

November 20th, 2024

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the meeting to be held on **Tuesday, 26th November 2024 at 6:00 pm** in **Council Chamber, Downshire Civic Centre.**

Agenda

1.0 Welcome, Chairperson's Remarks and Apologies

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10.0 District Commander's Report - Period 3

11.0 Date and Time of Next Meeting

6pm on 28 January 2025 in the Council Chamber, Monaghan Row, Newry and online via Microsoft Teams

Invitees

- Cllr Terry Andrews
- Martina Flynn
- Cllr Conor Galbraith
- Cllr Oonagh Hanlon
- Cllr Roisin Howell
- Cllr Aidan Mathers
- Cllr Declan Murphy
- Cllr Henry Reilly
- Cllr David Taylor
- Cllr Jill Truesdale

POLICING COMMITTEE AND POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of the Newry, Mourne & Down Policing Committee and Policing & Community Safety Partnership Meeting held on Tuesday 24 September 2024 at 6.00pm in the Council Chamber, Monaghan Row, Newry and remotely via MS Teams

In attendance in Chamber:

Councillor T Andrews, NMDDC (Chair)
Councillor A Mathers NMDDC
Councillor D Murphy NMDDC
Councillor H Reilly, NMDDC
Chief Inspector Joe Tierney, PSNI
Sergeant Ryan Duffy, PSNI
John Smyth, NIFRS
Martina Byrne, PCSP Independent Member
Louise Kennedy, PCSP Independent Member
Michelle Osborne, PCSP Independent Member (Vice Chair)
William Slater, PCSP Independent Member
Aileen O'Callaghan, EANI
Aidan McCabe, HSCNI

In attendance via Teams:

Superintendent Norman Haslett, PSNI
Inspector Darren Hardy, PSNI
Inspector Michelle Porter, PSNI
Councillor O Hanlon, NMDDC
Councillor J Truesdale, NMDDC
Niall Lawlor, PCSP Independent Member
Colleen McCreesh, PCSP Independent Member
Anne Sheridan, PCSP Independent Member
Roisin Leckey, PBNI
Michael Heaney, YJA
Josephine Morgan, NIHE

Officials in attendance in Chamber:

Alison Robb, Assistant Director Community Development
Martina Flynn, Acting Head of Engagement
Amy McKeown, Monitoring & Evaluation Officer, PCSP and Good Relations
Shane McGivern, Safer Communities & Good Relations Officer

Officials in attendance via Teams

Jacqueline Urey, PCSP Officer

1 Welcome, Chairperson's Remarks and Apologies

Councillor Andrews welcomed members to the Partnership meeting.

Apologies were received from Councillor Conor Galbraith, Councillor Kate Murphy, Councillor David Taylor, Tara Campbell and David Vint.

Councillor Andrews welcomed Chief Inspector Joe Tierney and Chief Inspector Tori Anderson to the District. Both officers have recently taken up their positions with the PSNI in the District. Councillor Andrews wished them well and noted that he looks forward to working together with them on the Partnership.

Councillor Andrews advised that Chief Inspector Lynne Corbett, Chief Inspector Peter Stevenson and Inspector Adam Corner have left the District to take up new posts elsewhere. Councillor Andrews thanked the officers for their contribution to the PCSP over the recent years and wished them all well in their new roles.

It was noted that Members have received the schedule of PCSP events and activities for the period covering September 2024 and onwards – there is a wide range of events taking place and member attendance is encouraged where possible.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3 Draft Minutes of PCSP & Policing Committee Meeting dated 30 July 2024

Read: Minutes of PCSP & Policing Committee Meeting held on 30 July 2024 (copy circulated).

Agreed: On the proposal of Michelle Osborne, seconded by Councillor Mathers, it was agreed to approve the Minutes of the Policing Committee and PCSP Meeting held on 30 July 2024 as a true and accurate record.

4 Matters Arising

Councillor D Murphy noted Chief Inspector Lynne Corbett and Inspector Adam Corner moving roles and wished them well in their new roles. Councillor Andrews proposed that a letter of thanks is written on behalf of the PCSP Partnership to Chief Inspector Lynne Corbett, Chief Inspector Peter Stevenson and Inspector Adam Corner.

Action: Letter of thanks to be written on behalf of the PCSP Partnership to Chief Inspector Lynne Corbett, Chief Inspector Peter Stevenson and Inspector Adam Corner.

5 District Commander's Report – Period 2

Read: District Commander's Report – Period 2 (copy circulated)

Chief Inspector Tierney thanked Councillor Andrews for the warm welcome and noted that he looks forward to working with the Partnership. Chief Inspector Tierney advised that he will pass on the thanks to CI Lynne Corbett, CI Peter Stevenson and Insp Adam Corner.

Engagement

Chief Inspector Tierney highlighted two recent pieces of engagement. PSNI Officers attended the Bosco Youth Club with colleagues in the NIFRS where they demonstrated how the emergency services respond to a scene. The Slieve Gullion South NPT attended a Summer Scheme alongside PCSP. Officers spoke to children about bike safety and the role of Police.

Social Media

The total number of Facebook followers of PSNI NMD is 74,500 with a fortnightly post reach of 1,012,509 which is significant number.

Hate Crime

Chief Inspector Tierney reported a 48.9% decrease (compared to the previous rolling 365-day period) in hate motivated crime, that includes sectarian, sexual orientation and race. That also represents a 32.2% reduction in hate motivated incidents over the past 365 days which is positive.

Road Safety

It was noted that there was a fatality on the roads on 28 July. A 56 year old male died when a motorcycle and car collided on the Killyleagh Road in Downpatrick. Chief Inspector Tierney added that road safety remains a priority for the District, with the data from the SIDs continuing to inform operations. During July and August, Officers focussed on the fatal five offences and targeted the main roads. PSNI have been out with lasers conducting vehicle checkpoints and paid attention to schools around the start of September. On 2 September PSNI were involved in a road safety day of action, this was in co-operation with colleagues in An Garda Síochána and focussed on speed and engagement and education around the dangers of speeding. The Road Safety Camera Van was also in the District.

General

Violence against the person has seen a decrease of 925 (over a rolling 365 day period) which represents a 21.5% decrease. Theft has also decreased by 6.9%. Burglary reports have decreased by 34 - a 10% decrease. Criminal damage offences are down by 371 – a 22.2% decrease.

During the reporting period, 23 officers were assaulted in 12 separate incidents. Thankfully there were no serious injuries and officers were able to continue on duty.

Chief Inspector Tierney reported on a joint operation between PSNI and HMRC where there was £60,000 worth of illegal cigarettes seized.

Councillor Andrews thanked Chief Inspector Tierney for the report and invited questions and comments.

Councillor Hanlon thanked Chief Inspector Tierney for the update. Councillor Hanlon advised that there seems to be a spike in ASB in the centre of Downpatrick and discussed the vandalism at the Railway. Councillor Hanlon expressed worry that around the Abbeyfield Fold and the Railway there is a spike in ASB and asked if this was on the radar of the Local Policing Team. Councillor Hanlon added that she was contacted by a resident of the Ballyhornan Road in relation to cars parking on the road blocking sight lines for residents and asked how this could be addressed. This is also a similar issue around Knocknashina near the playpark.

Inspector Hardy advised that the PSNI are aware of the ASB and this has been briefed out to the local crews in Downpatrick. The Neighbourhood Team have been also paying attention to the ASB issue. PSNI have been in regular contact with staff at the Railway and this is also being briefed out. In relation to the Ballyhornan Road parking issue, Inspector Hardy will look at this and also pay attention to the Knocknashina issue starting with education and if needed, bring enforcement if there any obstruction offences arising out of this.

Michelle Osborne advised that she sits on the Newry ASB Sub Group and at the last meeting there was no PSNI representation. The meeting was quite robust and there was no one there to feed this information to. Mrs Osborne expressed disappointment that there was no PSNI representation as the Sub Group was set up to address issues solely around ASB. Mrs Osborne asked for a firm commitment of PSNI attendance at future meetings.

Louise Kennedy welcomed the downward trend of crime in the area and thanked PSNI for the ongoing engagement outlined in the report. Ms. Kennedy raised a community concern about the PSNI's inability to do Neighbourhood beat patrols with sufficient regularity due to resourcing issues and having other priorities. The Community Safety Wardens offer a valuable service but the police as a visible presence on a regular basis and daily relationship building is essential for building and maintaining confidence in policing, maintaining safety, preventative work and intelligence gathering. Mrs Kennedy asked if there was an update on this or if there were plans or ideas of how this can be addressed.

Chief Inspector Tierney outlined figures on the establishment for the Neighbourhood Teams and what PSNI have on a day-to-day basis. The Chief Constable has written to the Prime Minister and at every Policing Board meeting he advises that the PSNI need additional resourcing for more police officers. As of the last review there is a shortage of 1,300 officers and within that there are around 370 Neighbourhood

Officers short. South Down should have 2 Sergeants and 12 Constables but in fact there are 2 Sergeants and 4 Constables. Slieve Gullion North should have 2 Sergeants and 12 Constables but there are 2 Sergeants and 3 Constables. Newry City should have 1 Sergeant and 10 Constables but there is 1 Sergeant and 6 Constables. The priority is for police to attend calls for service so unfortunately that means abstracting Neighbourhood Officers out of their core roles to work in the LPTs. Chief Inspector Tierney added that Neighbourhood Policing is vital but until additional resources are in place the current situation will continue.

Chief Inspector Tierney referred to the recent ASB meeting and noted that he took on Mrs Osborne's views and appreciated how frustrating it was that no PSNI representatives were in attendance. The Newry NPT Sergeant could not join the meeting as he was attending an ASB incident in Newry City, an apology was offered to this effect.

Superintendent Haslett apologised for not being able to be at this evening's meeting in person and echoed the comments made by Chief Inspector Tierney. Superintendent Haslett apologised that the PSNI were not able to attend the ASB meeting and added that he would do his best to ensure officers attend future Sub Group meetings.

Cllr Truesdale discussed the Belfry in Newcastle run by the YMCA which provides excellent youth diversionary work with youth clubs on every night. The Lead Youth Worker has obtained a post elsewhere and there are two other vacant posts. These posts are proving difficult to fill as its mostly evening work. Cllr Truesdale advised that in the interim period there may be a gap in the youth clubs and diversionary activities.

Aileen O'Callaghan advised that she has been working closely with the YMCA in Newcastle and is aware of the gap that there will be there when that officer leaves. The EA have already put a youth officer in the YMCA on a Friday night and will be working with that officer to see where the gaps are in between appointing new staff to make sure service does not drop.

Cllr Truesdale discussed ongoing issues at Donard Car Park in Newcastle and noted that she has encouraged people to report issues via 101 and online reporting. Cllr Truesdale also noted speeding issues on the Shimna Road in Newcastle and queried if a SID could be installed there as a temporary measure.

Councillor Mathers as Chair of the ASB Group in Newry discussed the recent meeting in ASB Newry. Councillor Mathers said that while he took on board comments from Superintendent Haslett and Chief Inspector Tierney, he contrasted that with the very successful Pride event which took place in Newry a number of days before that meeting. Cllr Mathers added that there was no shortage of officers on the ground on that day. Cllr Mathers stated that the ASB Sub Group is a good working group with lots of discussion taking place so it was very disappointing that the police were not there. Cllr Mathers accepted that there are issues with police resources but requested that these ASB meetings need to be prioritised. If police cannot attend then an update on issues should be provided.

Superintendent Haslett thanked Cllr Mathers for his comments and noted that they have exchanged e-mails in respect of this and that there was a very good reason why police could not attend the meeting and he has apologised for that. The success in tackling ASB across the District is evident in the figures for the last 12 months where there has been a reduction of 206 incidents of ASB across Newry, Mourne and Down which accounts for a 5% decrease in ASB. Superintendent Haslett advised that PSNI will provide an update at any given time through a phone call. Superintendent Haslett concluded that it was unfortunate and he will try his best in future to ensure that officers do attend but this has been indicative of where we are at in policing with a £34 million budget and constantly backfilling the Local Response 24/7 service with Neighbourhood Officers.

Mrs Osborne thanked Superintendent Haslett for his response and asked for a reason why there has not been a PSNI Officer from the South Armagh Neighbourhood Policing Team at the ASB Sub Group Meetings since October 2023.

Superintendent Haslett advised that he would consider this and will come back in due course. In respect of South Armagh, Superintendent Haslett stated that he would associate himself with the remarks made by Cllr Murphy in relation to the loss of PSNI staff from the District and assured the members that they are being very ably replaced by Chief Inspector Tierney and Chief Inspector Anderson. Inspector Kelly Gibson will be taking up the post of the Slieve Gullion Inspector from 25 September.

Mr. Slater discussed the recent marching season in Ballynahinch and that in addition to the flags there were also plaques put up for the Ulster Defence Association. Several people in the town were concerned about this. Most of the flags have been taken down but the plaques have remained in place particular along Lisburn Street which is one of the main routes into the town. Mr Slater added that the plaques have created a sense of unease and invited any response that PSNI may have on this.

Chief Inspector Tierney advised that he appreciated that this would be unsettling for members of the community and added that he would look into the issue and revert to Mr. Slater with a response.

Mrs Leckey discussed the pressure that police are under and noted that in her work she comes across offenders who often waste police time. Mrs Leckey queried the percentage of inappropriate calls to 999 and repeat calls from the same people. Mrs Leckey also asked about Police being involved in transporting people to hospitals and having to remain there all night and if this was a big problem.

Sergeant Duffy responded that he looks at the vulnerability and safeguarding side of things and there are a lot of repeat callers. If there is vulnerability identified with those particular individuals the PSNI will actively try to support those persons and signpost them to the right service to get the right help.

Mrs Leckey added that the public do not understand the impact that this has on police resources.

Superintendent Haslett noted that police do spend a lot of time in hospitals with vulnerable people who have mental health issues, this is a drain on resources and it is an area of demand that PSNI would be keen to reduce. PSNI have a piece of ongoing work led by Assistant Chief Constable Ryan Henderson called Right Care Right Person. This is an initiative started by Humberside Police in partnership with Health and other agencies in which they managed to reduce the police demand for mental health cases by around 60%. This is an ongoing piece of work across the PSNI and within the last two months Police have been asked to benchmark the number of calls in each District that are attended to give a baseline figure. If the PSNI can do what has been achieved in Humberside then Superintendent Haslett would be confident that demand can be reduced which will free up officers to tackle the issues which are important to the community in Newry, Mourne and Down such as drugs, burglaries, ASB and road safety.

Mrs Sheridan queried the reason for the shortage of officers and asked if Neighbourhood officers are part of the headcount or are they a separate resource.

Chief Inspector Tierney stated that the reason for the shortage of officers is the shortage of funding. There has not been funding to allow PSNI to recruit and the number of people leaving the organisation through retirement is far higher than the number of people that are going through the Police College at present. The Chief Constable has publicly said that PSNI need between 8,000- 8,500 officers to police Northern Ireland and at the minute there are approximately 6,200 officers. The Patten report from 25 years ago suggested 7,000 officers were needed so when the current complexity of crime and the changes in population are factored this is why the Chief Constable believes the Patten number needs to be higher. Neighbourhood Policing fits in with that overall headcount.

Councillor Reilly advised that there is a concern in Annalong/Kilkeel coming up to Hallowe'en as to whether the PSNI and NIFRS have enough resources as this is traditionally a time of increased ASB in the area. Councillor Reilly asked for reassurance that there will be enough officers on duty at Hallowe'en (and the days/nights running up to it) to be able to manage any issues.

Chief Inspector Tierney advised that the PSNI are already planning for Halloween. An operational order will be put together in conjunction with the NIFRS and information will be circulated to all officers in the District around what should be done with fireworks in terms of legislation and practical advice.

Mr Smyth updated on behalf of NIFRS and advised that so far, year on year, calls to the Fire Service have been going down and there are no problems envisaged with resources.

Councillor Reilly added that at the last meeting he raised the issue of loud bangers going off in Kilkeel. This has since stopped and Councillor Reilly noted that word of mouth suggested that Police would prosecute severely if anyone was caught in possession of these and shows that things can be influenced.

Councillor Reilly thanked the PSNI for their help and support, noting that it is very much appreciated.

6 PCSP Officer Report

Read: PCSP Officer Report (copy circulated)

Mrs Flynn advised that the PCSP Officer Report is for noting and highlighted a number of items within the report. Since the last meeting, the Summer period has passed with limited issues around bonfires. This passed off very well this year, Mrs Flynn acknowledged the contribution of colleagues in the Education Authority and other youth providers for their support with youth engagement and diversionary activities.

Members will be aware that through the Financial Assistance Scheme there several Hallowe'en projects which the PCSP supports right across the District. That support continues right through the Hallowe'en period and is something the PCSP is very focussed on.

Mrs Flynn highlighted two upcoming events, the first being the Cross Border Community Safety event which takes place in Mullingar on Wednesday 2 October. This is being organised with the support of the Department of Justice in Dublin along with partners in Longford and Drogheda. This will focus on road safety and a number of PCSP members are attending this. Colleagues from the NIFRS and the local Road Safe NI Committee will be facilitating two of the good practice sessions so this will be an opportunity for others to learn from the good work that has been undertaken by the PCSP around road safety in our District.

On Thursday 10 October, a Youth Conference will take place in the in the Canal Court Hotel Newry in partnership with the PSNI, Education Authority and the Crisis Café, Newry. Students from all post primary schools in Newry will be in attendance with 400 young people registered. Mrs Flynn added that members are more than welcome to attend this event which will focus on areas such as sextortion, road safety, mental health and will have a set piece from the PSNI Armed Response Unit.

Mrs Flynn noted the two PCSP planning sessions which will take place in Newry and Newcastle in the coming weeks and encouraged members to attend these. A reminder of those events will be issued to members.

Agreed: It was agreed the Committee:

- **Note the report**

7 ASB Sub Group Report

Read: ASB Sub Group Report (copy circulated)

Agreed: On the proposal of Michelle Osborne, seconded by Councillor Mathers it was agreed the Committee:

- **Approve the report**

- **Approve the Action Sheet for the ASB Sub Group 1 meeting held on 3 September 2024 and the Action Sheet for the ASB Sub Group 2 meeting held on 20 August 2024.**

8 Date of Next Meeting

The next PCSP & Policing Committee Meeting will be held Tuesday 26 November 2024 at 6pm, this will be held in the Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick with a hybrid option available.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 6:54pm.

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Report to:	Policing & Community Safety Partnership
Date of Meeting:	26 November 2024
Subject:	PCSP Officer Report – November 2024
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Shannon Creaney, Safer Communities and Good Relations Manager (Acting)
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Shannon Creaney, Safer Communities and Good Relations Manager (Acting)

Confirm how this Report should be treated by placing an x in either:-			
For decision		For noting only	x

1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	Purpose <ul style="list-style-type: none">To note the report.To note the attached PCSP Officer Report.
1.2	Background <p>The attached report provides Members with an update on the progress of the PCSP Action Plan since the previous PCSP meeting on 24 September 2024.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	None.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	That the Committee:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">Note the report.Note the attached PCSP Officer Report.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Revenue <p>All actions are budgeted for in the PCSP 2024/25 Action Plan</p> Capital <p>N/A</p>
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i> <p>It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations</p> <div>☒</div>

5.2	<p><i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.3	<p><i>Proposal initiating consultation</i></p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p>
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)
6.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	Appendices
7.1	Appendix I: PCSP Officer Report – November 2024
8.0	Background Documents
8.1	None.

Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP Officer Report – November 2024

The purpose of this Report is to provide an update on key activities and progress since the last PCSP meeting on 24 September 2024.

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

- **PCSP Reconstitution** – New PCSP Independent Member appointments were confirmed by the Policing Board on 1 June 2024. The NI Policing Board hosted induction training for new PCSP members on 30 September 2024 in the Armagh City Hotel.
- **PCSP Action Plan 2025/26** – Planning sessions for PCSP Members took place on the 15th of October in Newry, and the 17th of October in Newcastle for PCSP Members to discuss and consider the PCSP Action Plan for 25/26.

Overview of progress against PCSP Action Plan 2024/25

Strategic Priority 1: To ensure effective delivery in response to local need, and improve the visibility and recognition of the work of the PCSP through effective communication and engagement		
Theme	Aims & description	Key Activities in this Period (September - November 2024)
PCSP Delivery	Organising the work of the PCSP through appropriate structures and mechanisms	PCSP Sub Groups (ASB, Bonfire and SID Sub Groups) have now been reconstituted following the reconstitution of the PCSP on 1 June 2024. ASB Sub Group 2 met in Newcastle on the 8 th of October 2024. ASB Sub Group 1 met in Newry on the 24 th of October 2024. The SID Sub Group met on the 27 September 2024 and again on the 6 November 2024 in Newcastle.

Raise awareness of PCSP	To evidence impact through increased awareness of the PCSP	<p>Continued development of PCSP social media channels (including Facebook and Twitter). PCSP staff are now responsible for managing all social media channels. Social media continues to be key to communication with local communities and the general public.</p> <p>PCSP Officers have recently attended a series of events which have assisted with raising awareness of our work – these events have included the Youth Safety & Wellbeing Conference in Newry, a Seniors Event in Newcastle, Guy Fawkes Night in Kilkeel, a Heat and Eat event in Newcastle and a Sure Start Information Morning in Downpatrick.</p> <p>Feedback from these has been very positive and the events have also created new opportunities for partnership working.</p> <p>PCSP staff have continued to work with cross-border partners and recently joined with Longford County Council and Drogheda Implementation Board to submit an application to the Department of Justice (Republic Of Ireland) Community Safety Innovation Fund – €30,000 has subsequently been awarded to establish an All-Island Community Safety Network. This Network will create opportunities to share ideas, good practice and develop projects around community safety, community / police engagement and also provide networking opportunities across all bodies, North & South. Funding has been awarded to support a series of cross-border community safety events over the next two years.</p> <p>The most recent cross-border event took place in the Bloomfield House Hotel, Mullingar on 2 October. This event focused on Road Safety and provided a platform to share ideas and best practice in the realm of road safety, as well as an opportunity for PCSP members to network and make new connections for possible future partnership projects.</p>
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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 (September - November 2024)
ASB	Develop a range diversionary youth &	Both ASB Sub Groups continue to work to the Action Plans for their respective areas.

	community engagement projects	<p>Throughout September and October, PCSP worked in partnership with partner agencies with particular focus on Halloween diversionary provision across the Council District. Activities developed included Firework Safety talks in schools, student safety stalls (in Buttercrane Shopping Centre and Greenbank SRC Campus), 'Pizza with the Peelers' style events in Downpatrick, as well as an emergency services day event in Newry in partnership with the Education Authority. Feedback from these events have been excellent.</p> <p>PCSP also delivered a Youth Safety & Wellbeing Conference in Newry on the 10th of October 2024 in partnership with PSNI, Education Authority and The Crisis Café in Newry. This conference had over 420 year 13 students in attendance, and had presentations delivered on the topics of road safety, sextortion/online safety, organised fights/knife crime, as well as mental health and wellbeing.</p>
	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>538 hours of Community Safety Warden patrols were provided from 7th September 2024 – 9th November 2024. A detailed report is included at Appendix 1.</p>
PCSP Small Grants	Provision of a small grants programme to increase the capacity of the community to address community safety issues	<p>The PCSP Small Grants Scheme for 2024/25 opened on 22 January 2024 and closed on 28 February 2024. 51 applications were received – 44 applications have been approved, with a total of £85,254 awarded. Letters of Offer have now been issued to all groups and pre-commencement workshops with groups took place on 5 June (Newcastle) and 6 June (Newry). These were very well attended with excellent attendance from groups.</p> <p>Further information has been issued to Members about projects and activities supported by the Small Grants Scheme after the induction evenings.</p>
Theme	Aims & description	Key Activities in this Period (September – November 2024)

Drugs and Alcohol	To support the delivery of a range of programmes, and develop a range of awareness raising campaigns	<p>Officer attendance at SEDACT and SDACT meetings in this Period.</p> <p>We have recently facilitated Theresa Burke to deliver a series of presentations to Southern Regional College (SRC) Students– dates of these presentations were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SRC Greenbank Campus – 12th of November 2024 • SRC Newry East Campus – 12th November 2024 • SRC Newry Model Campus – 13th November 2024 <p>We have also organised for Theresa Burke to deliver her presentation in St Pauls High School, Bessbrook on the 10th of December 2024, and in Sacred Heart Grammar School in Newry (Date TBC).</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.</p>
	To support the development of the RAPID Bin initiative across the NMDDC area	<p>A total of 20 RAPID Bins are now installed across the District.</p> <p>An update on the most recent collections from the RAPID Bins will be provided at the Partnership meeting on 26 November.</p> <p>PSNI have now paused the emptying of RAPID Bins across the NMD District due to an incident which took place whilst emptying the RAPID Bin in Saintfield.</p>
Domestic Crime / Abuse and Sexual Violence	To support the delivery of a range of programmes, and develop a range of awareness raising campaigns	<p>Inter-agency work progressed in this period – Officer attendance at the Down Subgroup of the South Eastern Domestic & Sexual Violence Partnership and the Southern Area Domestic Violence Partnership.</p> <p>The PCSP is currently engaging with Women's Aid ArmaghDown to agree how the PCSP can effectively support local services in 2024/25 – a partnership approach with ABC PCSP is being explored to maximise our engagement and potential outcomes.</p> <p>We have also supported the new One Stop Shop which Women's Aid launched in Newry on 3 October 2024. As well as the Non -Fatal Strangulation Conference which took place on the 24th of October in Newcastle in partnership with the South Eastern Domestic Violence Partnership.</p>

Community Safety & Vulnerability	To develop and implement a range of community safety initiatives for vulnerable persons	<p>Continued attendance at local multi-agency partnership meetings including and Newry, Mourne & Down Intercultural Forum, Locality Planning Groups (Newry & South Armagh) and local Inter-Agency Forums.</p> <p>PCSP Officers are attending Newcomer Stakeholder Forum meetings in Newry and Newcastle.</p> <p>Personal safety & crime prevention talks were recently delivered to vulnerable adults in Newry, Downpatrick, Saintfield and Ballyholland this also included a pop-up safety stall at the Buttercrane Shopping Centre. Further events are planned across the District for December 2024.</p> <p>PCSP developed a "Sorry, No Trick or Treaters," leaflet for vulnerable residents to display on their door during Halloween night, to inform young people that they are not able to accommodate trick or treaters. The demand for these leaflets was high, particularly from elderly and disabled members of the community.</p> <p>PCSP Officers visited local Primary Schools with colleagues from the PSNI throughout September and October, on the lead up to Halloween to deliver information on Firework safety.</p> <p>PCSP also delivered a Youth Safety & Wellbeing Conference in Newry on the 10th of October 2024 in partnership with PSNI, Education Authority and The Crisis Café in Newry. This conference had over 420 year 13 students in attendance, and had presentations delivered on the topics of road safety, sextortion/online safety, organised fights/knife crime, as well as mental health and wellbeing.</p> <p>Continued attendance at DEA Fora to provide updates on PCSP work and linkages.</p>
	Newry, Mourne & Down Community Support Partnership	<p>The Community Support Partnership continues to engage with a number of vulnerable adults; the most recent meeting took place on 30 May 2024. Since its formation in late 2019 the Partnership has provided dedicated support to 34 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.</p>
Road Safety	To support and promote road safety initiatives	<p>Continued support to Road Safe NI (Newry, Mourne and Down Committee). The Road Ahead Support Group continues to meet and offer support to families and individuals impacted by Road Traffic Collisions.</p>

		<p>28 SIDs are now installed across the District. Data has been downloaded from SIDs across the District and a detailed report prepared for Members (see Appendix 2). There has been a further decrease in speed and the number of speed limit violations in the vicinity of the Signs. We have now moved to a remote data monitoring model for 19 of the Signs – this has resulted in a much more efficient information management system and allow for savings in both staff time and travel costs.</p> <p>The Castlewella SID was replaced in July 24 as it was previously damaged beyond economic repair - water ingress was possibly caused after an impact (stone maybe thrown up from the road or getting clipped by a wide vehicle passing). Unfortunately, this sign has been damaged again in September 24 – potentially due to impact from a wide vehicle passing. Discussions around this sign took place at the SID Sub Group meeting on the 27 September and 6 November.</p> <p>PCSP Officers recently delivered No Parking Signs to St Dallans Primary School, Warrenpoint.</p> <p>PCSP has recently supported a number of young driver programmes at Bishopscourt Racing Circuit in partnership with the Councils DEA Coordinators with students from Downpatrick, The Mourne and Slieve Croob DEA's in attendance.</p> <p>The PSNI Roadsafe Roadshow took place in St. Paul's High School, Bessbrook on 7 November 2024. Students from St Pauls High School Bessbrook, St Joseph's High School Crossmaglen and St Marks High School in Warrenpoint were in attendance.</p>
Fear of Crime, Burglary & Crime Prevention	To support communities to protect themselves and their property to reduce the fear of crime	<p>The Home Secure Service remains open to referrals (181 referrals have been received since 1 April 2024); 100% of beneficiaries report feeling safer as a result of the interventions.</p> <p>The Social Alarm Scheme also remains operational. We are continuing to liaise with the PSNI to identify further beneficiaries for the Scheme (this is a targeted Scheme, aimed at high-risk individuals referred by the PSNI). Over 98 referrals have now been made to this Scheme and a number of arrests have been made at the homes of victims after alarms were triggered due to perpetrators arriving at the premises. A total of 240 trigger calls have been made by Alarm beneficiaries since the Scheme became operational.</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 Newry, Ballyholland, Downpatrick, Kilkeel, and Saintfield.</p> <p>PCSP Officers are currently working with Danske Bank to organise a number of pop-up crime prevention events in Danske bank premises across Newry, Mourne and Down focusing on scams and crime prevention for local customers (likely December 2024).</p> <p>PCSP Officers are also planning to host Christmas Crime Prevention pop-ups in a number of Shopping premises throughout December to keep local residents informed about burglary prevention whilst out Christmas shopping.</p>
	To promote and develop the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme	<p>Following the recent reaccreditation process there are now 60 active and fully accredited NHW Schemes across the District.</p>

Strategic Priority 3: To improve Confidence in Policing through collaborative problem solving with communities.		
Theme	Aims & description	Key Activities in this Period (September – November 2024)
Improve community confidence in policing	Advocate for policing and effectively monitor local police performance and progress of the local Policing Plan	We are aware of current challenges facing the PSNI (including budget / workforce) and the local impact on availability of NPT Officers to support some events etc.

	Support the engagement of the local community with the PSNI	Community/police engagement is progressing well via planned events and other activities (as outlined above). The PSNI/PCSP Mobile Unit remains very popular, and plans are in place to ensure that it continues to be widely deployed across the District. We have recently resourced the cost of some upgrades to the Unit's software and game consoles and are confident that this will extend the use of the vehicle even further.
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Summary of Community Safety Wardens Reports: 7th September 2024 – 9th November 2024

	No. Incidents attended	No. Incidents reported to PSNI	Total Hours Patrolled
Downpatrick	16	1	126
Newcastle	25	0	160
Newry	23	0	126
Warrenpoint	24	1	126
Total	88	2	538

Notes:

This reporting period covers Hallowe'en and the schools Mid-Term break.

Examples of Incidents Attended by Wardens:

Downpatrick 20.09.2024 – Wardens attend St Mary's Lane after receiving a report of young people throwing fireworks which are at risk of hitting passing cars.

Newcastle 14.09.2024 – Wardens patrolling near the Duke see two people who are intoxicated in an argument. Wardens approach the two males and diffuse the situation, before sending them off home in different directions.

Newcastle 28.09.2024 – Wardens patrolling the promenade see a group of young teenagers drinking alcohol near the toilets. Wardens approach the group and ask them to dispose of the alcohol and move on from the area, which they did.

Newcastle 19.10.2024 – Wardens patrolling the main street see a group of teenagers setting off fireworks from the beach towards houses. Wardens approach the teenagers and remind them of the dangers of fireworks.

Newry 27.09.2024 – Wardens patrolling Sugar Island see a male leaving one of the local pubs who is heading to his vehicle to drive home. Wardens approach the male and convince him to get a taxi home instead, as they believe he has consumed alcohol.

Newry 28.09.2024 – Wardens intervene in a fight between two intoxicated males arguing at the Bus Station.

Warrenpoint 05.10.2024 – Wardens patrolling Duke Street see an intoxicated man attempting to walk home. Wardens approach the male to check he is okay and encourage him to get a taxi home instead of walking. Wardens phone the intoxicated male a taxi and wait with him until it arrives.

Table Showing Data collected from SIDs 11th September 2024 – 15th November 2024

Location of SID	85% of vehicles were travelling at this speed (MPH)	% Speed violations over 30mph (*40mph)	% Speed violations over 35mph (*45mph)	No. speed violations over 70mph	Average % reduction in speed caused by SID	Time of highest number of Speeding Offences (>30MPH*)
Annalong	36	57.6	17.8	0	4.66	05:00 AM
Ardglass	35	37.8	13.5	6	6.0	03:00 AM
Ballynahinch	33	25.4	5.5	0	7.30	05:00 AM
Burren	41	73.2	41.7	43	No Reduction	08:00 AM
Camlough	45	78.4	51.7	464	14.05	06:00 AM
Castlewellan	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clough	35	43.9	13.9	8	5.0	03:00 AM
Crossmaglen	40	56.4	32.5	1	7.33	05:00 AM
Culloville*	43	24.1	6.2	0	3.05	04:00 AM
Darragh Cross*	41	16.0	4.0	6	5.0	04:00 AM
Downpatrick*	41	16.9	4.5	41	6.38	05:00 AM
Dundrum	37	51.6	20.8	114	4.37	04:00 AM
Kilcoo	42	73.9	42.6	27	4.28	05:00 AM
Killeavy*	37	4.2	0.7	0	6.12	06:00 AM
Kilkeel	-	-	-	-	-	-
Killough	34	39.2	7.8	0	4.13	08:00 AM
Killyleagh	38	59.6	25.8	0	5.62	07:00 AM
Leitrim	34	36.6	8.0	0	18.96	07:00 AM
Mayobridge	38	63.7	25.0	0	3.12	05:00 AM
Meigh	40	61.6	34.6	20	13.93	05:00 AM
Newcastle	32	23.4	6.9	3	5.18	02:00 AM
Newry (Camlough Road)	35	42.0	13.8	46	3.33	10:00 AM

Newry (Chancellors Road)*	38	8.1	1.9	0	No Reduction	12 noon
Newtownhamilton	41	73.0	41.6	19	6.28	12 noon
Rostrevor	42	60.3	34.8	57	14.24	05:00 AM
Saintfield	37	40.2	18.6	17	7.33	05:00 AM
Strangford	38	62.3	26.7	236	4.37	07:00 AM
Warrenpoint	36	49.2	16.5	8	1.33	10:00 AM

Notes:

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

Kilcoo SID is now placed in a 30MPH speed limit, therefore the table has been amended to reflect this.

The SID in Castlewellan has been damaged, therefore this SID is currently not operational and data from this time-period was unable to be downloaded.

There are issues with downloading the data from the SID in Kilkeel. PCSP Staff are working with PWS to rectify this issue and it is hoped that a verbal update may be able to be provided at the PCSP meeting.

Key trends from data

- The overall average percentile reduction in speed caused by SIDs was 5.76%
- On average 18.47% of vehicles going past the SIDs were traveling over 35mph (*45mph).
- The SID which caused the highest reduction in speed was Leitrim SID with an average of 18.96% reduction in speed caused by the SID.

Report to:	Policing & Community Safety Partnership
Date of Meeting:	26 November 2024
Subject:	PCSP Action Plan 2025/26
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Shannon Creaney, Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager (Acting)
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Martina Flynn, Head of Engagement (Acting) Shannon Creaney, Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager (Acting)

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

For decision	x	For noting only	
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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	Purpose To consider and agree the PCSP Action Plan for 2025/26.
1.2	Background PCSPs are required to develop annual Action Plans to address each of the 3 agreed Strategic Priorities – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 - Strategic Priority 2: To improve community safety by addressing local community safety issues, tackling crime and anti-social behaviour - Strategic Priority 3: To increase confidence in policing through collaborative problem solving with communities. <p>PCSPs are required to use the OBA approach including Turning the Curve Exercises for developing and monitoring their annual Action Plans, to better measure the impact their actions have in their PCSP area and help with the evaluation of projects and programmes of work.</p>
2.0	Key issues
2.1	1. Action Plan 2025/26 PCSP Members recently took part in two planning sessions (15 & 17 October 2024) which have informed the development of the PCSP Action Plan for 2025/26. Following this a draft Action Plan for 2025/26 was circulated to Members for final comment. No further amendments or comments were received. Approval is now required for the final draft of the 2025/26 Action Plan to ensure timely submission of the Plan to Joint Committee.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	That the Committee:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the report.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve the attached draft Action Plan for the PCSP for 2025/26.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Revenue All actions are budgeted for in the PCSP 2025/26 Action Plan Capital N/A
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i> It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5.2	<i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, please complete the following: The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/> The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/>
5.3	<i>Proposal initiating consultation</i> Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/> Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/> Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Rationale:</i>
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)
6.1	Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, please complete the following: Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/>
7.0	Appendices
7.1	Appendix I: Draft PCSP Action Plan 2025/26
8.0	Background Documents
8.1	None.



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

Action Plan 2025/26 v2

Introduction

In October 2024 Newry, Mourne & Down PCSP undertook an Assessment of Policing and Community Safety in the Newry, Mourne & Down District Council Area.

This exercise was undertaken to ensure that the priorities identified continue to reflect priority policing and community safety issues in the area and was informed by analysis of information provided by Elected & Independent Members and statutory partners, as well as the results of ongoing District-Wide engagement and consultation on policing and community safety across the Council area.

Consideration was also given to:

- The Community Safety Framework
- The Draft Northern Ireland Policing Plan 2025-2030
- Criminal Justice Inspection NI report 'Community Safety and Local Policing Arrangements in Northern Ireland'
- Public Satisfaction Surveys
- Together: Building a United Community – Good Relations Strategy
- Fresh Start – the Stormont Agreement and Implementation Plan
- Executive Action Plan for Tackling Paramilitary Activity, Criminality and Organised Crime
- Newry, Mourne & Down District Council's Good Relations Action Plan 2024/25 & Community Plan

A Turning the Curve Exercise was undertaken in relation to the current PCSP Action Plan Indicators/themes to formulate the Partnership's best thinking on projects and initiatives to contribute towards the overall outcome

As a result of the Turning the Curve Exercise the following Indicators/themes have been identified as local priority -

- Anti-Social Behaviour
- PCSP Small Grants
- Drugs & Alcohol Abuse
- Domestic Crime / Abuse and Sexual Violence
- Community Safety & Vulnerability (including hate crime)
- Road Safety
- Fear of Crime, Burglary & Crime Prevention (including cyber-crime)
- Vulnerabilities from Organised Crime

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

Indicators		% public awareness of the PCSP (measured at PCSP events – in lieu of Omnibus Survey)					
Theme	Aims & description	Key Activities	Start Date	End Date	Resource or cost	Performance measures	Reporting Quarter
PCSP Consultation & Engagement	To ensure engagement with the community, relevant statutory partners / agencies and the community & voluntary sector to identify effective solutions to local issues	<p>Hold one community engagement / consultation event per DEA per annum to identify local priorities</p> <p>Hold at least 2 community meetings in public per annum on specific policing issues including police performance</p>	4/25	3/26	£4,030.00	<p>How much did we do?</p> <p># PCSP community engagement / consultation events / public meetings held</p> <p># of PCSP members attending community engagement / consultation events/public meetings</p> <p>How well did we do it?</p> <p># members of the public at community engagement / consultation events / public meetings</p> <p># local stakeholders at community engagement / consultation events / public meetings</p> <p># and % attendees satisfied with community engagement /</p>	2, 3 & 4

						<p>consultation events / public meetings % of PCSP Members satisfied with the community engagement / consultation events / public meetings</p> <p>Is anyone better off? # / % of attendees at consultation/engagement events / public meetings with an increased knowledge of the work of the PCSP % of participants more likely to report a crime following the events % of PCSP members with increased knowledge of the public's perception of the PCSP</p>	
Raise awareness of the PCSP	To evidence impact through increased awareness of the PCSP	Develop & implement a Communications Strategy for the PCSP across a variety of platforms including social media, print based publications and public events	4/25	3/26	£4,030.00	<p>How much did we do? # of PCSP awareness raising initiatives delivered # social media posts</p> <p>How well did we do it? # / % increase in PCSP Facebook page likes</p> <p>Is anyone better off? # & % of people with an increased awareness of the PCSP and its work to address policing and community</p>	2, 3 & 4

						safety issues (reporting not required until Q4)	
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Strategic Priority 2: To improve community safety by addressing local community safety issues, tackling crime and anti-social behaviour

Indicators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recorded crime (PSNI) - Domestic abuse incidents (PSNI) - Anti-Social Behaviour incidents (PSNI) - Road traffic casualties (PSNI) - Fear of Crime (NI Crime Survey / NI Life & Times Survey) - % residents feeling very safe or fairly safe in their local area during the day/night (Newry, Mourne & Down District Council Residents Survey) 						
Theme	Aims & description	Key Activities	Start Date	End Date	Resource or cost	Performance measures	Reporting Quarter
ASB	<p>Develop a range of youth diversionary & community engagement projects</p> <p>Work with partners to identify and respond to significant emerging ASB concerns</p>	Development of a range of locality-based initiatives and programmes across the District (including seasonal programmes and other focused interventions)	4/25	3/26	£32,120.00	<p>How much did we do?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # programmes delivered # participants in each programme # partners involved <p>How well did we do it?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # and % of participants feeling satisfied with activities and interventions <p>Is anyone better off?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # and % of participants with changed attitudes / beliefs / opinions % of number of participants reporting increased awareness & understanding of risk and ASB behaviours 	2, 3 & 4

						% participants with increased confidence in PSNI following relevant projects / activities % participants more likely to engage with PSNI following relevant projects / activities	
	Provision of a District-wide Community Safety Warden Scheme	Work in partnership with the PSNI and other relevant agencies to provide a high visibility foot patrol to act as a deterrent to anti-social behaviour	4/25	3/26	£53,000.00	How much did we do? # Community Safety Warden patrols / hours provided # incidents attended by the Community Safety Wardens & reported to the PSNI How well did we do it? # of partners satisfied with the service and level of engagement Is anyone better off? % community feel safer as a result of the Scheme (reported Q4)	2, 3 & 4

Theme	Aims & description	Key Activities	Start Date	End Date	Resource or cost	Performance measures	Reporting Quarter
PCSP Small Grants	Provision of a small grants programme to increase the capacity of the community to address community safety issues	Groups and organisations apply for funding to support locally based activities which are linked to the PCSP Action Plan, add value to existing activities and have a prevention-based focus	4/25	3/26	£83,930.00	<p>How much did we do? # applications received # of grants successfully awarded</p> <p>How well did we do it? % number of applicants who were satisfied with the application process</p> <p>Is anyone better off? # and % of applicants reporting they believe the community is a safer place as a result of their project</p>	3 & 4
Theme	Aims & description	Key Activities	Start Date	End Date	Resource or cost	Performance measures	Reporting Quarter
Drugs and Alcohol	To support the delivery of a range of programmes aimed at raising awareness of drug & alcohol misuse	Work in partnership with a range of agencies (including the HSCTs, PHA, SDACT & SEDACT) to support the delivery of a range of programmes and to raise awareness of the RAPID initiative (including a focus on addressing medicine / prescription management)	4/25	3/26	£15,060.00	<p>How much did we do? # programmes delivered # participants in each programme # partners involved # RAPID Bins in use # items removed from RAPID bins</p> <p>How well did we do it? # and % of participants reporting satisfaction with activities % partners engaged in activity and reporting improved partnership working</p> <p>Is anyone better off?</p>	2, 3, 4

						# and % of participants with changed behaviours as a result of activities # and % of participants with increased knowledge and awareness as a result of activities	
Theme	Aims & description	Key Activities	Start Date	End Date	Resource or cost	Performance measures	Reporting Quarter
Domestic Crime / Abuse and Sexual Violence	To support the delivery of a range of programmes and raise awareness of domestic abuse	Work collaboratively with other agencies (including local Domestic & Sexual Violence Partnerships) to support the delivery of programmes and initiatives which educate and raise awareness of domestic abuse (including elder abuse) and sexual violence	4/25	3/26	£15,060.00	<p>How much did we do? # programmes delivered # participants involved in each programme # partnership meetings attended</p> <p>How well did we do it? # and % of participants reporting satisfaction with activities % partners engaged in activity and reporting improved partnership working</p> <p>Is anyone better off? # and % of participants with changed behaviours as a result of activities # and % of participants with improved/awareness /understanding of domestic abuse & sexual violence % participants with increased confidence in PSNI following activities / events % participants more likely to report crime following activities / events (as appropriate)</p>	2, 3 & 4

Theme	Aims & description	Key Activities	Start Date	End Date	Resource or cost	Performance measures	Reporting Quarter
Community Safety & Vulnerability	To develop and implement a range of community safety initiatives for vulnerable persons	<p>Develop activities aimed at increasing community safety amongst vulnerable persons including (but not limited to) adults at risk, older people, and minority communities</p> <p>Develop and implement a range of programmes / activities aimed at addressing hate crime across the Council District</p> <p>Work collaboratively with other agencies to support the delivery of initiatives aimed at addressing mental health & loneliness across the Council District</p>	4/25	3/26	£14,060.00	<p>How much did we do? # events / programmes delivered # participants attending events / programmes # partners involved</p> <p>How well did we do it? # and % of participants feeling satisfied with activities</p> <p>Is anyone better off? % participants who feel safer as a result of each initiative % participants with increased confidence in PSNI following relevant events / programmes % participants more likely to engage with PSNI following relevant events / programmes % participants more likely to report crime following relevant events / programmes</p>	2, 3 & 4
	Newry, Mourne & Down Community Support Partnership	Engage in and support the Newry, Mourne & Down Community Support Partnership	4/25	3/26	No cost	<p>How much did we do? # of Support Partnership Meetings # individuals referred to the Support Partnership</p> <p>How well did we do it? # and % of actions successfully completed by partner organisations</p>	2, 3 & 4

						<p>% of partner organisations attending Support Hub meetings</p> <p>Is anyone better off? # and % of people being helped by the Support Partnership and who are discharged from the Partnership because their needs have been met # and % of individuals who leave the Support Partnership of their own volition or are removed from the Partnership because of a lack of engagement</p>	
Theme	Aims & description	Key Activities	Start Date	End Date	Resource or cost	Performance measures	Reporting Quarter
Road Safety	To support and promote Road Safety initiatives	Work in partnership with the PSNI, Road Safe NI Newry, Mourne & Down Committee and other agencies to develop and implement a range of Road Safety initiatives	4/25	3/26	£20,060.00	<p>How much did we do? # road safety events / programmes delivered # participants attending events / programmes # road safety signs installed at local schools # Speed Indicator Device signs operational across the District</p> <p>How well did we do it? # and % of participants feeling satisfied with activities % schools satisfied with initiatives</p> <p>Is anyone better off?</p>	2, 3 & 4

						# and % of participants with increased knowledge of road safety # and % of SIDs reporting vehicles reduced speed % participants more likely to engage with the PSNI following road safety events	
Theme	Aims & description	Key Activities	Start Date	End Date	Resource or cost	Performance measures	Reporting Quarter
Fear of Crime, Burglary & Crime Prevention	To support communities to protect themselves and their property to reduce the fear of crime	Procure and deliver the following services - - Home Secure Scheme - Social Alarm Scheme	4/25	3/26	£55,000.00	How much did we do? # Home Secure referrals # Social Alarm Scheme referrals # items of home security equipment provided How well did we do it? % and # beneficiaries reporting satisfaction with the Schemes Is anyone better off? % and # participants reporting feeling safer in homes	2, 3 & 4
	To develop a range of crime prevention interventions (including cyber crime)	To develop a range of crime prevention interventions in response to community need and emerging trends (including general crime prevention events e.g.- property marking & scam awareness and targeted initiatives as appropriate)	4/25	3/26	£20,060.00	How much did we do? # crime prevention events / programmes # items marked at property marking events # participants attending events / programmes	2, 3 & 4

		Develop and implement a range of programmes / activities aimed at addressing cyber crime across the Council District				<p>How well did we do it? # and % of participants feeling satisfied with activities</p> <p>Is anyone better off? # & % participants reporting improved knowledge of crime prevention awareness % feeling safer as a result of each activity % participants with increased confidence in PSNI following events / activities % participants more likely to engage with PSNI following events / activities % participants more likely to report crime following events / activities</p>	
	To promote and develop the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme	Support current NHW Schemes and promote & establish new Schemes	4/25	3/26	Included in budget above	<p>How much did we do? # of NHW schemes in operation # of NHW Co-Ordinators involved # of households covered by all schemes # NHW network meetings</p> <p>How well did we do it? % NHW Co-Ordinators reporting satisfaction with activities (including network meetings)</p> <p>Is anyone better off?</p>	2, 3 & 4

						% Co-Ordinators more likely to engage with the PSNI # and % of NHW Co-Ordinators who believe their area is safer as a result of the Scheme % Co-Ordinators more likely to report crime	
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Strategic Priority 3: To increase confidence in policing through collaborative problem solving with communities

Indicator		% of crime reported to the police (NI Safe Community Survey) % who agree that the PSNI keeps their area safe (NI Life & Times Survey) % improved confidence in police (measured at local PCSP events) % overall confidence in police (NI Safe Community Survey)					
Theme	Aims & description	Key Activities	Start Date	End Date	Resource or cost	Performance measures	Reporting Quarter
Improve community confidence in policing	Advocate for policing and effectively monitor local police performance and progress of the local Policing Plan	Facilitate Policing Committee meetings and ensure local accountability through the Policing Committee's role in monitoring police performance	4/25	3/26	£2,000.00	How much did we do? # Policing Committee meetings # members attending Policing Committee meetings How well did we do it? # and % Members reporting satisfaction with Policing Committee meetings Is anyone better off?	2, 3 & 4

						% of Members with increased knowledge of local policing priorities #/% of Members reporting increased confidence in the PSNI to deliver the Local Policing Plan	
	Support the engagement of the local community with the PSNI	<p>Hold community engagement events (including engagement events with the Mobile Police Unit) to identify and address local issues</p> <p>Deliver two diversionary programmes per annum to reduce community disorder and promote engagement between NPTs and harder to reach communities</p> <p>Work in partnership with the PSNI to consider and address local community vulnerabilities from organised crime</p>	4/25	3/26	£8,000.00	<p>How much did we do? # engagement events # members of the public attending engagement events # projects/initiatives delivered which target tackling paramilitarism or organised crime # diversionary programmes delivered # participants in each programme</p> <p>How well did we do it? # & % participants reporting satisfaction with activities</p> <p>Is anyone better off? % increase more likely to report crime following local engagement events % increase in confidence in policing following local engagement events / programmes % more likely to engage with police following local engagement events / programmes</p>	2, 3 & 4

Report to:	Policing & Community Safety Partnership
Date of Meeting:	26 November 2024
Subject:	ASB Sub Group Report
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Shannon Creaney, Safer Communities and Good Relations Manager (Acting)
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Shannon Creaney, Safer Communities and Good Relations Manager (Acting)

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

For decision	x	For noting only	
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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	Purpose To consider and agree the Draft Action Sheet of the ASB Sub Group 2 meeting held on 8 October 2024 and the ASB Sub Group 1 meeting held on 24 October 2024.
1.2	Background 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 24 September 2024.
2.0	Key issues
2.1	None.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	That the Committee- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the report. • Agree the attached Draft Action Sheet of the ASB Sub Group 2 meeting held on 8 October 2024. • Agree the attached Draft Action Sheet of the ASB Sub Group 1 meeting held on 24 October 2024.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Revenue All actions are budgeted for in the PCSP 2024/25 Action Plan Capital N/A
5.0	Due regard to equality of opportunity and regard to good relations (complete the relevant sections)
5.1	<i>General proposal with no clearly defined impact upon, or connection to, specific equality and good relations outcomes</i> It is not anticipated the proposal will have an adverse impact upon equality of opportunity or good relations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5.2	<i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

	<p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.3	<p><i>Proposal initiating consultation</i></p> <p>Consultation will seek the views of those directly affected by the proposal, address barriers for particular Section 75 equality categories to participate and allow adequate time for groups to consult amongst themselves <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><i>Rationale:</i></p>
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)
6.1	<p>Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If yes, please complete the following:</p> <p>Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed <input type="checkbox"/></p>
7.0	Appendices
7.1	<p>Appendix I: Draft Action Sheet of ASB Sub Group 2 meeting held on 8 October 2024.</p> <p>Appendix II: Draft Action Sheet of ASB Sub Group 1 meeting held on 24 October 2024.</p>
8.0	Background Documents
8.1	None.

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

**Action Sheet of PCSP ASB Sub Group 2 Meeting
held on Tuesday 8 October 2024 at 7pm in The Newcastle Centre, Newcastle**

Present:

- Chairperson:** Cllr Jill Truesdale
- Elected Members:** Cllr Oonagh Hanlon, Cllr Henry Reilly
- Independent Members:** Niall Lawlor, William Slater, Tara Campbell
- Statutory Partners:** Inspector Hardy (PSNI), Aileen O’Callaghan (EA), Bernadette McDowell (YJA), Phillip Mageean (NIFRS)
- Council Officials:** Jacqueline Urey (NMDDC)
- Apologies:** Inspector Loughran (PSNI), Sgt Gracey (PSNI), Cllr Conor Galbraith, Shannon Creaney (NMDDC), Martina Flynn (NMDDC)

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

ASB/002	Adoption of previous Action Sheet	Action Sheet agreed. Proposed by Niall Lawlor and seconded by Cllr Hanlon.	
ASB/003	Update of Outstanding Actions from last meeting	All actions completed. (1) Inspector Hardy shared knife crime statistics and PCSP shared that knife bins could not be placed on Council property due to insurance issues; (2) PCSP actioned Donard Car Park ASB proposed meeting date; (3) Sgt Gracey (shared by Cllr Truesdale) had spoken with YMCA Leader, (4) PCSP populate action plan; (5) PCSP actioned PCSP ASB SG2 meeting date.	No outstanding actions
ASB/004	Current / Emerging Issues	<p>(1) Donard Car Park – car meets, ASB, noise. Insp Loughran provided two e-mail updates.</p> <p>(2) Fireworks in all areas – PSNI aware and working to identify individuals.</p> <p>(3) Downpatrick Lasers – PSNI aware and working to identify individuals</p> <p>(4) Downpatrick ASB – PSNI working to identify individuals</p> <p>(5) Lighthouse View, Newcastle – Sgt Gracey engaging with housing association. HA managing situation.</p> <p>(6) The Forge, Kilkeel</p> <p>(7) Killough</p> <p>(8) 101 service feedback</p>	<p>(1) J Urey/PCSP to confirm proposed Donard Car Park ASB closed meeting date (completed 07/10/2024)</p> <p>(2) NIFRS to check for hard copy leaflet and resources to share with EA re Firework YJA</p> <p>(6) Insp Hardy share information with Sgt Gracey</p> <p>(7) EA to look at service provision</p> <p>(8) Insp Hardy to pass on 101 service feedback</p>
ASB/005	Development of ASB Sub Group Plan 2024/2025	No further areas added	J Urey / PCSP - continue to populate with PCSP and partnership ASB intervention information

ASB/006	Updates from Agencies	Update received from PSNI Update received from PCSP Update received from EA Update received from YJA Updated received from NIFRS	
ASB/007	Date of Next Meeting	Tuesday 3 December 2024 at 7pm	J Urey/PCSP to send invites and papers to members in due course.

Meeting concluded at 8.03 pm

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

Action Sheet of PCSP ASB Sub Group 1 Meeting held on Thursday 24 October 2024 at 6PM in Newry & Mourne Enterprise Agency, WIN Business Park, Newry.

Present:

Chairperson: Cllr Aidan Mathers

Elected Members: Cllr Aidan Mathers

Independent Members: Michelle Osborne, Colleen McCreesh

Statutory Partners: Maureen O’Gorman (EA), John Smyth (NIFRS), Sgt Warren Roberts (PSNI), Sgt Conor Valentine (PSNI), Insp Kelly Gibson (PSNI)

Council Officials: Shannon Creaney

Apologies: Sgt Cathy MacDonald (PSNI), Cllr David Taylor, Hannah Cooke (YJA), Joesphine Morgan (NIHE), Anne Sheridan (Independent Member)

ITEM	SUBJECT	SUMMARY	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
ASB/001	Welcome, Introductions and Apologies	All were welcomed to the meeting by the Chair and apologies were recorded as above.	Action – Members to provide notice in advance of the meeting if they are unable to attend to allow for meeting preparation and catering consideration.

ASB/002	Identification of Priority Areas for ASB Sub Group 1 Action Plan	<p>The Group identified the below areas as a priority for the ASB Sub Group 1 Action Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newry DEA – Newry City • Crotlieve DEA – Burren and Warrenpoint • Slieve Gullion DEA – Crossmaglen, Bessbrook and Newtownhamilton 	S Creaney to circulate an updated ASB Sub Group 1 Action Plan with the papers for the next ASB Sub Group 1 meeting.
ASB/003	Update from Agencies	<p>Update received from PSNI. Update received from PCSP. Update received from EA. Update received from NIFRS.</p>	<p>PSNI to provide an update at the next ASB Sub Group 1 Meeting around the progress on ASB issues discussed within Slieve Gullion DEA.</p> <p>Update from PCSP. S Creaney to re-share PCSP events schedule for upcoming events until December 2024.</p>
ASB/004	Current / Emerging Issues	Discussion around the newly built housing developments within the Newry DEA which are due to place a number of new tenants and families in the Newry area.	S Creaney to facilitate a meeting with Newry based Housing Associations and ASB Sub Group 1 members.
ASB/005	Date of Next Meeting	The members requested that ASB Sub Group 1 meetings now take place earlier in the daytime, preferably around lunchtime (where possible).	S Creaney to circulate the next meeting date, time and location with group.