

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Private Meeting of the Policing Committee of Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council Policing and Community Safety Partnership held in the Council Chamber and via Zoom on Tuesday 19 November 2024 at 5.32 pm

PRESENT IN COUNCIL CHAMBER: Councillor S Lowry (Chairperson)
Councillor J Gallen
Councillor A Givan
Councillor B Higginson
Councillor D Lynch
Councillor M McKeever
Councillor A Martin
Councillor T Mitchell
Mr N Anderson
Mr D Cairns
Mr B Corr (Vice-Chairperson)
Mrs Y Craig
Mr G McClory
Miss A Playford
Mr G Walker

PRESENT REMOTELY: Councillor C Kemp
Councillor J Lavery BEM

IN ATTENDANCE: Acting Member Services/PCSP Manager (CA)
PCSP Officer (JB)
Member Services Officers (CH & EW)

Designated Organisations
Chief Inspector K McMullan, PSNI
Inspector M Rock, PSNI
Inspector D Burke, PSNI

Commencement of the Meeting

The Chairperson, Councillor S Lowry, welcomed everyone to the meeting, advising that the purpose of the meeting was to consider the District Commander's six-monthly report for the district, which covered the period 1st April 2024 to 30th September 2024. She extended a warm welcome to Councillor D Lynch on attendance at his first Policing and Community Safety Partnership meeting.

1. **Apologies**

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Superintendent K Moore, (PSNI) and Ms G McDonald, (Independent Member).

2. Declaration of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. Six Monthly PSNI Report

Chief Inspector K McMullan introduced her colleagues Inspector M Rocks, City Neighbourhood Inspector who had recently been assigned to the Castlereagh area and had responsibility for the district wide support team, and Inspector D Burke, who was recently promoted to Vulnerability Inspector, a new role within the Lisburn and Castlereagh area. Inspector D Burke provided an overview of her role as vulnerability Inspector explaining that the role focused on partnership working to safeguard vulnerable people.

Chief Inspector K McMullan made a verbal presentation of the report, a copy of which was circulated to the Partnership, covering the period 1 April to 30 September 2024. The report considered at the meeting addressed the areas of Repeat Offenders / Vulnerable Victims, Antisocial Behaviour & Community Engagement and Drugs.

Chief Inspector K McMullan outlined a number of positive outcomes which had resulted in seizures, arrests, and convictions in relation to drugs, burglary, and human trafficking offences.

Chief Inspector K McMullan advised the Partnership that the consultation phase for the 2025 and 2030 Northern Ireland Policing Plan was live with a closing date of 10 December 2024 and requested that the Policing Plan be added to the agenda for the next meeting of the Policing and Community Safety Partnership for discussion.

Responding to questions from the Partnership members, Chief Inspector McMullan and her colleagues clarified several matters in respect of:

Drugs and changes in the method of distribution to postal service with postal intercepts now a priority in tackling the issue; drugs acquired by prescription; operation season's greetings which was due to commence on 29 November, which focused on retail crime, safer places, safer socialising and safer homes; and traffic management (new Lidl opening in Carryduff in December).

Responding to request made by Vice-Chairperson Mr Brendan Corr, Chief Inspector K McMullan agreed to consider social media promotion of the Women's Aid service.

Councillor B Higginson welcomed Inspector M Rock to the Castlereagh area advising that he looked forward to working with her and the team.

Following discussion in respect of recent crime on a business in Carryduff, the acting PCSP Manager and Chief Inspector K McMullan agreed to consider a partnership event to provide crime prevention advice to Chinese/Asian and Indian businesses.

Councillor M McKeever thanked Chief Inspector K McMullan for the inclusion of hate crime data in the six-monthly report. Responding to a question by Councillor M McKeever, Chief Inspector McMullan confirmed that hate crime outcomes had increased and agreed to include additional data in future District Commander's Quarterly reports

The Acting PCSP Manager informed the Partnership of upcoming Policing Committee training due to be held on Thursday 30 January and encouraged everyone to attend.

Responding to a request made by Councillor J Lavery, PCSP Officer, Mr J Bingham agreed to contact the Vice Principal of Brookfield Special School in respect of ongoing traffic issues at the school.

It was agreed that the District Commander's six-monthly report for the district, which covered the period 1st April 2024 to 30th September 2024 be noted.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 6.10 pm.

Chairperson