

**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 August 2025 at 6.30 pm**

**PRESENT IN COUNCIL CHAMBER:** Councillor A Martin (Chair)  
Mr B Corr (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor B Higginson  
Councillor J Lavery BEM  
Councillor M McKeever  
Councillor T Mitchell  
Mr D Drysdale  
Mr G McClory  
Mrs A Playford

**PRESENT IN A REMOTE LOCATION:** Councillors C Kemp and S Lowry

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council  
  
PCSP Officer (JB)  
Acting Head of Communities (SC)  
Community Planning Manager (PT)  
PCSP Support Officer (AB)  
Member Services Officers (CH and EW)  
  
Designated Organisations  
  
Superintendent K Moore, PSNI  
Chief Inspector M Rocks, PSNI

**Commencement of the Meeting**

The Chair, Councillor A Martin, opened the private meeting of the PCSP Policing Committee and welcomed all attendees. A special welcome was extended to Mr P Nelson from the Northern Ireland Policing Board. The Chair also welcomed Superintendent K Moore and Chief Inspector M Rocks, who were present to deliver the quarterly policing report. Additionally, he acknowledged the attendance of Mrs S Courtney, Acting Head of Communities, and introduced Mrs Avril Boggs, the newly appointed PCSP Support Officer.

1. **Apologies**

Apologies were reported on behalf of Councillor A Givan and Mr N Anderson (Ind Member).

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. 3-Month Report on Policing in the Lisburn and Castlereagh District

Superintendent K Moore delivered a verbal presentation of the report, which had been circulated to attendees. The report covered the period from 1 April 2025 to 30 June 2025. The report addressed three key outcome areas: (1) Victim-Focused Policing, (2) Safe and Engaged Communities with Confidence in Policing, and (3) A Representative, Valued, and Enabled Workforce.

During her presentation, Superintendent K Moore highlighted the following key points on the Lisburn and Castlereagh area:

- **Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWAG):** 266 crimes were recorded in Q1, representing a decrease of 60 compared to the same period last year. Of these, 55 resulted in arrest and charge. There were 41 referrals to Women’s Aid and 208 Operation Encompass referrals, involving 333 children.
- **Youth Diversion:** 394 young people were referred to the Youth Diversion Team. Of these, 71 cases were forwarded to the Public Prosecution Service (PPS), while 323 were classified as non-offence incidents. Additionally, there were 35 Community Resolution Notice referrals and 16 sexting-related referrals to the Youth Justice Agency.
- **Hate Crime:** A reduction in reported hate crimes was noted, alongside an increase in positive outcomes.
- **Repeat Victimisation Initiatives:** A range of initiatives were delivered in partnership with PCSP and community groups, including: Women’s Aid One Stop Shop, Personal Safety Presentations, Business Breakfast, Balmoral Show, Lisburn Safe Bi-Monthly Meeting, Bike Safe, Rapid Drugs Bin Workshop, Hillsborough CPLC Meeting, PCSP Public Themed Meeting and Outreach with Lisburn Street Pastors.
- **Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB):** 719 ASB reports were recorded in Q1, marking a 7.2% increase compared to the previous financial year. Targeted efforts to address ASB in Beechlands, Graham Gardens, and Seymour Hill remain ongoing.
- **Neighbourhood Watch Schemes:** There are now 122 active schemes, coordinated by 273 individuals and covering 13,125 homes. New schemes were launched at Moira Gate and Beechfield Manor/Lodge, Aghalee.
- **Multi-Agency Support Hub:** The hub is currently managing seven cohorts, four of which were referred by PSNI.
- **Burglaries:** A 28.6% reduction in burglaries was reported, equating to 14 fewer incidents compared to the same period last year.
- **Farm and Business Watch:** There are currently 110 active Farm Watch schemes, with 2,670 users subscribed to the Text Alert system. Seven alerts were issued during Q1. Business Watch membership has increased to 120 members.
- **Home Security-Tier 4 Referrals:** In Q1, eight referrals were received. Five personal safety presentations were delivered to a total of 180 individuals, and 11 pieces of security equipment were issued.

3. 3-Month Report on Policing in the Lisburn and Castlereagh District (Cont'd)

- **Repeat Offending Unit (ROU):** Twelve priority offenders were managed during Q1. Of these, seven were subject to bail conditions, three were imprisoned, one was on remand, and two were serving custodial sentences. A total of 15 arrests were made in relation to ROU nominals, with nine individuals charged.
- **District Support Team-Drug Seizures:** Significant seizures during Q1 included: Herbal and gummy cannabis valued at over £128,000, Class A drugs valued at over £90,000, Class C drugs valued at over £2.6 million.
- **Road Safety:** Fourteen individuals sustained serious injuries during Q1, two of which were attributed to dangerous driving. One fatality was also recorded. Enforcement activity included: 313 motoring offences detected, 230 Fixed Penalty Notices issued, 309 breath tests conducted. Concerns were raised regarding the use of e-scooters. PSNI is currently developing a campaign focused on education and engagement around their safe use.
- **Rural Crime Week (8–12 September):** Plans for Rural Crime Week include: A Road Safety Day, A One Stop Shop in Glenavy supporting individuals affected by domestic abuse, Farm Watch member visits to distribute crime prevention materials and Trailer marking events.
- **Drink/Drug Driving:** Fourteen arrests were made in Q1 for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

4. Question and Answer Session

Councillor B Higginson left the meeting during questions to the panel (7.07 pm) returning at 7.11 pm.

Responding to questions from the Partnership, Superintendent K Moore and Chief Inspector M Rocks provided clarification on several matters, including: drink/drug driving offences, use of e-scooters and PSNI response to the issue, information sharing for speed detector vans locations, PSNI Recruitment, resource hours spent at Ulster Hospital, burglary statistics, Ending Violence Against Women and Girls – referrals to Women's Aid and education of young people on the issue, stop and search seizures, Operation Life Saver and Anti-Social Behaviour issues across the Council area.

In response to concerns raised regarding the use of electric bikes and scramblers in the Brooklands area, Chief Inspector Rocks advised that residents should be encouraged to report such incidents directly to PSNI. She also committed to sharing official guidance on the use of e-scooters and electric bikes with the partnership, to support community awareness and enforcement efforts.

Following a request for PCSP-led education on e-scooter usage in schools, the PCSP Officer confirmed that a funding application from New Driver NI was due to be presented at the September PCSP meeting. The proposed project aims to be rolled out across post-primary schools, with a focus on raising awareness and promoting safe practices around e-scooter use.

4. Question and Answer Session (Cont'd)

A number of comments were noted highlighting the importance of hosting further events across the Council area to support the ongoing work around Ending Violence Against Women and Girls (EVAWG). Members expressed a strong desire to see continued awareness-raising initiatives, community engagement, and support services promoted through future programming.

Councillor B Higginson raised concerns regarding the need for traffic calming measures on Newtownbreda Road and Old Saintfield Road, and requested that these locations be referred to the speed detector van team for monitoring.

The PCSP Officer confirmed that the next Road Safety Partnership Subgroup meeting was scheduled for October/November 2025. Planning was currently underway for a series of educational events targeting teenagers, with a focus on:

- Tractor and farm machinery safety
- Young driver safety and vehicle maintenance

Councillor M McKeever expressed support for the proposed youth-themed road safety events and encouraged the PCSP Officer to explore opportunities for collaboration with other key partner organisations, including the Youth Justice Agency and the Education Authority, to enhance the reach and impact of the initiative.

It was agreed that the 3-month report for the district, which covered the period 1 April 2025 to 30 June 2025 be noted.

5. Any Other Business

5.1 Conduct at Protests  
Mr D Drysdale

In response to a query regarding public conduct during protests, Mr P Nelson clarified that the Policing Board is not a law-making body, and that such matters fall under the remit of operational policing.

5.2 Lisburn Féile – PSNI Appreciation  
Mr G McClory

Mr G McClory put on record his appreciation on behalf of Lisburn Féile to Superintendent Moore and the team for their support at the recent Fun Day which had been held as part of the Lisburn Féile Programme of Events.

5.3 Mr P Nelson  
Northern Ireland Policing Board

Mr P Nelson expressed his gratitude to the Partnership for the opportunity to attend the meeting and for the warm welcome received. He provided an

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overview of the Policing Board's structure, noting that it convenes ten times per year and operates through three committees:

- Resources
- Partnership
- Performance

Mr Nelson reported that he served on the Partnership Committee, which was responsible for allocating funds to support PCSP initiatives. He affirmed that the Policing Board regularly reviews and discusses PCSP activities during its meetings, underscoring the Board's recognition of PCSP as a key mechanism for fostering collaboration between community representatives and district commanders.

He also reiterated the importance of sport-based initiatives as a means to break down barriers, reduce offending, and contribute to efforts aimed at ending violence against women and girls.

5.4 Funding Updates  
Mr G McClory

In response to a query regarding available funding for sports clubs to deliver educational initiatives for young people focused on Ending Violence Against Women and Girls (EVAWG), the PCSP Officer confirmed that the second phase of the EVAWG Change Fund was officially launched on 11 August.

Additionally, the Policing Board's Police Property Fund remained open for applications until 21 September, providing further opportunities to support policing and community safety projects.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8.00 pm.

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Chair