation to Help Tackle Antisocial Behaviour**

It was proposed by Councillor T Mitchell, seconded by Councillor C Kemp and agreed to approve the response to the above consultation that had been agreed at the February meeting of the Communities and Wellbeing Committee and that it be submitted by 4 March, 2024.

It was noted that the response from the PCSP would also include at Q7 that it was the view of the District Commander that the PSNI and local councils should be jointly responsible for enforcing powers relating to drinking in public places.

Councillor T Mitchell left the meeting (7.11 pm).

**3.4 PSNI Local Policing Plan 2024-2025**

Members were provided with, and noted the contents of, the PSNI Local Policing Plan for 2024-2025.

The District Commander took note of comments made regarding the importance of PSNI attendance at meetings of the Housing Liaison Forum, as well as greater engagement and information sharing with Housing Associations.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 7.32 pm.

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Chairperson



**LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL****Meeting of the Policing Committee of the Policing and Community Safety Partnership held in the Council Chamber and Remote Locations on Tuesday, 20 February, 2024 at 7.41 pm****PRESENT IN  
COUNCIL  
CHAMBER:**

Councillor A Givan (Chairman)  
 Mrs P Yellamaty (Vice-Chairperson)  
 Councillor B Higginson  
 Councillor C Kemp  
 Councillor J Lavery  
 Councillor A Martin  
 Councillor M McKeever  
 Mrs G Conroy  
 Mr D McBurney  
 Ms A Playford

**PRESENT IN  
REMOTE LOCATION:**

Councillor J Gallen  
 Mr J Bentley

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

Acting PCSP/Member Services Manager  
 PCSP Support Officer (JB) (present remotely)  
 Member Services Officers (CR and EW)

Police Service of Northern Ireland

Superintendent K Moore  
 Chief Inspector K McMullen

**Commencement of the Meeting**

The Chairman, Councillor A Givan, welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Policing Committee.

1. **Apologies**

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Councillors P Burke, S Lowry and T Mitchell, Mrs Y Craig and Mr P Dean.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

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3. Quarter 3 PSNI Report on Policing of the District

Members had been provided with a copy of the above report, covering the period 1 October to 31 December, 2023.

The report being considered at the meeting addressed the areas of Repeat Offenders/Vulnerable Victims, Antisocial Behaviour/Community Engagement and Drugs. Superintendent Moore made a verbal presentation of the report and answered several queries raised by Members.

During discussion, the District Commander:

- advised that a representative from Women's Aid was keen to attend a meeting of the PCSP to make a presentation on the work of that organisation. Members indicated that they would welcome this;
- asked that Members advise her if they were aware of any groups who would benefit from a talk on any policing issues, including police recruitment;
- agreed to convey thanks to members of the Castlereagh Neighbourhood Policing Team for their proactive work in apprehending a suspect in connection with a robbery at an off-licence in Carryduff the previous week; and
- agreed to advise Neighbourhood Policing Teams of comments made regarding policing matters requiring attention in a number of areas.

Chief Inspector McMullen provided a verbal update in relation to the Stop and Search initiative and answered a number of queries raised. She agreed to provide information for the next meeting in relation to the number of youths under the age of 18 who had been the subject of Stop and Search.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8.38 pm.

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Chairperson

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**LISBURN AND CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL****Public Meeting of the Policing and Community Safety Partnership, held in The Lark, Lisburn, on Tuesday 19 March 2024 at 6.24 pm****PRESENT:**

Councillor A Givan (Chairperson)

Mrs P Yellamaty (Vice-Chairperson)

Mr J Bentley

Councillor P Burke

Mrs G Conroy

Mrs Y Craig

Mr P Dean

Councillor B Higginson

Councillor C Kemp

Councillor J Laverty

Councillor S Lowry

Mr D McBurney

Councillor M McKeever

Councillor A Martin

Councillor T Mitchell

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Member Services/PCSP Manager

Member Services Officer (CH)

PCSP Administration Officer

**Designated Organisations**

Superintendent K Moore, PSNI

Inspector M Rocks, PSNI

Detective Constable S Kinkaid, PSNI

Detective Sergeant I Cargin, PSNI

Ms S Grimes, Crime Prevention Officer, PSNI

Ms J Crockett, City Watch NI

Mr D Marley, NIHE

**Commencement of the Meeting**

The Chairperson, Councillor A Givan, welcomed those present to the meeting. He provided an overview of the evening's meeting, which focussed on 'Business and Retail Crime', advising that Business Crime had been identified as a local priority in the Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council area and was included in its Annual Action Plan. The Chairperson highlighted the importance of a positive partnership approach to tackling crime within the business community and encouraged those businesses in attendance at the meeting, to sign up to the new Business Watch Scheme, which had been launched in October 2023.

## 1. Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance at the meeting were presented on behalf of Councillor J Gallen together with, Constable R Glenn (Public Protection Branch), Ms F McKibbin (Probation Board for Northern Ireland), Mrs A Playford (Independent Member), Mr C Weir (Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service) and Ms Ruth Young (President, Lisburn Chamber of Commerce).

## 2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

## 3. Business Crime – Presentations

### 3.1 Overview of Business Crime across Lisburn and Castlereagh District Commander Superintendent K Moore

The District Commander, Superintendent K Moore, addressed the meeting and reported that Business Crime had been identified as a priority in the PSNI Local Policing Plan. She introduced a number of colleagues who were in attendance and would be available to answer questions later in the meeting.

Superintendent K Moore reported that there was a continued rise in shoplifting and theft, which had increased across the service by 30% in comparison to the previous year. She added that the presentations that evening, gave an opportunity to see how PSNI and their partners worked to support businesses, and would provide an understanding of the impact of crime, particularly on small businesses.

### 3.2 Business Crime Portfolio for B District Inspector M Rocks, Lisburn City NPT

Inspector M Rocks made a presentation in respect of business crime trends, supporting those impacted by business crime and gave an overview of the PSNI's approach to business crime, which included the following:

- collaborative approach with partners to address the issue of business crime,
- 24/7/ 365 days response policing within the district (local policing team),
- geographically aligned Neighbourhood Policing Team,
- District Support Team – plain clothed operations with focus on organised crime,
- Repeat Offenders Unit – repeat offenders including shoplifters,
- Youth Diversion Officers – focus of juvenile offenders,
- Crime Prevention Officers – roll out of Business Watch Scheme,
- CSI/ CID/ Operational Support,
- City Watch – CCTV operations,
- Support Hub – focus on vulnerabilities which relate to business crime.

Discussing the current business crime trends in the Lisburn and Castlereagh area over the last twelve- month period, she advised that there had been a 30.5% increase in reported shoplifting offences, a 26.6% decrease in making off without payment, a 18.2% decrease in business & community burglary incidents with minimal change in commercial robberies which remained low.

Inspector M Rocks concluded her presentation by emphasising the issue of under reporting business crime and encouraged businesses to report all crime, including low value items, to ensure information was gathered on repeat crime locations, which then inform decisions on future patrol locations. She added that all calls to PSNI undergo a screening process, with attendance prioritised in instances where violence was used during the crime, if it was a prolific offender or a juvenile offender, if forensic evidence needed to be secured, or if there were reasonable lines of enquiry.

### 3.3 City Watch NI Ms J Crockett

Ms J Crockett delivered a presentation representing City Watch NI. She explained that City Watch had been established in 2000 and had developed significantly during that timeframe and now operated sixty-nine radios and one hundred and eighty-one cameras across Lisburn City Centre, Hillsborough, Moria and Sprucefield areas. She added that City Watch hoped to expand to the Dundonald area in the future, subject to securing the necessary funding.

Ms Crockett highlighted the importance of businesses signing up to radio link, advising that businesses were able to connect directly to City Watch via radio during incidents of theft, anti-social behaviour, and criminal damage.

Attendees were advised that City Watch NI had been involved in a number of issues over the last ten days, including the following:

- low level Thefts – 2/3 per day,
- missing persons,
- criminal damage,
- approx.24 Alcohol related incidents,
- increase in mental health related incidents.

Ms Crockett encouraged groups and schools to arrange a visit to the CCTV control room, to see the cameras in operation and to gain an understanding of the work carried out by the team.

### 3.4 Cyber Crime Detective Constable S Kinkaid

Detective Constable S Kinkaid provided a presentation in respect of the work carried out by the Cyber Crime Centre to support businesses, provided advice on how to protect business from cyber-crime, how to prepare for an instance of cyber-crime and also detailed the support provided to businesses that are affected by cyber-crime.

It was reported that the top cyber threats to businesses were currently as follows:

- ransomware - double extortion – data encryption & exfiltration, direct contact with victims / staff / regulators,
- phishing - untargeted scams still in circulation, increased risk from compromised 3rd party contacts,
- supply chain - 3rd parties providing services without appropriate safeguards in place.

Detective Constable S Kinkaid reported that one of the main obstacles in tackling cyber-crime was under reporting of phishing instances and urged businesses to report all instances of cyber-crime. He concluded his presentation with examples of recent cyber- crime instances, the impact on businesses and provided advice on awareness for businesses, including the Government campaign 'Stop! Think Fraud'.

### 3.5 Crime Prevention/Burglary Investigation Shelley Grimes / Detective Sergeant Ian Cargin

The meeting then received a presentation from Ms S Grimes, Crime Prevention Officer. She explained that the PSNI focused on a collaborative local approach across the Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council area, working in partnership with Police & Community Safety Partnership, City watch and Scamwise NI to deliver initiatives that support local businesses and helped to prevent crime in the retail sector, including the following initiatives:

- safeshop - supporting retailers to tackle crime and in particular shoplifting and provides practical training and resources for managers and sales assistants working in retail outlets,
- business watch – new business text alert system with 65 businesses now registered which allows a wide range of retail crime messages to be delivered to members of the initiative.
- text alert – residents of Lisburn and Castlereagh and provides information in relation to scams, burglaries, and suspicion vehicles in the local area.

Ms Grimes encouraged businesses to sign up to the above initiatives to ensure those businesses benefited from the support available, and reiterated the importance that businesses reported all thefts, as the information was used by the PSNI, when deciding how best to direct resources in the area.

She then introduced Detective Sergeant I Cargin who gave an overview of the work the criminal investigation team carried out in respect of serious crimes, including robberies and burglaries, in the local district. He explained a number of best practice procedures businesses should have in place in the event of a robbery, including staff training, CCTV access and identification of items taken. He highlighted the importance of reporting instances of robbery/theft immediately referring to the 'golden hour, which was vital in gathering crucial forensic evidence and witness statements.

### 3.6 Panel Question and Answer Session

The Chairperson, Councillor A Givan, thanked the organisations for their presentations and invited attendees to pose questions. The following matters were raised and addressed:

- In response to a comment regarding holiday scams, the importance of paying by credit card was highlighted, confirming that this form of payment was covered by section 75 legislation which ensured the victim would receive a refund.
- Several individuals congratulated the Partnership and PSNI for the broad range of initiatives available to support businesses against crime despite limited resources.
- Inspector Rocks, responding to a query raised in regard to suspicious vehicles attending a retail park, stated that businesses should report suspicious activity to the PSNI, advising that police would attend the scene, check the vehicle details, and ascertain the persons reason for being in attendance.
- In response to a question regarding an increase in theft at a retail store in Lisburn and lack of updates received, Inspector Rocks agreed to look into the matter and contact the retailer with an update.
- Councillor M McKeever sought information in respect of how calls are prioritised particularly in relation to juveniles, citing a concern of over criminalising young people. Both Superintendent Moore and Inspector Rocks clarified that the prioritising calls in relation to young offenders was primarily for safeguarding reasons and opportunities were used, where possible, to refer to the multi-agency support team, to divert young offenders away from crime.
- Councillor B Higginson put on record his appreciation to the Castlereagh Neighbourhood Team for their swift action in apprehending an offender who robbed an off licence recently.
- Responding to a question raised by Councillor B Higginson, Ms Crockett confirmed that Forestside Shopping Centre was not currently included the City Watch Scheme, but hoped to cover the area in future, subject to necessary funding.
- Shelley Grimes, responding to a concern raised on the legitimacy of cold callers collecting for Charities, advised that 'No Cold Calling' stickers were available for residents to display at their home. She also advised that there was a service available by calling 101, select option 2, and this would put the caller through to an operator who would check if the Charity were genuine.

**Conclusion of the Meeting**

The Chairperson, Councillor A Givan, thanked those present for attending, particularly those who had provided very informative presentations and conveyed the Partnership's thanks to The Lark, Lisburn, for providing premises in which to hold the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 7.45 pm.

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Chairperson



## **LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH POLICING & COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**

### **PRIVATE MEETING – 16 APRIL 2024**

### **REPORT OF THE ACTING PCSP MANAGER**

#### **1. Participatory Budgeting (Grand Choice) Update**

##### **Castlereagh East**

The community showcase event for the Grand Choice participatory budgeting initiative for Castlereagh East was held on Saturday 9 March 2024 at St Mary's Parish Church, Ballybeen, Dundonald.

Twenty six applicants competed on the day showcasing their projects, attracting around 800 people throughout the course of the day. Attached at **Appendix 1** is a list of the applicants and projects who completed. One group withdrew a few days before the event and two did not show up on the day.

The event included wider engagement opportunities for the community including the presence of the Neighbourhood Police Officers, Choice Housing representatives together with LCCC Community Services Officers who supported the event.

There were 755 votes cast which resulted in 16 groups across the DEA being awarded a total of £15,412.30. The voting results and amounts awarded to each of the 16 successful groups are also detailed in **Appendix 1**.

Social media coverage from the event can be viewed on the PCSP Facebook page.

##### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Partnership notes this item.

#### **2. PROJECT SUPPORT PROGRAMME 2024/2025 – PROPOSED TIME SCALES**

The Project Support Programme was agreed as part of our Action Plan for 2024/25. The scheme invites applications from constituted community groups, neighbourhood watch schemes and Community Police Liaison Committees for funding ranging from £500 up to a maximum of £5000. All projects must complete before 28 February 2025.

Submissions must meet one of the following themes:

##### **Theme 1:**

- Reducing anti-social behaviour;
- Addressing the effects of drugs and alcohol as a contributing factor in crime and anti-social behaviour;

- Increase reporting of domestic abuse incidents and provide support to victims;
- Increase confidence in policing.

### **Theme 2:**

- Reduce the fear of crime, especially amongst vulnerable groups including addressing hate crime;
- Improve Road safety;
- Reduce burglaries – this can include business and retail crime.

The timeline for the programme is detailed in the table below:

<b>Monday 22 April 2024</b>	Launch of Project Support Programme
<b>Friday 31 May 2024</b>	Closing date for applications
<b>Wednesday 5 June 2024</b>	Assessment meeting – panel to comprise Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson plus 2 PCSP Members (one Elected and one Independent)
<b>Tuesday 18 June 2024</b>	PCSP to approve recommendations of the Assessment Panel
<b>Monday 24 June 2024</b>	Notification to applicants
<b>Friday 28 February 2025</b>	Completion of projects and monitoring/evaluation details submitted to PCSP

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Partnership:

- agrees the above timeline for the Project Support Programme;
- nominates two members (one Elected and one Independent) to sit on the assessment panel along with the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

### **3. APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING UNDER £500**

The following funding applications for projects under £500 have been received:

<b>Group</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>
<b>Derriaghy LOL</b>	Marshalling training for Lodge members to assist at large scale public events	£500

<b>Lisburn Young Defenders Flute Band</b>	Engagement event with PSNI Lisburn City Neighbourhood Team – 23 March 2024	£495
<b>PSNI</b>	Work Experience – 18-20 June 2024	£500

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Partnership approves the above funding applications.

**4. BALMORAL SHOW**

The PCSP will be an integral part of the Community Safety marquee at the Balmoral Show for the 4 days from the 15 – 18 May 2024. Fermanagh & Omagh PCSP will also have a presence on the stand alongside the PSNI, Serious & Organised Crime (DOJ) and the Northern Ireland Policing Board.

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Partnership note this information.

**5. COMMUNITY POLICING SURVEY 2024**

The 2024 Community Policing Survey was launched on Monday 8 April and will remain open for until 30 June. We have been actively sharing the link with our stakeholders to encourage them complete the survey.

The survey can be accessed using the link below:

[Have you worked with PSNI to tackle local issues? We want your views! | Northern Ireland Policing Board \(nipolicingboard.org.uk\)](https://www.nipolicingboard.org.uk)

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Partnership encourages the completion of this survey and shares the link on the PCSP Facebook page.

**CATHY ADAMSON  
ACTING PCSP MANAGER  
12 APRIL 2024**

Applicant/Project	Total	Amount Awarded
Longstone School	433	£ 1,000.00
Brooklands Primary School	409	£ 1,000.00
Aaron House	392	£ 1,000.00
Dundonald High School	390	£ 1,000.00
Brooklands Nursery School	375	£ 1,000.00
Brooklands PS Social Communication Unit	365	£ 1,000.00
Ballybeen Womens Centre Childcare	345	£ 1,000.00
Dundonald PS PTA	335	£ 1,000.00
Dundonald High School PCTA	315	£ 1,000.00
Dungoyne FC	292	£ 1,000.00
Pride of Ballybeen Community Flute Band	264	£ 1,000.00
Lisburn & Castlereagh Street Pastors	263	£ 412.30
Christ Church 83rd Boys Brigade (Anchor Boys)	250	£ 1,000.00
Ballybeen Educational & Cultural Heritage Hub	239	£ 1,000.00
Dundonald Elim 4th Belfast Boys Brigade Duke of Edinburgh Award	233	£ 1,000.00
Dundonald Sea Cadets	228	£ 1,000.00
Christ Church Tots & Co	227	£ -

<b>Symington Memorial Silver Band</b>	223	£	-
<b>7th Belfast Scouts</b>	214	£	-
<b>Christ Church 83rd Boys Brigade (Company &amp; Junior Section)</b>	211	£	-
<b>43rd Dundonald FC</b>	200	£	-
<b>Ballyoran Community Arts Group</b>	183	£	-
<b>Dundonald FC</b>	183	£	-
<b>Davarr Community Initiative</b>	169	£	-
<b>186th Presbyterian Christ Church</b>	160	£	-
<b>Moneyreagh &amp; District Community Association</b>	113	£	-
<b>Spoilt Votes</b>	54		
<b>Total number of voting papers submitted (including spoilt votes)</b>	755		
<b>Total funding awarded</b>		£	15,412.30