

Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend the Policing and Community Safety Partnership meeting to be held on **Tuesday, 26th September 2023** at **6:00 pm** in **Microsoft Teams & Downshire Civic Centre**.

Agenda

1.0 Welcome, Chairperson's Remarks and Apologies

2.0 Declarations of Interest

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5.0 Presentation on PCSP Contracted Services

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Representatives from each service will be attending

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9.0 Date of Next Meeting

6pm on 28 November 2023 (Council Chamber, Downshire Civic Centre, Downpatrick and online via Microsoft Teams)

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 25 July 2023 at 6.00pm in the Downshire Chamber, Downpatrick and remotely via MS Teams

In attendance in Chamber:

Councillor T Andrews, NMDDC
 Councillor O Hanlon, NMDDC (Chair)
 Councillor C Galbraith, NMDDC
 Councillor R Howell, NMDDC
 Councillor D Murphy, NMDDC
 Councillor A Mathers, NMDDC
 Councillor H Reilly, NMDDC
 Councillor J Truesdale, NMDDC
 Inspector Darren Hardy, PSNI
 Sergeant Ryan Duffy, PSNI
 John Allen, PCSP Independent Member
 Audrey Byrne, PCSP Independent Member
 Dan McEvoy, PCSP Independent Member
 Roisin Leckey, PBNI

In attendance via Teams:

Councillor M Savage, NMDDC
 Councillor D Taylor, NMDDC
 Superintendent Norman Haslett, PSNI
 Chief Inspector Lynne Corbett, PSNI
 Chief Inspector Peter Stevenson, PSNI
 Inspector Kelly Gibson, PSNI
 Inspector Sheila Loughran, PSNI
 Inspector Adam Corner, PSNI
 David Vint, PCSP Independent Member
 Tara Campbell, PCSP Independent Member
 Michelle Osborne, PCSP Independent Member
 Liam Gunn, NIHE
 James McIntyre, Department of Justice NI

Officials in attendance in Chamber:

Alison Robb, Assistant Director, NMDDC
 Judith Thompson, PCSP Officer
 Jacqueline Urey, PCSP Officer
 Shane McGivern, Safer Communities & Good Relations Officer

Officials in attendance via Teams:

Martina Flynn, Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager, NMDDC
 Damien Brannigan, Head of Engagement, NMDDC
 Kerri Morrow, DEA Co-Ordinator Newry, NMDDC

1 Welcome, Chairperson's Remarks and Apologies

Councillor Hanlon welcomed all to the first meeting of the Partnership since the Local Government Election in May. Apologies were received from Michael Heaney YJA, Donna Weir EANI, and Aidan McCabe SHSCT.

Councillor Hanlon noted that there are some returning Councillors to the PCSP Partnership and acknowledged and welcomed the new Councillors who have joined the Partnership.

Councillor Hanlon advised that Chris McLoughlin will be attending on behalf of the NIFRS following the recent retirement of Rod O'Hare. Rod O'Hare's contribution to the Partnership over the past number of years was acknowledged.

James McIntyre was welcomed from the Department of Justice NI who was attending as an observer.

Councillor Hanlon noted that there is a wide and varied programme of PCSP events during the Summer months and the schedule has been previously distributed to members. Councillor Hanlon encouraged Members where possible to support the work that Officers are doing.

Councillor Hanlon welcomed new Council staff Jacqueline Urey, PCSP Officer for Mournes DEA and Shane McGivern, Safer Communities and Good Relations Officer.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3 Draft Minutes of PCSP & Policing Committee Meeting dated 28 March 2023

Read: Minutes of PCSP & Policing Committee Meeting held on 28 March 2023 (copy circulated).

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Andrews, seconded by Dan McEvoy it was agreed to approve the Minutes of the Policing Committee and PCSP Meeting held on 28 March 2023 as a true and accurate record.

4 Matters Arising

Mrs Flynn advised that there was one outstanding action from the previous meeting which was an update from the PSNI on the South Armagh Policing Review. The update has been

received from Superintendent Haslett and will be distributed to members following this meeting.

5 District Commander's Report – Period 1

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

Superintendent Haslett welcomed the re-elected and newly elected Councillors, staff and the newly appointed Chairperson and noted that he looks forward to working together in the coming months and years.

Superintendent Haslett presented the District Commander's Report and highlighted the following points:

General

- Victim Updates- 99% of all victims of crime within the District have been updated within the 10day target, there are currently no outstanding victim updates.
- Engagement from Neighbourhood Teams during Spring/ Summer months has been somewhat curtailed due to budget constraints. Backfill for Local Response Teams has had to be undertaken by the Local Neighbourhood Police Officers and District Support Team Officers.
- Newry, 20th and 23rd June: Officers attended Rathore School with the Mobile Engagement Unit and delivered talks on internet safety and anti-social behaviour.
- Downpatrick, 10th and 11th June: Local Neighbourhood Team alongside the Crime Prevention Officer and PCSP staff delivered a trailer and bike marking event.
- Rowallane and Slieve Croob: Officers took part in multi-agency pop up events working with partners in the statutory, community and voluntary sector engaging with local people in Ballynahinch and Saintfield on 21st April and Crossgar and Killyleagh on 28th April.
- Mourne: Kids Court held on 20th June with Roads Policing and PCSP at Annalong Primary and Nursery School.
- Crotlieve: on 15th June officers participated in the Dromore Road Primary School Fun Day with the mobile engagement unit deployed.
- Slieve Gullion: on 22nd June officers attended St Joseph's Primary in Meigh to discuss summer safeguarding and held a planning meeting with the Deputy Principal. On 9th June, officers attended pop-up crime prevention events with PCSP staff at Casey's shop in Crossmaglen and Murray's shop in Cullyhanna.
- Social Media: The PSNI has several specially trained social media officers across the District. There are almost 80,000 followers on Facebook and 8,500 followers on Twitter.

Hate Crime

- There has been an increase in hate crimes in May and a slight drop in June. In the financial year to date, there has been a 4% decrease in hate crimes and a 12%

increase in hate incidents (up by 7%). The main crimes are related to sectarian hates crimes, followed by racial hate crimes, followed by crimes related to sexual orientation. There are no repeat locations of note across the District.

ASB

- Between 1st April 2022 and 30th June 2023 ASB increased across the District by 1.6%. This was slightly elevated in June following lower levels in May. Fridays and Saturdays between 7pm and 2am appear to be the hotspot times. Officers have recently dealt with issues in Newry, Newcastle, Warrenpoint, Downpatrick and Bessbrook.
- Rowallane and Slieve Croob NPT are dealing with ASB at Castlewellan Forest Park, ASB in this area has increased since May. Meetings have been held with PCSP, Council, Education Authority and Council's DEA Co-Ordinator and arrangements are in place to improve confidence in reporting to the police with an increase in patrols from Neighbourhood and Local Policing Teams.

Domestic Abuse

- This financial year there has been a 19% reduction (113 less crimes) in domestic motivated crimes. Domestic motivated incidents and crimes are on a downward trend. 33% of violence against the person crime in the district is domestic violence related. Violence against women and girls has decreased by 24% from the previous financial year to date. Stranger and intimate partner violence has reduced but family violence has increased by 3%.
- Last year across Northern Ireland, Newry, Mourne and Down District had the highest increase in domestic motivated reporting of crime to the police. It is believed that this is the result of greater confidence from domestic abuse victims reporting incidents to the PSNI and other charities such as Women's Aid and the Men's Advisory Project.
- In addition, new legislation in relation to controlling and coercive behaviour and stalking offences has now come into effect in Northern Ireland and will impact on these figures. As of 26 June this year, non-fatal strangulation has become a stand-alone offence.
- Inspector Kelly Gibson has been appointed the PSNI Lead for domestic violence related crimes in the district. PSNI have a close working relationship with Women's Aid. PSNI are attempting to get funding to co-locate a Women's Aid worker in Ardmore Police Station. Avenues are also being explored to enhance joint training between PSNI with Women's Aid.
- Operation Encompass: In the current financial year to date, police have attended 677 domestic incidents where the Op Encompass criteria has been met, 1272 children have been referred. There has been favourable anecdotal feedback on the scheme from school principals across the District.

Road Safety

- There has been one fatality this financial year to date, a 25 year male died on the Ballyhornan Road in Downpatrick on 29th May.

- Education and enforcement events included an operation on 24th May when officers conducted a close pass operation with plain clothes officers on bicycles supported by police motorcyclists. Several drivers were detected and reported for road traffic offences.
- The latest data from the Speed Indicator Devices is being used on a daily basis to inform patrols to detect speed. This data has been augmented by a report from PSNI data analysts looking at locations of road traffic collisions which cause death or serious injury to determine hotspot locations and times.
- During this reporting period, 71 drivers were arrested for drink/drug driving and 128 drivers were detected with no insurance.

Drugs

- There has been a 2.8% increase in drug related offences in this financial year to date. Focus has been on the continued use of vehicle stops and stop and search powers where appropriate, education and enforcement, proactivity around local hotspots and engagement with the community around the impact and harm caused by drugs in the District.
- From April 22 to March 23 there were 216 arrests (increase of 14 since the previous period).
- In the current rolling year, 762 seizures of drugs have been made, with a number of successes in locating cannabis factories.

Crime

- From the previous financial year to date there has been an overall reduction of crime across the District by 7%. There have been some increases in violence against the person which have occurred at a number of hotspots.
- There has been an increase in commercial burglaries involving organised crime groups, residential burglaries remain below average levels and shoplifting has increased. An operation is ongoing with the Local Neighbourhood Team in Newry sponsored by Newry BID as a dedicated resource.

South Armagh Policing Review

- Implementation of the Review is ongoing. Of the 48 recommendations in the review, 36 (75%) have been concluded. PSNI have met with the recently established Independent Advisory Group which has met 3 times to date.
- PSNI are looking to enhance cross border capabilities with An Garda Síochána; *renovation work at Newtownhamilton Police Station is due to commence in August.*

PSNI Budget Cuts

- Superintendent Haslett discussed the impact of budget cuts and the current financial crisis on policing in the Newry, Mourne and Down District.
- Since the start of the year, the PSNI have attested 97 new recruits, however this has been offset by almost 180 officers leaving the service mostly through retirement. PSNI have slowed or paused recruitment and tightened control of future internal promotion processes and as a result the service will shrink over the next three years.
- Last year, police officer numbers were reduced to 6,669 which is the lowest number of police officers in the service since the formation of the PSNI in 2001.
- It is expected that officer numbers will fall to 6,358 by March 2024 with the possibility that by April 2025, the service will drop below 6,000 officers. This is significantly less than the Government commitment in the New Decade, New Approach of growing police officer numbers in Northern Ireland to 7,500. It is also considerably less than the vision in the Patton Report published in 1999.
- The PSNI draft resource plan was presented to Policing Board Resources Committee last month, the police budget for the current financial year has been reduced by 1.7%. Combined with the rising costs in pay awards the PSNI are facing a substantial funding gap of £107 million. As a result, the PSNI have introduced a range of cuts including reductions in recruitment, overtime and the full range of non-pay costs however even with these actions there is an unaddressed gap of £38 million.
- The Chief Constable has stated that it is difficult to see how further savings can be delivered in this financial year and costs cannot be cut any further to balance the budget.
- Recently the organisation undertook a Resource Allocation Management process which was designed to achieve savings by reducing posts with a number of departments affected. Operational Support lost 100 posts, Crime Operations lost around 100 Detectives and Local Policing lost 100 posts, 75 of these were identified in Neighbourhood Policing Teams posts.
- With the reduction of posts, the maintenance of the existing 8 Neighbourhood Teams in the NMD District has become unsustainable and impractical. The decision has been taken to re-align and consolidate the existing 8 teams into 5. The 3 Slieve Gullion teams will merge into 2 (Slieve Gullion North and South) with 1 Inspector, 3 Sergeants and 24 Constables (reduction of 6 as recommended in the South Armagh Policing Review). Newry City Neighbourhood Team will remain unchanged with 1 Inspector, 1 Sergeant and 10 Constables. Crotlieve and the Mournes Policing Teams will merge to form 1 team known as South Down Neighbourhood Policing Team working out of Newcastle with 1 Inspector, 2 Sergeants and 12 Constables. Downpatrick will merge with Rowallane and Slieve Croob to form East Down Neighbourhood Policing Team working out of Downpatrick with 1 Inspector, 2 Sergeants and 13 Constables.
- The proposed date of the changes is 1st October 2023, Superintendent Haslett noted that this is the current position but could not rule out further changes between now and October.

- The PSNI in NMD will be smaller, less visible, less accessible, and less responsive. Attendance times will deteriorate, non-emergency calls will take longer and investigations will slow down.

Discussion then took place with the following points raised:

Councillor Hanlon highlighted incidents on the Bonecastle Road in Downpatrick where several vehicles have crashed into a resident's wall, DFI will carry out an assessment at this section of the road and Councillor Hanlon asked that the police keep the area on their radar. Councillor Hanlon also highlighted speeding in Strangford and asked that police carry out speed checks. The recent bonfire in Bridge Street in Downpatrick was discussed, concerns had been raised about the materials used. Contractors were met with some hostility when removing the materials. Councillor Hanlon asked was there a way of engaging with local community groups to address concerns.

Inspector Haslett advised that information on the speeding concerns would be passed to Inspector Paddy Heatley (Lead for Road Safety) and Inspector Darren Hardy. With regards to the Downpatrick bonfire, the PSNI will continue to work with Council and the local community.

Councillor Mathers asked about the bank accounts of local residents being frozen as part of police investigations, and queried what the rationale is behind freezing the bank account of a minor who is related to others being investigated. Superintendent Haslett advised that he did not have knowledge of this specific incident but would seek an update in relation to this.

Councillor Murphy asked a question in relation to budget cuts and the concern around the issue of drugs and those who assist with the proceeds (such as bureau de exchanges). Superintendent Haslett stated that PSNI are improving cross border capabilities with An Garda Síochána, colleagues in Crime Operations, and other statutory agencies such as HMRC, Environmental Authority which PSNI work with on a daily basis. PSNI understand that there are organised crime groups working cross-border.

Councillor Murphy also highlighted an incident at Camlough Lake where a young person recently got into difficulty. NIFRS assisted in getting the person to safety but didn't have the right equipment and the local club's canoe had to be used in the rescue. Superintendent Haslett stated that there was a multi-agency response to this incident but that PSNI officers would not be equipped to go into a lake. NIFRS personnel may be able to advise further at a future meeting.

Councillor Taylor asked has there been any considerations given to the fact that the South Armagh Policing Review recommended an increased police visibility and how this will be affected by the PSNI budget cuts.

Councillor Taylor also asked about sickness levels and the impact of this on front facing policing. Councillor Taylor also asked was there a decrease in motivation of officers in light of the resource pressures.

Superintendent Haslett stated that the South Armagh Policing Review proposed a footprint of 1 Inspector, 3 Sergeants and 30 Constables but the authors of the Review acknowledged that this was excessive given current demands but was important that this level would go in initially to increase community confidence. The footprint is now 1 Inspector, 3 Sergeants and 24 Constables and it is believed that this team will have significant impact on community confidence. There is currently a 90-day review of the plans for Neighbourhood Policing and Councillor Taylor's comments will be fed back in respect of the South Armagh review.

In relation to sickness, there are currently 24 officers off on sick leave in the District with 6 on the path to ill health retirement.

In relation to motivation, Superintendent Haslett stated the vast majority of officers enjoy their work and know they have an important role in keeping the community in NMD safe. Chief Inspector Stevenson discussed the support mechanisms in place at every level around sickness absence and the PSNI ensure officers are brought back to work in an appropriate and timely fashion.

Mr. Vint commented on the rise in domestic abuse incidents. Mr Vint also proposed that the Partnership write a letter of concern around budget cuts to the Policing Board, this was seconded by Councillor Savage.

ACTION: M Flynn to draft a letter to the Policing Board re PSNI budget cuts

Superintendent Haslett clarified that domestic motivated crimes have decreased by 19% in the current financial year compared to this time last year. Last year the number of incidents of reported domestic violence crimes increased more in the NMD District than any other District in that year. It is believed there is a greater confidence in victims coming forward to report these crimes.

Inspector Gibson added that partnership initiatives are being developed between the PSNI and Women's Aid. A training plan has been put in place to deliver a refresher course in investigating domestic abuse and will look at new legislation such as non-fatal strangulation and stalking offences.

Councillor Howell noted recent incidents of ASB in Castlewellan and thanked local groups involved in trying to resolve the issue. Councillor Howell also noted local concerns about the July bonfire in Dundrum and the importance of reconvening the PCSP Bonfire Sub Group.

At the request of Councillor Howell Inspector Loughran agreed to speak with Councillor Michael Rice with regards to ASB issues in Kilkeel.

Councillor Andrews asked if there any plans to strengthen the numbers of part-time officers in the PSNI. Councillor Andrews also asked if there would there be any further funding available for Speed Indicator Devices.

Superintendent Haslett stated that there is currently 1 part time officer in the NMD District but there are no plans or budget to recruit part-time officers.

Mrs Flynn clarified that there is no further funding available for SIDs across the District.

Mrs Byrne raised the issue of the noise of cars at Donard Car Park in Newcastle at the weekends and how this might be addressed.

Superintendent Haslett acknowledged the issues at Donard Car Park have been ongoing for some time - however as this is Council property, it is a Council issue to resolve. Inspector Loughran added that the Roads Policing Unit attended the last car cruise on July 8th and 9th and issued a number of tickets.

Councillor Truesdale added that she has been working with Council Officers and PSNI and is hopeful of a solution being found using hard engineering in Donard Car Park. Councillor Truesdale asked how a school can express an interest in Kid's Courts and queried if there are mobile PCSP SIDs in the District.

Mrs. Flynn advised that Kid's Courts are carried out where speeding issues have been identified in the vicinity of a Primary School. PCSP staff will generally validate any requests with the NPT to ensure there are speeding concerns in the area, Mrs Flynn agreed have a discussion with the NPTs in relation to the schools discussed by Councillor Truesdale. Mrs. Flynn advised that there are currently no mobile PCSP SIDs in the District.

Mrs. Byrne enquired about CCTV monitoring of the Main Street in Newcastle as the cars drive up the Main Street and could CCTV help as a solution. Inspector Haslett advised that the issue of using CCTV would be what the offences are taking place at the time but advised he would come back to Mrs. Byrne on this.

Mr. McEvoy expressed concern at the PSNI budget cuts and the impact on confidence in policing. Mr McEvoy also advised that the Bridge Street and Mount Crescent community group in Downpatrick is no longer operational and noted the impact of this on this year's bonfire.

Councillor Reilly conveyed thanks on behalf of Councillor Lewis to the Partnership for support shown to him during his term as PCSP Chairperson. Councillor Reilly discussed speeding in Ballymartin Village and ASB in Hillside Drive, Kilkeel.

Councillor Savage raised the issue of speeding and accidents on the Longfield Road Mullaghbawn and asked if something could be done about this. Councillor Savage discussed drugs in Newry and the 32.3% year on year increase and asked if the successes in locating cannabis factories was intelligence led or due to the proliferation of these factories. He also noted that threatening graffiti had appeared on walls in the Lisgullion area of Newry.

Superintendent Haslett noted the concern of speeding on the Longfield Road and asked Sergeant Duffy to pass the details to the local Inspectors. Councillor Savage's concerns about the threatening graffiti will also be passed to the Newry NPT. On the issue of drugs, there is an increase of police pro-activity around these crimes and also there is an increase in drug availability. More people are coming forward with information on drugs and this is encouraged.

Councillor Hanlon asked where the funding came from for the SIDs and if further funding could be sought. Mrs. Flynn advised that funding came from the substantive PCSP budget funded through the Department of Justice and Policing Board. The most recent communique from the DOJ and Policing Board has been circulated to partners which indicates that a SID

will only now be considered in an exceptional case. Discussions are ongoing between the DOJ and DFI about a longer-term solution on SIDs. Inspector Hardy added that there is one PSNI Mobile SID for the Downpatrick area however there is a resourcing issue around towing it between locations.

On the issue of a potential Business Watch Scheme for the District, Superintendent Haslett asked Chief Inspector Corbett to follow up.

ACTION: Chief Inspector Corbett to follow up re: pilot Business Watch Scheme

6 PCSP Officer Report

Read: PCSP Officer Report (copy circulated)

Mrs. Flynn discussed the bonfire in Downpatrick. The bonfire takes place on Council property. Engagement around bonfires is something that Council considers all year round. With the Downpatrick bonfire Council faced a set of very challenging and unexpected circumstances and the safety of Council staff had to be considered in that context. While there was significant input from the PSNI in attempts to achieve a local resolution there was also significant input from Elected Members, Council Officers and an independent mediator. When re-establishing the Bonfire Sub Group, the role and purpose of the Sub Group will need to be carefully considered bearing in mind the responsibility of all of the partner agencies and their responsibilities as landowners.

The RAPID initiative continues to be very successful, almost 200,000 items of unwanted prescription medication has been disposed of to date.

Through Financial Assistance the PCSP has awarded over £85,000 to 45 local groups. Mrs. Flynn encouraged members to contact PCSP staff if they are interested in visiting the groups to see some of the work being done through the Financial Assistance projects.

The Policing Board will open their recruitment exercise on September 1st for new PCSP Independent Members and an engagement event is planned for late August in the Burrendale Hotel in Newcastle. There is an expectation that Elected Members will form a recruitment panel for the Independent Member interviews and training dates will be issued with a probable 2 days of interviews. Mrs. Flynn will contact Elected Members on this over the coming weeks.

Agreed: It was agreed the Committee:

- **Note the report**

7 PCSP Sub Group Report

Read: PCSP Sub Group Report (copy circulated)

Mrs Flynn advised Members that Terms of Reference have been amended for the ASB Sub Groups and the Bonfire Sub Group to reflect the new representation of the Elected Members on the PCSP. It is intended that all three Sub Groups meet in early September and that these take place in person probably in the evening time with a view to agreeing future dates and times at the first meeting.

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Savage, seconded by Councillor Andrews it was agreed the Committee:

- **Approve the Terms of Reference for the ASB Sub Group**
- **Approve the Terms of Reference for the Bonfire Sub Group**
- **Approval of engagement with Elected Members for nominations to the ASB and Bonfire Sub Groups.**

8 Date of Next Meeting

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

Mrs. Leckey added that there is a Probation Board open day being held in Thursday 21st September at 10am and this is open to all PCSP members to attend. The South Eastern Trust are holding training on technology/ domestic violence and abuse on Tuesday 26th September 9.30am- 1pm. Members can contact Mrs. Leckey if they are interested in attending.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.05pm.

ACTION SHEET- POLICING COMMITTEE AND PCSP – 25 JULY 2023

AGENDA ITEM	SUBJECT	DECISION	Lead officer	Actions Taken/Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
5	PSNI Budget Cuts	M Flynn to draft a letter to the Policing Board re PSNI budget cuts	M Flynn	Draft letter complete.	N
5	Pilot Business Watch Scheme	Chief Inspector Corbett to follow up re: pilot Business Watch Scheme	PSNI – Chief Inspector L Corbett	Update due from PSNI.	N

Report to:	Policing & Community Safety Partnership						
Date of Meeting:	26 September 2023						
Subject:	PCSP Officer Report – September 2023						
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Martina Flynn, Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager						
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Martina Flynn, Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager						
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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 25 July 2023.</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 2023/24 Action Plan</p> Capital <p>N/A</p>						
5.0	Equality and Good Relations implications						
5.1	No Equality of Opportunity or Good Relations adverse impact is anticipated. Should have a positive impact on Equality of Opportunity and Good Relations.						
6.0	Rural Proofing implications						
6.1	Due regard to rural needs has been considered.						
7.0	Appendices						
7.1	Appendix I: PCSP Officer Report – September 2023						
8.0	Background Documents						
8.1	None.						

Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP Officer Report – September 2023

Overview of progress against PCSP Action Plan 2023/24

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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 (August – September 2023)
PCSP Delivery	Organising the work of the PCSP through appropriate structures and mechanisms	<p>PCSP Sub Groups (ASB & Bonfire Sub Groups) have now been reconstituted following the nomination of new Elected Members to the PCSP.</p> <p>ASB Sub Group 1 met in Newry on 6 September 2023; ASB Sub Group 2 met in Newcastle on 5 September 2023.</p>
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>The Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager has been invited to present at the Scottish Community Safety Network conference in Glasgow on 1 November. This is an excellent opportunity to further profile the work of the PCSP.</p>

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 (August – September 2023)
ASB	Develop a range diversionary youth & community	<p>We continue to work in partnership with the Education Authority and other partners to support and develop locally sensitive diversionary programmes / interventions.</p> <p>Both ASB Sub Groups continue to work to the Action Plans for their respective areas.</p>

	engagement projects	<p>A number of diversionary projects and programmes took place over the Summer months. These included –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Kicks sports programmes across Newry City - Midnight Soccer programme in Castlewellan, July / August - Youth Drop-in events / initiatives in Newry, Ballynahinch, Crossgar, Killyleagh and Saintfield - Watersports programme, Rostrevor (Fiddler's Green Festival) - Summer Splash programme, Warrenpoint & Rostrevor <p>We continue to work in partnership with the Education Authority and other partners to support and develop locally sensitive diversionary programmes / interventions. We are also working with St. Oliver Plunkett Youth Club, Crossmaglen on the delivery of the IFA Stay Onside Programme (due to commence early October).</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>hours of Community Safety Warden patrols were provided between July 2023 and September 2023. 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	The PCSP Small Grants Scheme for 2023/24 opened on 13 March 2023 and closed on 17 April 2023. 47 applications were received – 45 applications were approved for funding (total value = £85,626). Information on successful projects has been issued to Members separately.
Theme	Aims & description	Key Activities in this Period (August – September 2023)

Drugs and Alcohol	<p>To support the delivery of a range of programmes, and develop a range of awareness raising campaigns</p>	<p>Officer attendance at SEDACT and SDACT meetings in this Period.</p> <p>We are currently working with Davina's Ark on a media project focusing on the issue of increased cannabis use in our local communities (completion date – Autumn 2023). We are also liaising with Theresa Burke re: a series of presentations to local schools and youth groups – details of these are as follows (school talks are closed sessions):</p> <p>Monday 18th September 2023 10:00 AM, St. Joseph's High School, Crossmaglen 7:00 PM, St. Mary's GAA Club, Burren</p> <p>Tuesday 19th September 2023 1:35 PM, Abbey Christian Brothers' Grammar School, Newry 7:30 PM, Shane O'Neill's GFC, Camlough</p> <p>Wednesday 20th September 2023 10:30 AM, St. Colman's College, Violet Hill Newry 1:30 PM, St. Joseph's Boys' High School, Newry 8:00 PM, Clonduff GAC, Hilltown</p> <p>Thursday 21st September 2023 4:00 PM, ADHD Hub, Newcastle 7:30 PM, Kingdom Youth Club, Kilkeel</p> <p>Friday 22nd September 2023 9:15AM, Blackwater Integrated College, Downpatrick 1:45 PM, Down High School, Downpatrick 7:30 PM, The Schomberg Society, Kilkeel</p>
	<p>To support the development of the RAPID Bin initiative across the NMDDC area</p>	<p>A total of 21 RAPID Bins have now been installed across the District.</p> <p>An update on the most recent collections from the RAPID Bins will be provided at the Partnership meeting on 26 September. Almost 50,000 items of prescription medication were recovered from local Bins in 2022/23.</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>Since 2022 the PCSP has provided support to Women’s Aid ArmaghDown towards the cost of their DASS Worker (Domestic Abuse Safety & Support Service Worker) based in Daisy Hill Hospital, Newry. Women’s Aid have now confirmed that a PCSP contribution is no longer required towards these salary costs as the SHSCT have agreed recurrent funding for the post.</p> <p>A Domestic Violence conference is being planned by the SEHCST and SHSCT for 24 November 2023 in the Burrendale Hotel, Newcastle (local Domestic Violence Fora are also involved in this event). The PCSP is contributing towards event costs.</p> <p>The PCSP is also contributing towards the cost of a conference being organised by Women’s Aid ArmaghDown to mark their 40th anniversary – this will take place in Newry on 28 February 2024. The keynote speakers are Jackson Katz and the Lady Chief Justice for NI, Dame Siobhan Keegan.</p> <p>An online awareness session for employees in close contact / wellbeing services is being planned for 21 November (time tbc) – this will be delivered by Women’s Aid ArmaghDown.</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. Personal safety / crime prevention talks were delivered to groups including the Clanrye Group (Newry) in this period.</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 next meeting will take place on 21 September 2023. Since its formation in late 2019 the Partnership has provided dedicated support to 32 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.</p> <p>We are moving to a remote data monitoring model for 15 of the Signs – this will result in a much more efficient information management system and allow for savings in both staff time and travel costs.</p> <p>The PCSP and PSNI attended a very successful Bike Safe event for motorbike users in Newcastle on 27 August; over 80 people attended.</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 (30 referrals were received in July & August 2023); 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 40 referrals (12 so far in 2023/24) have now been made to this Scheme and a number of arrests have been made at the homes of victims after alarms were triggered due to perpetrators arriving at the premises</p>
	To develop a range of crime prevention interventions (including rural crime)	<p>A number of Crime Prevention events have taken place across the District in partnership with NPTs and the PSNI Crime Prevention Officer. These have included events in Crossmaglen, Newcastle and Kilbroney Forest Park (bike marking).</p> <p>PCSP Officers and PSNI NPTs also attended local events including Lislea Community Fun Day and a Student Safety event in Buttercrane Shopping Centre, Newry. These are a very useful way to raise awareness of the PCSP and engage with local residents.</p>
	To promote and develop the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme	<p>There are currently 117 active and fully accredited NHW Schemes across the District, accounting for 138 NHW Co-Ordinators (some schemes are large and require 2 Co-Ordinators). PCSP Staff are currently working on the reaccreditation of all NHW Schemes (this happens every 4 years) – several Co-Ordinators have advised that they intend to step down from their role while no response has been received from approx. 30% of Co-</p>

	<p>Ordinators. We expect to see the number of NHW Schemes reduce by up to 40% across the District by the end of the reaccreditation process.</p>
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Strategic Priority 3: To improve Confidence in Policing through collaborative problem solving with communities.

Theme	Aims & description	Key Activities in this Period (August – September 2023)
Improve community confidence in policing	Advocate for policing and effectively monitor local police performance and progress of the local Policing Plan	<p>No public meetings in this period.</p> <p>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.</p>
	Support the engagement of the local community with the PSNI	<p>Community/police engagement is progressing well via planned events and other activities (as outlined above).</p> <p>The PSNI/PCSP Mobile Unit is proving very popular and plans are in place to ensure that it continues to be widely deployed across the District.</p>

Appendix 1

Summary of Community Safety Wardens Reports: 8th July – 15th September 2023

	No. Incidents attended	No. Incidents reported to PSNI	Total Hours Patrolled
Downpatrick	37	0	126
Newcastle	46	0	126
Newry	45	0	126
Warrenpoint	44	0	126
Total	172	0	504

Notes:

This reporting period covers the schools summer holiday period and Bank Holidays throughout July and August 2023.

Examples of Incidents Attended by Wardens:

Downpatrick 21.07.2023 – Wardens patrolling the town near the St Patrick's Centre see a large group of teenagers gathered at the rear of the bus station, drinking alcohol and smoking. Wardens approach the group and ask them to dispose of their alcohol, which they did.

Downpatrick 05.08.2023 – Wardens patrolling the Dunleath area come across two young teenagers racing on their electric scooters. Wardens approach the young teens and ask them to slow down, whilst reminding them of the dangers of using an electric scooter.

Downpatrick 09.09.2023 – Wardens by the Gallows and Marys Lane come across a group of teenagers drinking alcohol and vaping. Wardens ask the teenagers to dispose of their alcohol and move on from the area, which they did.

Newcastle 04.08.2023 – Wardens at Donard Car Park hear cars parked up revving their engines. Wardens approach the drivers and ask them to stop doing this in respect of those living nearby.

Newcastle 11.08.2023 – Wardens walk down to the Island Park and see a group of young children trying to retrieve an object from the middle of the pond. Wardens explain the dangers of this to the children and ask them to move away from the water in-case one of them falls in.

Newcastle 02.09.2023 – Wardens patrolling around the Public Toilets find a group of teenagers vaping and drinking alcohol. Wardens ask the group to dispose of their alcohol and move on from the area, which they did.

Newry 04.08.2023 – Wardens at Barcroft Park and the Pound Road see a group of teenagers vaping and playing loud music. Wardens ask the group to turn their music down in respect of those living nearby, which they did.

Newry 12.08.2023 – Wardens patrolling along Hill Street and up towards Sugar Island see two men who seem to be intoxicated having an argument. Wardens approach them and diffuse the situation to prevent a fight breaking out.

Newry 19.08.2023 – Wardens checking the Meadow area near the Leisure centre see two young males throwing stones at passing cars. Wardens approach the young males and explain how dangerous this is, before asking them to move on from the area.

Warrenpoint 14.07.2023 – Wardens patrolling Duke Street see two teenagers arguing outside the shop. Wardens approach the teenagers and calm the situation down, before sending them off in different directions.

Warrenpoint 12.08.2023 – Wardens come across two young children messing around and running out onto the road in-front of cars on the Main Street. Wardens approach the two children and explain to them the dangers of doing this, before asking them to stop and move away from the road.

Warrenpoint 09.09.2023 – Wardens patrolling Duke Street and around Bridle Loanan come across a group of teenagers drinking alcohol and playing loud music. Wardens approach the group and ask them to dispose of their alcohol and turn the music down in respect of those living nearby, which the group did.

Appendix 2

Table Showing Data collected from SIDs 6th July 2023 to 18th September 2023

Location of SID	% Speed violations over 30mph (*40mph)	% Speed violations over 35mph (*45mph)	No. speed violations over 70mph	Average % reduction in speed caused by SID
Annalong	61.8	24.0	38	4.19
Ardglass	42.1	15.8	21	5.66
Ballynahinch	26.2	4.9	0	5.92
Burren	69.7	37.7	20	No reduction
Camlough	79.2	54.2	416	14.59
Castlewellan	59.1	30.6	16	11.21
Clough	43.0	13.6	19	4.66
Crossmaglen	71.9	45.7	1	3.52
Cullovile*	48.7	20.7	11	2.5
Darragh Cross*	18.1	5.1	9	4.16
Downpatrick*	17.6	4.6	65	7.22
Dundrum	54.1	22.7	118	4.68
Kilcoo*	24.9	8.5	46	3.42
Killeavy*	5.5	1.1	0	6.12
Kilkeel	38.4	10.6	39	No reduction
Killough	39.3	10.2	1	3.44
Killyleagh	66.4	32.2	11	4.54
Leitrim	36.5	7.5	0	17.58
Mayobridge	65.3	26.2	0	3.75
Meigh	59.9	34.0	32	13.93
Newcastle	17.7	5.2	0	5.0
Newry (Camlough Road)	46.2	15.5	46	3.33
Newry (Chancellors Road)*	10.5	2.4	4	No reduction
Newtownhamilton	72.8	43.2	15	5.42
Rostrevor	59.8	34.0	106	14.54

Saintfield	48.1	24.3	11	7.74
Strangford	62.7	26.3	347	4.37
Warrenpoint	53.6	18.3	4	2.58

Notes:

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

7 new SID's have now been installed across the District. The new SID locations are in Annalong, Ballynahinch, Culloville, Killeavy, Killough, Leitrim, and Mayobridge. These signs have been active since the August 2023.

Key trends from data

- The overall average percentile reduction in speed caused by SIDs was 5.85%
- On average 20.68% of vehicles going past the SIDs were traveling over 35mph (*45mph).

Time:

- Rostrevor SID and Killeavy SID recorded the highest number of speeding offences around 5AM.
- Burren SID, Camlough SID, Castlewellan SID, Newcastle SID, Saintfield SID and Annalong SID recorded the highest number of speeding offences around 6AM.
- Meigh SID, Downpatrick SID, Kilcoo SID, Mayobridge SID and Ballynahinch SID recorded the highest number of speeding offences around 7AM.
- Crossmaglen SID, Newry (Camlough Road) SID, Warrenpoint SID and Dundrum SID recorded the highest number of speeding offences around 9AM.
- Kilkeel SID, Ardglass SID, Clough SID and Strangford SID recorded the highest number of speeding offences around 10AM.
- Culloville SID recorded the highest number of speeding offences around 12PM.
- Killyleagh SID and Leitrim SID recorded the highest number of speeding offences around 5PM.
- Newry (Chancellors Road) SID and Killough SID recorded the highest number of speeding offences around 6PM.
- Newtownhamilton SID and Darragh Cross SID recorded the highest number of speeding offences around 7PM.

85% of vehicles going past each SID were travelling at or around the following speeds:

- Annalong – 37MPH
- Ardglass - 36MPH
- Ballynahinch – 32MPH
- Burren – 40MPH
- Camlough – 46MPH

- Castlewellan – 39MPH
- Clough – 35MPH
- Crossmaglen – 43MPH
- Culloville* - 47MPH
- Darragh Cross* - 41MPH
- Downpatrick* - 41MPH
- Dundrum – 37MPH
- Kilcoo* - 43MPH
- Killeavy* - 37MPH
- Kilkeel – 34MPH
- Killough – 34MPH
- Killyleagh – 39MPH
- Leitrim – 34MPH
- Mayobridge – 38MPH
- Meigh – 40MPH
- Newcastle – 31MPH
- Newry (Camlough Road) – 36MPH
- Newry (Chancellors Road)* – 39MPH
- Newtownhamilton – 42MPH
- Rostrevor – 42MPH
- Saintfield – 39MPH
- Strangford- 38MPH
- Warrenpoint – 36MPH

Report to:	Policing & Community Safety Partnership				
Date of Meeting:	26 September 2023				
Subject:	ASB Sub Group Report				
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Martina Flynn, Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager				
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Martina Flynn, Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager				
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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 6 September 2023 and the ASB Sub Group 2 meeting held on 5 September 2023.				
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 25 July 2023.				
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 ASB Sub Group 1 held on 6 September 2023 and ASB Sub Group 2 held on 5 September 2023. 				
4.0	Resource implications				
4.1	Revenue All actions are budgeted for in the PCSP 2023/24 Action Plan Capital N/A				
5.0	Equality and Good Relations implications				
5.1	No Equality of Opportunity or Good Relations adverse impact is anticipated. Should have a positive impact on Equality of Opportunity and Good Relations.				
6.0	Rural Proofing implications				
6.1	Due regard to rural needs has been considered.				
7.0	Appendices				
7.1	Appendix I: Draft Action Sheet of ASB Sub Group 1 held 6 September 2023. Appendix II: Draft Action Sheet of ASB Sub Group 2 held on 5 September 2023.				
8.0	Background Documents				
8.1	None.				

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Action Sheet of PCSP ASB Sub Group 1 Meeting held on Wednesday 6th September 2023 at 7 PM in The Canal Court Hotel, Newry.

Present:**Chairperson:** Cllr Aidan Mathers**Elected Members:** Cllr Aidan Mathers, Cllr David Taylor, Cllr Michael Savage**Independent Members:** Michelle Osborne, David Vint**Statutory Partners:** Sgt Robin Blair (PSNI), Constable Gavin Grady (PSNI), Niall Fitzpatrick (NIHE), Chris McLoughlin (NIFRS).**Council Officials:** Martina Flynn, Shannon Creaney**Apologies:** Aiveen Kavanagh (YJA), Donna Weir (EA).

ITEM	SUBJECT	SUMMARY	FOR COMPLETION – including actions taken/date completed or progress to date if not yet completed.
ASB/001	Welcome and Apologies	All were welcomed to the meeting and apologies were recorded as above.	
ASB/002	Appointment of ASB Sub Group 1 Chair	Appointment of ASB Sub Group 1 Chairperson for 2023/24 Term	Cllr Aidan Mathers was appointed as Chair of ASB Sub Group 1 for the 2023/24 Term.

ASB/003	ASB Sub Group 1 Action Plan	<p>After lengthy discussion, members choose 3 priority areas to focus on for the ASB Sub Group 1 Action Plan.</p> <p>3 areas key areas confirmed as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newry City • Warrenpoint • Newtownhamilton 	S Creaney to compose new ASB Sub Group 1 Action Plan focusing on 3 new priority areas agreed by Sub Group.
ASB/004	Update from Agencies	<p>Update received from PSNI</p> <p>Update received from PCSP</p> <p>Update received from NIFRS</p> <p>Update received from NIHE</p>	<p>C McLoughlin (NIFRS) to share dates of "Your Choice" programme in schools with PCSP.</p> <p>Cllr Taylor requested that C McLoughlin include Newtownhamilton High School in NIFRS "Your Choice" programme.</p> <p>PCSP, NIFRS and PSNI to look at hosting a larger road safety event in schools, as members feel these events had great impact in the past.</p>
ASB/005	Current / Emerging Issues	<p>David Vint suggested that the ASB Sub Group work more closely with Newry BID.</p> <p>Discussion around the use of PSNI social media to promote events and neighbourhood engagement.</p>	<p>Eamon Connolly (Newry BID) to be invited to next ASB Sub Group 1 Meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Taylor suggested that Sgt Blair provide feedback to Inspectors on the use of PSNI social media pages, as the Sub Group feels PSNI should include more events with PCSP</p>

		<p>Discussion around incidents of ASB over the summer months.</p> <p>Cllr Taylor discussed the issue of people congregating in the Playpark in the Dungormley area (Newtownhamilton).</p> <p>ASB issues noted in the Shandon Park area of Newry.</p>	<p>and examples of neighbourhood engagement on PSNI channels.</p> <p>PCSP/PSNI to engage with schools across the District to remind pupils of the consequences of engaging in ASB (including fireworks)</p> <p>Cllr Savage suggested PCSP look at an inter-generational programme with young people, to help them engage with the older generation and learn how their behaviour affects others.</p> <p>S Creaney to attend the next Dungormley residents interagency meeting.</p> <p>PSNI to increase patrols in this area.</p> <p>M Flynn to ask Community Safety Wardens to attend this area on their weekend patrols.</p>
ASB/006	Upcoming ASB Sub Group 1 Meeting arrangements	<p>Members agreed to keep ASB Sub Group 1 meetings in-person, and during the evening time.</p> <p>Cllr Taylor requested that the next meeting begin at 6PM.</p> <p>Cllr Mathers suggested that upcoming meetings be held in community centres.</p>	<p>S Creaney to issue new meeting dates/times to group.</p> <p>S Creaney to book community focused venues for upcoming ASB Sub Group 1 meetings.</p>

ASB/007	Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 25th October 2023 @ 6PM	
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Action Sheet of PCSP ASB Sub Group 2 Meeting held on 5TH September 2023 at YCMA, The Belfry, Newcastle at 7pm

Present:

Chairperson: Cllr Galbraith (newly elected)

Statutory Partners: Insp Darren Hardy (PSNI), Sgt Suzanne Cochrane (PSNI), Sgt Kenneth Gracey (PSNI), Paul Fitzsimons (EA), Bernadette McDowell (YJA)

Elected Members: Cllr Oonagh Hanlon, Cllr Conor Galbraith, Cllr Henry Reilly, Cllr Jill Truesdale

Independent Members: Dan McEvoy, Audrey Byrne, Tara Campbell

Council Officials: Martina Flynn (NMDDC), Jacqueline Urey (NMDDC)

Apologies: Damien Brannigan (NMDDC), Martin Healy (NIFRS), Bronagh Magorrian (NIHE), Donna Weir (EA), Judith Thompson (NMDDC)

ITEM	SUBJECT	SUMMARY	ACTIONS FOR COMPLETION
ASB/001	Welcome and Apologies	All were welcomed to the meeting. Introductions and apologies are recorded above.	
ASB/002	Appointment of a Chair	Cllr Conor Galbraith was proposed as new Chair by Dan McEvoy and seconded by Cllr Jill Truesdale.	
ASB/003	ASB Sub Group Action Plan	Martina Flynn provided updates to Members on the previous Action Plan and Financial Assistance projects currently in place.	
ASB/004	Identifying areas of concern for current Action Plan	<p>Members discussed in detail all areas of concern and agreed on 5 identified key areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ballynahinch - Castlewellan - Downpatrick - Kilkeel - Newcastle <p>Members agreed to remain flexible in their response to challenges and emerging issues within the entire Sub Group area.</p>	

		<p><u>General Discussions</u></p> <p>Castlewellan - ASB hotspot around the Forest Park area. Members considered that this may reduce as schools have now returned and also coming into the dark/colder evenings.</p> <p>Newcastle – issues at Tipperary Woods; Donard Car Park - additional infrastructure is currently being costed. Members discussed a more targeted approach; provision of lighting and CCTV currently not covering the overflow parking area. Sgt Gracey informed Members of the challenges the PSNI encounter policing the car park.</p> <p>Discussion re front promenade motorbike parking conflict when the Artisan Market is taking place in Newcastle.</p> <p>Downpatrick – ASB has reduced due to ongoing engagement.</p> <p>St Patricks Square – possible illegal sale of unknown substance in vapes to school pupils.</p> <p>ASB issues identified in a field off the Vianstown Road – PSNI to discuss with Patrician Youth Club.</p> <p>Kilkeel – ASB Issues at Lower Square Car Park, Riverwalk, Newry Street & Cranfield Caravan Park areas.</p>	<p>PSNI patrols in St Patrick's Square at the end of the school day</p> <p>PSNI to engage & discuss with Patrician Youth Club</p>
ASB/005	Updates from Agencies	<p>PSNI – ASB statistics, current levels of response and NPTs amalgamation.</p> <p>PCSP – Financial Assistance projects update and update on meeting with Wheelworks (project funded by TEO's Central Good Relation Fund). It was agreed that a summary of their project would be provided to Members of the next Sub Group 2 meeting.</p>	<p>PCSP to provide a Wheelworks project summary.</p> <p>Member to consider inviting Wheelworks to a Sub Group 2 meeting to for further information.</p>

		<p>YJA – Update on joint working with EA & Newry Street Unite</p> <p>EA – Recruitment is ongoing and the team is growing. Four successful Summer Scheme pop up events.</p>	
ASB/006	Date of Next Meeting	<p>Members agreed to meet bi-monthly at the latter end of the month.</p> <p>Tuesday 24th October 2023 at 7pm</p>	<p>Location - Newcastle (venue to be confirmed at later date)</p>

The meeting concluded at: 8.10pm