

August 6th, 2026

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the meeting to be held on **Tuesday, 11th August 2026 at 6:00 pm**

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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 26th May 2026 at 6.00pm ONLINE via MS Teams.

In attendance:

Cllr Henry Reilly, *Chair*
 Cllr Terry Andrews, *NMDDC*
 Cllr Oonagh Hanlon, *NMDDC*
 Cllr Declan Murphy, *NMDDC*
 Cllr Kate Murphy, *NMDDC*
 Cllr Jill Truesdale, *NMDDC*
 Cllr David Taylor, *NMDDC*
 Superintendent Lynne Corbett, *PSNI*
 Chief Inspector Adam Ruston, *PSNI*
 Chief Inspector Joe Tierney, *PSNI*
 Inspector Darren Hardy, *PSNI*
 Inspector Paul Moore, *PSNI*
 Sergeant Stacey Arnott, *PSNI*
 Martin Healy *NIFRS*
 Aileen O'Callaghan, *EANI*
 Michael Heaney, *YJA*
 Claire Crainey, *NIHE*
 Roisin Leckey, *PBNI*
 Andrea Barr, *Independent Member*
 Roy Edwards, *Independent Member*
 Louise Kennedy, *Independent Member*
 Michelle Osborne, *Independent Member*
 Anne Sheridan, *Independent Member*
 William Slater, *Independent Member*
 Andrew Kernaghan, *Independent Member*

NMDDC Staff Officials in attendance:

Alison Robb, *Assistant Director - Community Development*
 Shannon Creaney, *Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager*
 Amy McKeown, *Monitoring & Evaluation Officer (PCSP & Good Relations)*
 Kaitlyn Martin, *PCSP Officer*

1 Welcome, Chairperson's Remarks and Apologies

PCSP Chair Councillor Henry Reilly welcomed all attendees to the meeting and noted apologies from Claire Creaney, Cllr Aidan Mathers, Aidan McCabe, Martina Flynn and Cllr Conor Galbraith.

The Chair confirmed that the meeting was being held virtually due to operational Policing requirements.

The Chair welcomed attendees and noted that this was his final meeting as Chair of Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP. He reflected positively on his term, highlighting the opportunity to engage with communities across the district and attend a range of PCSP events and meetings. The Chair made particular reference to the Road Safe Roadshow he attended in Newcastle, which he described as a significant and impactful road safety initiative for young people, particularly in the context of ongoing road safety concerns and the number of fatalities involving young drivers. The Chair commended the PCSP team and PSNI for their contribution to this initiative, as well other events they delivered which contributed to improved community safety and awareness during his term.

The Chair then reminded members of meeting protocols, including declarations of interest, use of the virtual meeting functions, and member responsibilities regarding conduct and comments made during proceedings.

2 Declarations of Interest

None recorded.

3 Draft Minutes of previous PCSP & Policing Committee Meeting held on 31 March 2026

Read: Minutes of PCSP & Policing Committee Meeting held on 31 March (copy circulated).

Agreed: On the proposal of Cllr Andrews seconded by Cllr Henry Reilly it was agreed to approve the Minutes of the Policing Committee and PCSP Meeting held on 31 March 2026 as a true and accurate record.

4 Matters Arising

No matters arising were raised. Matters relating to SIDs were noted and deferred to a later agenda item as scheduled.

5 PCSP Officer Report

Read: PCSP Officer Report (copy circulated via email)

Before addressing the PCSP Officer Report, Shannon Creaney formally recorded the PCSP Staff team's appreciation to outgoing Chair, Cllr Henry Reilly, for his commitment and support throughout his term. Members were advised that the team had greatly valued working with Cllr Reilly and acknowledged his continued support and engagement at PCSP meetings and events during his tenure.

Ms Shannon Creaney then advised that the PCSP Officer Report was for noting and that a detailed report with more information was included in the PCSP Meeting Papers.

Ms Creaney highlighted that, at the time of the meeting, no Letter of Offer had been received from the Joint Committee for PCSP Funding in 2026/27. Members were advised that an update would be provided as soon as funding confirmation was received and that, in the meantime, PCSP staff were continuing to plan and deliver programmes and events as normal ahead of the summer period.

Ms Creaney then provided an update on the first call for PCSP Financial Assistance, which she advised had now closed. Members were informed that groups had begun receiving their Letters of Offer and that just under £60,000 had been awarded across 31 projects. It was noted that this represented a significant investment in community-based activity throughout the district and would contribute to raising awareness of the PCSP and its work within local communities.

Members were further advised that a second call for PCSP Financial Assistance was currently open and would remain available for applications until 15 June. Ms Creaney advised that information and guidance relating to the application process was available on the Council website, and details would also be circulated to members by email following the meeting. Members were encouraged to promote the funding opportunity as widely as possible amongst local community and voluntary organisations, particularly those planning activities during the Halloween and winter period, as the funding would directly support initiatives within that timeframe. Ms Creaney also noted that PCSP staff remained available to provide advice and support to organisations considering an application and could engage directly with groups where requested.

Ms Creaney then advised the Committee that a range of diversionary and awareness-raising events were planned for the forthcoming summer period. Members were encouraged to attend these events where possible and were informed that further details could be obtained through PCSP social media channels or by contacting PCSP staff directly.

In response, PCSP Chair Cllr Reilly welcomed the update and expressed his satisfaction at the number of local organisations and groups that had successfully secured funding under the PCSP Small Grants Scheme. He commented that, based on his experience, such initiatives made a positive contribution to community engagement, particularly in strengthening relationships between communities, policing partners and wider society, and acknowledged the significant value of this support within local communities.

Councillor Terry Andrews endorsed the comments made by Ms Creaney and formally thanked Cllr Reilly for his service as Chair. Councillor Andrews commended the manner in which Cllr Reilly had carried out the role over the previous twelve months and expressed appreciation for his contribution to the work of the PCSP.

Policing Committee Business

6 District Commander's Report – May 2026

Read: District Commander's Report – Period 1 (copy circulated)

Superintendent Lynne Corbett thanked members for accommodating the revised meeting arrangements and acknowledged the support provided by the Cllr Henry Reilly during his term as Chair of Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP.

Presenting the PSNI report, Superintendent Corbett advised that reported crime had increased slightly during the reporting period. However, criminal justice outcomes had also improved, providing reassurance that victims of crime were continuing to receive positive outcomes through the criminal justice process.

ASB

Superintendent Corbett advised the committee that anti-social behaviour levels remained lower than expected for the time of year, although noted that increases were anticipated during the summer months. Particular concerns relating to King's Lane, Warrenpoint, were highlighted and members were informed that the Neighbourhood Policing Team covering this area had opened a problem-solving folder and were actively working with partner agencies to address the issues identified. Superintendent Corbett advised that officers in Newry, Mourne and Down were continuing to deliver preventative and educational work in schools and youth settings in partnership with PCSP to reduce anti-social behaviour throughout the district.

Domestic Violence

An increase in reports of domestic abuse was also noted. Superintendent Corbett advised that this was accompanied by a corresponding increase in criminal justice outcomes and reflected growing public confidence in reporting incidents and accessing support services. Superintendent Corbett noted the importance of

partnership working in this area, including ongoing initiatives aimed at addressing violence against women and girls delivered by Council and other agencies.

Superintendent Corbett also provided an update on the One-Stop Shop initiative operating in Newry, Downpatrick and Crossmaglen. She advised attendance figures had increased from nine individuals in April to thirteen in May, demonstrating growing awareness and uptake of the service and highlighting the value of coordinated multi-agency support for victims and vulnerable individuals.

Road Safety

Superintendent Corbett advised that road safety remains a key district priority for PSNI in Newry Mourne and Down. She noted with regret the death of a 24-year-old woman in a road traffic collision in the Kilkeel area during the reporting period. Superintendent Corbett then outlined ongoing enforcement activity, including speed detection operations, drink-driving enforcement and action against uninsured and disqualified drivers. She noted educational programmes and road safety awareness initiatives which continue to be delivered across the district in partnership with local schools and the PCSP, including a recent Kids Court in Annalong Primary School, and a Ladies Car Night in Camlough.

Drugs

Superintendent Corbett then provided the Committee with an update regarding enforcement activity relating to drugs and organised crime. She noted in April, Newry, Mourne and Down PSNI officers had a Class A drug seizure valued at approximately £1.4 million in the Warrenpoint area. Members were also advised that the district recorded the highest number of drug seizures in Northern Ireland during the previous financial year and that 247 drug-related arrests had been made during the same period. Superintendent Corbett advised that despite ongoing resource pressures within PSNI, proactive policing activity in this area continues.

Significant Incidents

Members were informed of ongoing investigations into a series of vehicle thefts affecting rural areas, particularly South Armagh. Superintendent Corbett advised an arrest had been made following an incident involving a stolen vehicle that later collided with a school bus and that enquiries into this remain ongoing.

Assault on Police

Superintendent Corbett acknowledged the continuing concern regarding assaults on Police officers carrying out their duties, with 17 assaults on police officers in Newry, Mourne and Down recorded during the reporting period. Superintendent Corbett noted that while no serious injuries had been sustained, this was still an alarming figure.

Superintendent Corbett also commented on a significant incident during the reporting period involving a male who threatened police officers with a sword and discharged a crossbow at officers on 19 April in the Kilkeel area. Superintendent Corbett advised the individual was subsequently arrested and remained in custody on charges including attempted murder, making threats to kill, and possession of an offensive weapon and also noted that the incident remains under review.

Superintendent Corbett also referred to the recent attack on Dunmurry Police Station and noted that, together with the attack on Lurgan Police Station earlier in the year, it demonstrated an ongoing threat to PSNI personnel and infrastructure. As a result, policing resources had been redirected to heightened security measures during part of the reporting period, impacting some planned engagement activity and the deployment of Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs). However, Superintendent Corbett advised normal service delivery was now resuming.

This concluded the PSNI District Commander's Report.

PCSP Chair Cllr Henry Reilly thanked PSNI for the report and acknowledged the significant volume and complexity of work undertaken by officers across the district. Particular recognition was given to the management of the crossbow incident, the operation of the One Stop Shop initiative, ongoing drugs enforcement activity, and the multi-agency response to recent mountain fires. Concerns were also raised by Cllr Reilly regarding severe parking issues at tourist hotspots, particularly at the Bloody Bridge area of Newcastle, where poorly parked vehicles were causing disruption and creating potential access issues for local residents and emergency services.

The PCSP Chair then opened the floor to members for questions or comment on the District Commanders report.

Cllr Oonagh Hanlon welcomed the continued success of the One Stop Shop initiative, noting that while the level of demand was concerning, it was encouraging that vulnerable individuals were accessing support services they may not otherwise have engaged with. She also requested consideration be given to deploying the mobile SID unit in Ballyalton, where residents continue to express concern about speeding traffic, particularly during the summer months. In addition, she highlighted growing concerns regarding the use of e-scooters in Downpatrick and other public spaces, describing their use as a significant safety concern for pedestrians and young children.

In response, Chief Inspector Corbett acknowledged the increasing challenges associated with e-scooters and advised that PSNI is actively examining enforcement options while seeking to balance public safety concerns against the risk of unnecessarily criminalising young people. Inspector Darren Hardy confirmed that Ballyalton would be prioritised for future deployment of the mobile SID unit.

Councillor Jill Truesdale echoed concerns regarding speeding and road safety, noting the increase in road fatalities across Northern Ireland. She also highlighted ongoing parking problems in coastal areas, particularly at Bloody Bridge, and sought clarification on whether additional enforcement activity could be undertaken, including the potential involvement of parking enforcement officers. Cllr Truesdale also raised questions regarding public drinking powers available to Councils, communications between PSNI and Translink regarding antisocial behaviour on public transport, and educational initiatives relating to non-fatal strangulation.

Superintendent Corbett confirmed that PSNI is aware of the recurring parking issues at Bloody Bridge and that increased police patrols would continue where resources

permit. She emphasised, however, that a longer-term solution would require partnership working with the Department for Infrastructure and the Council. Regarding Translink, she advised that information-sharing arrangements operate on a case-by-case basis, with incidents reported through normal policing channels when required.

On the issue of non-fatal strangulation, members were advised that PSNI continues to see increasing reports linked to domestic abuse investigations. Superintendent Corbett confirmed educational work is being delivered through schools and youth engagement programmes with Council to promote awareness of healthy relationships, although noted that further work remains necessary both locally and regionally to address the issue effectively.

Cllr Kate Murphy then raised concerns regarding a vehicle with Southern registration plates that had been parked behind Newry Bus Station since January. She advised that local businesses, motorists and traffic wardens had expressed frustration at the lack of action to remove the vehicle, particularly given ongoing pressures on parking provision in the area. Inspector Joseph Tierney confirmed that a seven-day notice had been placed on the vehicle that day following a report from a traffic warden. He advised that, if unclaimed, the vehicle would be eligible for removal once the notice period had expired.

Michael Heaney then provided an update on work being undertaken by the Youth Justice Agency in relation to e-scooters and e-bikes. He advised that discussions are ongoing with PSNI regarding the development of a referral scheme for young people involved in the use of these vehicles. The proposed approach would focus on education and diversionary measures, recognising that many young people and parents are unaware that certain uses of e-scooters and e-bikes are unlawful. Mr Heaney noted that the initiative remains at an early stage of development and would provide an updates to the committee as the initiative progresses.

Louise Kennedy praised the ongoing work of the One Stop Shop initiative but highlighted concerns that some victims of domestic abuse and coercive control remain hesitant to access support due to fears around privacy and being recognised within their local community. Superintendent Lynne Corbett acknowledged the challenges associated with promoting the One Stop Shop while safeguarding confidentiality and agreed that further consideration could be given to strengthening public messaging around privacy and the range of alternative referral pathways available. Members were encouraged to continue signposting those in need of support to police and partner agencies.

Louise Kennedy also referred to legislative proposals currently progressing through the Northern Ireland Assembly relating to enhanced sentencing for attacks on emergency workers and tougher penalties for death by dangerous driving offences. Members noted these developments and their potential implications for community safety.

Discussion then took place regarding a forthcoming PSNI neighbourhood policing engagement event. Superintendent Corbett advised that PSNI leadership team in Newry Mourne and Down had recently considered the possibility of hosting a similar engagement event within the district to gather feedback from elected

representatives, PCSP members and local communities on future neighbourhood policing priorities. This was viewed as particularly important in light of anticipated increases in neighbourhood policing resources.

The PCSP Chair then sought an update on the recruitment of 49 additional police officers for the district, referred to at the previous PCSP & Policing Committee Meeting by Inspector Ruston. Superintendent Corbett confirmed that the full complement is expected to be in place by the end of September or early October. Members were advised that new recruits are currently progressing through a probationary support programme before being fully deployed. While acknowledging that some experienced officers will transfer to specialist departments, Chief Inspector Corbett expressed confidence that the overall resourcing position within the district would improve significantly by the autumn.

Andrew Kernaghan then queried whether a Church Watch scheme, similar to those operating elsewhere, existed within Newry Mourne and Down. Superintendent Corbett advised that while Neighbourhood Watch schemes continue to operate, there is currently no established Church Watch programme within the district. Shannon Creaney explained that insurance arrangements provided through the Department of Justice may limit the expansion of watch schemes beyond existing models. It was agreed that further information would be provided following the meeting and that opportunities for engagement with faith communities would continue to be explored.

Ms Creaney also referred members to information on the forthcoming launch of PSNI Connect, a new digital engagement platform being piloted in Newry, Mourne and Down and Lisburn and Castlereagh districts. Inspector Adam Ruston advised that the platform would facilitate direct communication between police and local communities, allowing users to receive tailored updates, participate in surveys and engage on issues relevant to their local area. Inspector Ruston confirmed the platform will also support the creation of specific interest groups, including those focused on rural crime and community safety initiatives. He advised the provisional launch date is 29 June, with a programme of awareness raising and stakeholder engagement planned in advance of rollout.

7 Mobile Speed Indicator Device Update

Inspector Ruston provided an update on the deployment of Mobile Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs). Members were advised that rollout had been delayed due to resource pressures arising from the security response following the attack on Dunmurry Police Station. Inspector Ruston confirmed deployment has now commenced across the district, including locations in Newry and Bryansford. Inspector Ruston also noted that future reports to the committee will provide more detailed information on data on usage, identified hotspots and the effectiveness of the devices in addressing speeding concerns.

The Chair Cllr Reilly expressed support for the initiative and noted that the mobile Speed Indicator Devices are likely to have a positive impact on road safety throughout the district.

The Chair also raised concerns regarding a static speed indicator unit on the approach to Kilkeel from the Annalong direction, which he noticed was out of

operation. Shannon Creaney advised that investigations from the supplier had identified a fault relating to the unit's power supply and solar panel system. Ms Creaney advised repair work is ongoing, and it is anticipated that the unit will be restored to full operation within the coming weeks.

8 Date of Next Meeting

Shannon Creaney advised members that the next meeting was confirmed for early August 2026 in Downpatrick, and that details of this meeting would be circulated in the coming weeks to allow members to plan accordingly.

The Chair, Councillor Henry Reilly, informed members that this would be his final meeting on the PCSP due to a change in committee appointments. He expressed his appreciation to PSNI, Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service, PCSP staff and partner agencies for their professionalism, commitment and the significant contributions they make to community safety across the district. He noted that he had greatly valued his time as a member of the Partnership.

Members thanked Councillor Reilly for his leadership and contribution during his tenure and wished him well in his new role.

Before the close of the meeting, Councillor Reilly sought an update on the recent mountain fires. Martin Healy advised that while the Fire and Rescue Service had experienced a particularly busy period, incidents of this nature are often linked to seasonal weather conditions. He noted that enforcement powers largely rest with other agencies, including the Department of Agriculture and PSNI, with the Fire and Rescue Service primarily responding to incidents as they arise. Despite significant damage in affected areas, he confirmed that emergency services had responded effectively.

The Chair requested that his thanks and appreciation be conveyed to Fire and Rescue Service personnel for their efforts during the incidents, acknowledging the risks faced by local residents and the dedication shown by emergency responders.

The meeting then concluded.

Report to:	Policing & Community Safety Partnership
Date of Meeting:	11 August 2026
Subject:	PCSP Officer Report – August 2026
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Shannon Creaney, Safer Communities and Good Relations Manager
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Shannon Creaney, Safer Communities and Good Relations Manager

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

For decision	☐	For noting only	☒
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1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	Purpose - To note the report. - To note the attached PCSP Officer Report.
1.2	Background The attached report provides Members with an update on the progress of the PCSP Action Plan since the previous PCSP meeting on 26 May 2026
2.0	Key issues
2.1	None.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	That the Committee:- - Note the report. - Note the attached PCSP Officer Report.
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Revenue All actions are budgeted for in the PCSP 2026/27 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 ☒
5.2	<i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i> Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, please complete the following:

	The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened ☐ The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation ☐
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 ☐ Consultation period will be 12 weeks ☐ Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) ☐ <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 ☐ No ☒ If yes, please complete the following: Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed ☐
7.0	Appendices
7.1	Appendix I: PCSP Officer Report – August 2026
8.0	Background Documents
8.1	None.

Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP Officer Report – August 2026

The purpose of this Report is to provide an update on key activities and progress since the last PCSP meeting on 26 May 2026.

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 Letter of Offer** – Council has now received the Letter of Offer from the Joint Committee in respect of PCSP funding for the 2026-27 financial year (1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027). Funding has been maintained at the same level as last year, with an operational budget of £407,990 and a Member Expenses budget of £12,500.
- **PCSP Staffing Update** – Jacki Urey remains as PCSP Officer covering Downpatrick, Rowallane, Slieve Croob and The Mournes DEA’s. Michelle Bell is now the PCSP Officer covering Crotlieve, Newry and Slieve Gullion DEA’s, as Kaitlyn Martin is now on Maternity Leave. Amy McKeown remains as the PCSP and Good Relations Finance and Monitoring Officer.

Overview of progress against PCSP Action Plan 2026/27

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 (May – August 2026)
PCSP Delivery	Organising the work of the PCSP through	PCSP Sub Groups (ASB, Bonfire and SID Sub Groups) have now been reconstituted following the reconstitution of the PCSP on 1 June 2024.

	appropriate structures and mechanisms	ASB Sub Group 1 met in Newry on the 3 June 2026 ASB Sub Group 2 met in Newcastle on the 2 June 2026 Bonfire Sub Group met in Newcastle on the 18 May 2026 and 22 June 2026
Raise awareness of PCSP	To evidence impact through increased awareness of the PCSP	Continued development of PCSP social media channels (including Facebook and Twitter). PCSP staff are now responsible for managing all social media channels. Social media continues to be key to communication with local communities and the general public. PCSP Officers have recently attended a series of events and meeting which have assisted with raising awareness of our work – these events have included attendance at Castlewellan Agricultural Show, the SET Respiratory Event in Downpatrick and a Community Development Workers meeting in Lislea. Feedback from these has been very positive and has therefore created new opportunities for partnership working.

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 (May – August 2026)
ASB	Develop a range diversionary youth & community engagement projects	Both of the ASB Sub Groups continue to work to the Action Plans for their respective areas. PCSP continue to work in partnership with partner agencies across the Council District to address ASB issues. PCSP staff are currently delivering a series of events and initiatives covering the summer period to tackle key ASB issues and hotspot areas for young people. Many of these events are taking place with support from our PCSP statutory partner agencies, such as the Summer Safety event in Castlewellan, Respect Community

		Kicks Programme in locations across Newry and Warrenpoint, and diversionary activities during the Fiddlers Green Festival in Rostrevor.
	Provision of a District-wide Community Safety Warden Scheme	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. 694 hours of Community Safety Warden patrols were provided from 15 May – 31 July 2026. A detailed report can be found in Appendix 1.
PCSP Small Grants	Provision of a small grants programme to increase the capacity of the community to address community safety issues	Applications for PCSP Small Grants Scheme Call 1 2026/27 opened on Monday 17 November 2025 and closed on Monday 12 January 2026. Applications were assessed in early March 2026. 36 applications were received and 31 applications have been approved, with a total of £60,402.50 awarded. These projects cover the period 1 May 2026 – 31 December 2026. A second Call 1.1 for applications to PCSP Small Grants opened on Monday 18 May and closed on Tuesday 22 June at 12 noon. Applications were assessed in June 2026, and a list of successful applicants will be shared with Members once Letters of Offer are issued to groups. These applications were for projects covering the period 1 September 2026 – 31 March 2027, therefore aiming to cover events over the Christmas and Halloween period. PCSP Staff continue to visit and support these groups throughout the duration of their PCSP Small Grant projects.
Theme	Aims & description	Key Activities in this Period (May - August 2026)
Drugs and Alcohol	To support the delivery of a range of programmes,	Officer attendance at SEDACT and SDACT meetings in this Period. Drug & Alcohol awareness talks by both ASCERT / Start360 and PSNI are also being organised in partnership with PCSP in secondary schools across the district. This includes a talk in May 2026 in Blackwater College on

	and develop a range of awareness raising campaigns	Vaping, Spice & Nitrous Oxide use. ASCERT were also in attendance at the PCSP "Summer Safety" Event in Castlewellan and delivered a talk on drugs and alcohol awareness to the young people in attendance. A number of drugs and alcohol awareness talks, including the Theresa Burke talk are in planning stages for delivery in schools, colleges and youth groups throughout the district in Autumn 2026.
	To support the development of the RAPID Bin initiative across the NMDDC area	A total of 20 RAPID Bins are installed across the District. An update on the most recent collections from the RAPID Bins will be provided at the Partnership meeting. PCSP have created and printed a number of leaflets to promote the RAPID scheme in our district, which are distributed at various events and talks.
Domestic Crime / Abuse and Sexual Violence	To support the delivery of a range of programmes, and develop a range of awareness raising campaigns	Officer attendance at the Down Subgroup of the South Eastern Domestic & Sexual Violence Partnership and the Southern Area Domestic Violence Partnership. PCSP continue to support the new One Stop Shop initiative in both Downpatrick and Newry. PCSP are currently planning to support Women's Aid Armagh Down SAHRA Programme in schools across Newry and Mourne from September 2026. This project will provide support for Children and Young Person's in local schools who have been identified via the schools designated safeguarding teacher (or another member of staff) as requiring support following an operation encompass referral / domestic abuse incident.
Community Safety & Vulnerability	To develop and implement a range of community safety initiatives for vulnerable persons	PCSP Officers are attending Newcomer Stakeholder Forum meetings in Newry and Newcastle. PCSP continue to attend Age Friendly Strategic Alliance meetings and are continuing to support a number of initiatives with the councils Health Improvement worker (inequalities). PCSP, along with the PSNI Crime Prevention Officer recently delivered a series of safety and crime prevention talks to a number of vulnerable groups, including a women's newcomer group in Downpatrick,

		and women attending the "Our Safety" Event delivered in partnership with Women's Aid Armagh Down in Newry. Our next PCSP Community Safety and Wellbeing Event is scheduled to take place in Down Leisure Centre on 16 September 2026 from 10am – 12 noon.
	Newry, Mourne & Down Community Support Partnership	The Community Support Partnership continues to engage with a number of vulnerable adults; the most recent meeting took place on 12 June 2026. Since its formation in late 2019 the Partnership has provided dedicated support to 37 individuals. This support has included help to access a range of services (including mental health, addiction and general health services), assistance with housing issues and return to education, employment and volunteering opportunities.
Road Safety	To support and promote road safety initiatives	PCSP have continued to support Road Safe NI (Newry, Mourne and Down Committee) and have recently provided support for the development of road safety booklets to distribute to Key Stage 2 young people in our District. The Road Ahead Support Group continues to meet and offer support to families and individuals impacted by Road Traffic Collisions. 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 20 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. PCSP has recently supported and facilitated the NIFRS "Your Choice," presentation to those in attendance at the Community Safety and Wellbeing Event at Newry Leisure Centre on 6 March 2026. PCSP has also recently delivered a Ladies Car Maintenance programme "EmpowerHer" in partnership with Road Safe NI and our Council DEA Coordinators. This has been delivered in June 2026 in Hilltown and is planned for 26 August 2026 in Lislea. 1 local Nursey Schools was recently provided with the Kiddie Cut Out "No Parking," signs during this period to help with traffic congestion and pedestrian safety during their drop off and pick up times.

		PCSP have supported 2 successful Kids Court events in partnership with the PSNI Neighbourhood Teams in May 2026 in Annalong Primary School and St Columbans Primary School, Kilkeel. PCSP and PSNI recently held a Motorcycle Safety Event in Newcastle on 17 May 2026. PCSP also supported PSNI with a Bike Safety Event in Abbey Autoline Newry in June 2026. The PSNI Road Safe Roadshow is planned for Saintfield High Scholl in September 2026.
Fear of Crime, Burglary & Crime Prevention	To support communities to protect themselves and their property to reduce the fear of crime	The Home Secure Service remains open to referrals In Q1 (1 April – 1 July 2026) 57 referrals were received. The Social Alarm Scheme also remains operational. We are continuing to liaise with the PSNI to identity further beneficiaries for the Scheme (this is a targeted Scheme, aimed at high-risk individuals referred by the PSNI). Over 100 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.
	To develop a range of crime prevention interventions (including rural crime)	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 Scam talks with the Crime Prevention Officer to groups at Ballynahinch Methodist Church, Teconnaught Tuesday Club and Breastmates group in Newry. Our next Trailer Marking Events are scheduled for Murlough (August) and Hilltown (September). Flyers to promote these events including dates/times will be available on PCSP social media channels.
	To promote and develop the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme	There are currently 60 NHW Coordinators in Newry, Mourne and Down who cover 54 active and fully accredited Neighbourhood Watch Schemes across the District.

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

Theme	Aims & description	Key Activities in this Period (May - August 2026)
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	PCSP are working with the PSNI Neighbourhood Teams to deliver a series of engagement events with young people in local youth and community centres. So far these type of events have taken place with groups in Castlewellan, Newry, Ballynahinch and Kilkeel. A number of "Pizza with the Peelers" style events for young people are being scheduled throughout August and September, with the next event taking place with a youth group from Newcastle. In addition, "Coffee with the Cops" style events are also being scheduled for the Autumn, with the next event scheduled for the Annalong area in September. A number of PCSP Small Grants Projects also include events / programmes with PSNI Neighbourhood Police Teams attending. PCSP are supporting PSNI with the roll out of their "PSNI Connect" App, which Launched in June, and have recently attended a launch event for this app in Downpatrick.

		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. The vehicle is being utilised over the summer period at agricultural shows and at various summer schemes during June/July/August, which is when the vehicle remains the most in demand.
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Summary of Community Safety Wardens Reports: 15th May - 31 July 2026

	No. Incidents attended	No. Incidents reported to PSNI	Total Hours Patrolled
Downpatrick	21	0	190
Newcastle	20	0	168
Newry	25	0	168
Warrenpoint	19	0	168
Total	85	0	694

Notes:

This reporting period covers the May and July Bank Holiday period.

Examples of Incidents Attended by Wardens:

Newry 16.05.2026 - During patrols in the area to the rear of the bus station, Wardens observed two individuals consuming alcohol while seated on a public bench. Wardens engaged with the individuals and requested that they leave the area. The request was complied with without incident, and the individuals moved on voluntarily. Wardens continued to patrol the area to provide reassurance and monitor for any further issues.

Downpatrick 23.05 2026 - During routine patrols in the Dunleath area, Wardens observed a group of young people congregating who were also vaping. The Wardens approached the group, engaged with them regarding their behaviour and encouraged them to disperse from the location. Following this intervention, the group left the area. Wardens subsequently conducted additional patrols in the vicinity to monitor the location and ensure that the group did not return.

Newcastle 30.05.2026 - During patrols, Wardens observed a group of young people congregating in the vicinity of the tennis courts and engaging in low-level anti-social behaviour. Upon noticing the Wardens' presence, the group dispersed from the area without the need for further intervention. Wardens continued to monitor the location as part of their routine patrols to provide reassurance to park users and maintain a visible presence.

Newry 05.06.2026 - During patrols in the town centre, including the Sugar Island area and the vicinity of licensed premises, Wardens observed two individuals involved in a verbal disagreement outside one of the local pubs. Wardens monitored the situation to assess any potential risk and provide a visible presence. The individuals subsequently dispersed from the area of their own accord, and no further issues were observed. Wardens continued patrols in the vicinity to help maintain a safe environment.

Warrenpoint 06.06.2026 - During patrols in the vicinity of The Duke Bar, Wardens observed a small group of individuals who appeared to be intoxicated congregating outside the premises. Wardens maintained a visible presence and monitored the situation to ensure there was no escalation in behaviour or disturbance to the surrounding area. The individuals subsequently arranged transport, departed by taxi, and no further issues were reported.

Newry 19.06.2026 - During patrols from the Meadow area to the Leisure Centre, Wardens observed a group of young people on e-scooters. Wardens maintained a visible presence in the area, monitored the activity, and engaged with the individuals where appropriate to promote safe and responsible behaviour near the footpaths and roads.

Newcastle 26.06.2026 - During patrols at Donard Park, Wardens observed that the area was busy with a number of newly qualified ("R") drivers gathered and parked within the vicinity. No evidence of dangerous driving, racing, or anti-social vehicle-related activity was observed at the time. Wardens continued to monitor the location as part of their routine patrols and maintained a visible presence in the area.

Downpatrick 04.07.2026 - During patrols in the vicinity of the St Patrick Centre and the Bus Station, Wardens observed a group of young people travelling on e-scooters on the road. The Wardens engaged with the group, provided appropriate advice regarding road safety and responsible use of e-scooters, and monitored the area to help ensure the safety of both the young people involved and other road users.

Warrenpoint 04.07.2026 - During patrols at Clonallen Park, Wardens observed a group of young people riding on bikes and scooters and engaging in minor nuisance behaviour within the area. Wardens maintained a visible presence, monitored the activity, and engaged with the young people as appropriate. No significant incidents were reported, and the group subsequently moved on without the need for further intervention

Newcastle 25.07.2026 - During patrols at Island Park, Wardens encountered a group of young people who were behaving in a disruptive and rowdy manner and were observed vaping. Wardens engaged with the group, addressed the behaviour and encouraged them to leave the area. Following continued engagement, the group dispersed, and Wardens maintained patrols in the vicinity to provide reassurance and monitor for any further issues.

Table Showing Data collected from SIDs 19 May 2026 - 4 August 2026

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	35	50.8	14.4	0	3.66	5:00 AM
Ardglass	35	36.5	12.6	13	5.86	4:00 AM
Ballynahinch	32	25.0	4.9	0	8.14	5:00 AM
Burren	41	78.6	46.0	27	No Reduction	9:00 AM
Camlough	-	-	-	-	-	-
Castlewellan	34	36.8	8.8	0	8.96	6:00 AM
Clough	35	42.7	13.5	7	5.0	4:00 AM
Crossmaglen	41	63.0	37.9	2	4.37	5:00 AM
Culloville*	42	18.6	4.8	0	3.42	5:00 AM
Darragh Cross*	41	17.6	4.6	6	4.44	3:00 AM
Downpatrick*	41	16.8	4.3	96	11.94	1:00 AM
Dundrum	37	48.8	19.1	195	4.83	5:00 AM
Kilcoo	40	71.2	39.2	1	4.11	3:00 AM
Killeavy*	37	3.3	0.5	0	5.16	6:00 AM
Kilkeel	36	47.6	16.8	25	No Reduction	4:00 AM
Killough	33	35.0	6.0	0	3.1	8:00 PM
Killyleagh	38	61.9	26.1	2	5.0	6:00 AM
Leitrim	33	33.1	6.4	0	17.5	7:00 AM
Mayobridge	38	64.6	25.8	0	3.03	6:00 AM
Meigh	41	64.3	37.2	18	14.84	6:00 AM
Newcastle	31	17.2	5.6	0	6.92	5:00 AM

Newry (Camlough Road)	35	42.9	12.7	20	3.33	8:00 AM
Newry (Chancellors Road)*	39	8.6	2.0	5	0.6	8:00 AM
Newtownhamilton	43	72.7	46.6	14	4.0	5:00 PM
Rostrevor	42	61.3	37.2	133	6.06	5:00 AM
Saintfield	37	43.3	19.7	6	7.0	6:00 AM
Strangford	38	67.4	31.1	263	4.24	6:00 AM
Warrenpoint	36	54.0	18.0	7	1.93	5:00 PM

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.

Due to required Bluetooth updates, data from the repaired SID in Camlough could not be downloaded. A verbal update on the available data will be provided at the meeting.

Key trends from data

- The overall average percentile reduction in speed caused by SIDs was 5.46%
- On average, 18.58% 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 17.5% reduction in speed.

Report to:	Policing & Community Safety Partnership
Date of Meeting:	11 August 2026
Subject:	ASB Sub Group Report
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Shannon Creaney, Safer Communities and Good Relations Manager
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Shannon Creaney, Safer Communities and Good Relations Manager

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 1 meeting held on 3 June 2026 and ASB Sub Group 2 meeting held on 2 June 2026
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 26 May 2026
2.0	Key issues
2.1	None.
3.0	Recommendations
3.1	That the Committee- - Note the report. - Agree the attached Draft Action Sheets of the ASB Sub Group 1 meeting held on 3 June 2026 and ASB Sub Group 2 meeting held on 2 June 2026
4.0	Resource implications
4.1	Revenue All actions are budgeted for in the PCSP 2026/27 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 ☒
5.2	<i>Proposal relates to the introduction of a strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or sensitive or contentious decision</i> Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes, please complete the following:

	The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) has been equality screened	☐
	The policy (strategy, policy initiative or practice and / or decision) will be subject to equality screening prior to implementation	☐
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 Consultation period will be 12 weeks Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided) <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 ☐ No ☒ If yes, please complete the following: Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed	☐
7.0	Appendices	
7.1	Appendix I: Draft Action Sheet of ASB Sub Group 1 meeting held on 3 June 2026 Appendix II: Draft Action Sheet of ASB Sub Group 2 meeting held on 2 June 2026	
8.0	Background Documents	
8.1	None.	

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

Action Sheet of PCSP ASB Sub Group 1 Meeting held on 3rd June 2026 at 6PM in Newry & Mourne Enterprise Agency (WIN) Newry

Present:

Chairperson: Cllr Aidan Mathers

Elected Members: Cllr Aidan Mathers, Cllr David Taylor

Independent Members: Michelle Osborne, Andrea Barr

Statutory Partners: Gerard Kearney (NIFRS), Maureen O’Gorman (EA), Adam Rodgers (YJA)

Council Officials: Kaitlyn Martin

Apologies: Sgt Warren Roberts (PSNI), Sgt Scott McBride (PSNI), Sgt Cathy Macdonald (PSNI), Aisling Pyers (NIHE), Anne Sheridan

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 ASB Sub Group 1 Chair and apologies were recorded as above. The Chair advised that PSNI had recently indicated that they would not be attending due to an operational matter, but updates had been provided to him for each area. Chair welcomed Andrea Barr to the meeting as a new Independent Member.	Members discussed need for PSNI representation at these ASB Sub group Meetings, as it was noted PSNI did not have a representative.
ASB/002	Agreement of ASB Sub Group 1 Action Sheet	Members agreed that the Action Sheet from previous meeting was accurate. Proposed: Cllr David Taylor Seconded: Michelle Osborne	Cllr Taylor asked for an update on the 'No Drinking Signage' to be updated in areas. PCSP to look into this ahead of the next meeting.
ASB/003	Update from Agencies	Update read by Chair & Kaitlyn Martin on behalf of PSNI.	PSNI: - Ongoing issue with E-scooters - PSNI have written to Newry schools to pass on PSNI correspondence to parents on use

		Update received from PCSP. Update received from NIFRS. Update received from YJA. Update Received from EA.	of E-Scooters. Cllr D Taylor proposed that this correspondence be sent to schools across the district. - Stoning of Translink vehicles becoming an ongoing issue – Cllr Mathers working with Community Associations, PSNI & Schools to address this. - Cllr Taylor noted concerns from Dungormley Community Association who asked for more engagement from PSNI in attending their multi-agency meetings. NIFRS: - Issues with stoning of fire service vehicles (as discussed). - Concern for Carnagat ongoing due to Bonfire’s etc. YJA: - Agreed to link with EA on delivering talks to parents & young people on E-scooters etc. - Noted a large number of young people from Newry coming into the agency - YJA providing parents information sessions. EA: - Large Focus on EVAWG
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			- Summer Safety work ongoing alongside PCSP - New provision started in Drumalane - Provision in Warrenpoint on Friday Nights
ASB/004	Current / Emerging Issues	- E-Scooters in Bessbrook & Newry City area. - Stoning of NIFRS & Translink vehicles. - Issues in Craigmore View, Newry. - Issues in Clanrye Avenue (Housing Executive temporary accommodation).	Ongoing issues to be discussed at next meeting.
ASB/005	Identification of Priority Areas for ASB Sub Group 1 Action Plan	As discussed during current/emerging issues item on agenda.	
ASB/006	Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 9 th September 2026	PCSP Officer to book venue and send upcoming meeting invitation to Members.
AOB		Kaityn Martin advised that she will be finishing for Maternity leave soon & that correspondence ahead of the next meeting will be communicated by the new officer in post or the PCSP Manager.	

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

Action Sheet of PCSP ASB Sub Group 2 Meeting
held on Tuesday 2 June 2026 at 7PM in The Burrendale Hotel, Newcastle

Present:

- Chairperson:** Cllr Oonagh Hanlon
- Elected Members:** Cllr Jill Truesdale
- Independent Members:** William Slater, Roy Edwards
- Statutory Partners:** Inspector Hardy (PSNI), Inspector Heatley (PSNI), Bernadette McDowell (YJA), Martin Healy (NIFRS)
- Council Officials:** Jacqueline Urey (NMDDC)
- Apologies:** Sergeant Gracey (PSNI), Maureen O’Gorman (EA), Louise Kennedy (Indp)

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. New Independent member, Roy Edwards was welcomed and introduced to members.	

ASB/002	Adoption of previous Action Sheet	Action Sheet agreed. Proposed by William Slater and seconded by Cllr Hanlon	
ASB/003	Update of Outstanding Actions from last meeting	All previous actions completed	
ASB/004	Current / Emerging Issues / For Noting	For noting - discussion over PSNI stats and general ASB. 1. Electric Scooters – increase in issues, parents not knowing the laws 2. Newcastle homeless 3. Ballynahinch – Dromore St smashed windows (PSNI have apprehended suspect) 4. Murlough & Bloody Bridge (littering, BBQs, parking, school leaver parties) 5. Social Housing issues – Neighbour ASB complaints 6. Donard Car Park – marginally improved but still problematic	All members - PSNI request all members to encourage reporting via 101 5. Cllr Hanlon to investigate possibility of Downpatrick Interagency Meeting re social housing issues – ASB/Fire safety etc

ASB/005	PCSP ASB SG 2 Action Plan	Members focussed on the following, while remaining flexible in response. • Ballynahinch • Castlewellan • Downpatrick • Kilkeel • Newcastle No further areas added. PCSP Officer will continue to update Action Plan with PCSP and Statutory Agency interventions	J Urey to email members with PCSP 2026/2027 Call 1 financial assistance ASB interventions J Urey to begin populating 2026-2027 ASB Action Plan on the ongoing identified areas with PCSP FA ASB interventions
ASB/006	Updates from Agencies	Update received from PSNI – review of ASB stats and update regarding service wide approach on E-Scooters. Update received from PCSP – update on recent and upcoming initiatives and events Written update received from EA – update given on EA provision and recent Inspection Update received from YJA – update on current service activities	J Urey to email members with EA Inspection report (actioned 03/06/2026)

		NIFRS – general update on recent activities. Attacks on Fire Service personnel have reduced. Lithium batteries fires and education of same remain a priority For noting: J Urey to promote availability of NIFRS educational visits to community groups, which may be delivered alongside PSNI LNPT e-scooter safety engagements as part of a coordinated community safety approach	
ASB/009	Date of Next Meeting	Members agreed to remain at quarterly meetings, at 7pm in The Burrendale Hotel Date of next meeting: Tuesday 1 September 2026 at 7pm, Burrendale Hotel, Newcastle	J Urey to book venue and email members with PCSP ASB SG 2 2026/2027 meeting dates J Urey to schedule PCSP ASB SG 2 2026/2027 meeting dates in Council Diary (actioned 03/06/2026)

Meeting concluded at 7:49PM