

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Meeting of the Policing Committee of the Policing and Community Safety Partnership held in the Council Chamber and Remote Locations on Tuesday, 18 February, 2025 at 6.34 pm

**PRESENT IN
COUNCIL
CHAMBER:**

Councillor S Lowry (Chair)
Mr B Corr (Vice-Chair)
Councillor A Givan
Councillor B Higginson
Councillor A Martin
Councillor M McKeever
Councillor T Mitchell
Mr D Cairns
Mrs Y Craig
Mr D Drysdale
Mr G McGlory

**PRESENT IN
REMOTE LOCATION:**

Councillor C Kemp
Councillor J Lynch
Councillor J Lavery
Mr N Anderson
Ms A Playford

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

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

Police Service of Northern Ireland

Superintendent K Moore
Chief Inspector M Rocks

Commencement of the Meeting

The Chair, Councillor S Lowry, welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Policing Committee.

1. **Apologies**

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Councillor J Gallen, Ms G McDonald and Mr G Walker.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Quarter 3 PSNI Report on Policing of the District

At the outset, Superintendent Moore provided an update in respect of recruitment matters. She was accompanied at the meeting by M Rocks who had recently been successful in promotion to the rank of Chief Inspector and had been appointed as substantive Engagement Chief Inspector for Lisburn and Castlereagh. This had resulted in a number of subsequent changes in personnel and these were outlined by the Superintendent.

Members had been provided with a copy of the above report, covering the period 1 April to 31 December, 2024.

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

During discussion:

- Members congratulations Chief Inspector Rocks on her recent promotion;
- comments were made regarding ongoing antisocial behaviour by youths in the Dundonald area. Members praised the work of Neighbourhood Police Officers in the area, as well as the efforts of the local community. The Acting PCSP/Member Services Manager referred to funding being allocated to Dreamscheme in the next financial year and agreed to raise this matter with that body with a view to implementing diversionary projects over the summer period. Mrs Y Craig having further suggested that contact be made with the Education Authority about availing of its youth diversionary projects in the Dundonald area, the Acting PCSP/Member Services Manager agreed that this could be raised with the EA representative, Mr J Crymble. It was noted that a partnership approach was required to fully address this matter, but the Superintendent agreed that Neighbourhood Policing Teams would be briefed to give some additional attention, when possible;
- in response to a request for a more detailed breakdown of the antisocial behaviour categories of environmental, nuisance and personal, the Superintendent did not believe this detail would be available but agreed to investigate;
- concern was raised about a number of recent thefts of high-value trailers in the rural Carryduff area. The Acting PCSP/Member Services Manager reminded Members of the ongoing scheme whereby the PCSP funded 50% of the cost of having tracker devices fitted to farm machinery. Councillor B Higginson requested that this matter be highlighted on the Partnership's Facebook page;
- Superintendent Moore agreed to provide figures for 2023/24 relating to stop and search; and
- further to comments regarding opportunistic burglars 'trying doors' in the Four Winds area, the Superintendent asked that Members encourage anyone witnessing such behaviour to report it to the police. This information would assist police in assessing where best to target its resources.

Councillor C Kemp left the meeting at 7.27 pm.

4. Lisburn and Castlereagh City Policing Plan 2025-2026

Members had been provided the previous day with a copy of the draft Lisburn and Castlereagh City Policing Plan 2025-2026. Superintendent Moore answered a number of queries raised by Members. In light of the limited time Members had been given to review this document, it was agreed that any comments they wished to make be provided to the Superintendent by 28 February, 2025.

In response to a request for increased reporting in relation to road traffic collisions, such as causes and locations, Superintendent Moore agreed that she would endeavour to provide more information on an ongoing basis in respect of trends and patterns.

5. Draft PCSP Strategic Assessment 2025-28 and PCSP Action Plan 2025-26

Mr B Corr left the meeting at 7.36 pm.

Members had been provided earlier in the day with a copy of the above documents. In light of the limited time given to review their contents, Members were asked to provide their feedback to the Acting PCSP/Member Services Manager by 28 February, 2025.

It was proposed by Councillor B Higginson, seconded by Mr N Anderson and agreed that the documents be approved, subject to any amendments requested being made and a final copy being emailed to Members prior to their submission to the Department of Justice.

6. PCSP Registration of Interest Forms

Members present at the meeting were provided with a copy of a PCSP Registration of Interest Form which they were requested to complete and return. A form would also be provided to those Members not in the Council Chamber for their completion.

7. Any Other Business

7.1 Gathering of Vehicles and Antisocial Behaviour in Carryduff
Councillor M McKeever

Councillor M McKeever referred to the regular gathering of drivers and vehicles in Carryduff and associated antisocial behaviour issues and asked what could be done to counteract this. Superintendent Moore stated that Road Safe Roadshows were an effective tool in addressing this type of issue. Neighbourhood Policing Teams would also engage with those involved from an educational perspective and try to move the vehicles on. Chief Inspector Rocks

7.1 Gathering of Vehicles and Antisocial Behaviour in Carryduff (Contd)
Councillor M McKeever

advised that operations had been undertaken on previous occasions to deal with large scale car meets, which were a challenge with the involvement of social media. She took note of comments by Councillor McKeever and thanked him for raising the matter.

7.2 PCSP Reports
Mr D Drysdale

Mr D Drysdale referred to a funding application that had been considered at the private meeting of the Partnership in January, over which there had been some controversy. He pointed out that PCSP reports were provided to Members in advance, and this afforded Members the opportunity to raise matters of concern with Officers in advance of the meeting taking place.

7.3 Maintenance of Road Signs
Mr G McClory

In response to a query from Mr G McClory as to responsibility for maintenance and cleaning of road signs, he was advised that this was a matter for DfI Roads.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 7.52 pm.

Chairperson