

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 18 November 2025 at 6.33 pm

**PRESENT IN
COUNCIL
CHAMBER:**

Councillor A Martin (Chair)
Mr N Anderson
Mr B Corr
Mrs Y Craig
Mr D Drysdale
Councillor B Higginson
Councillor C Kemp
Councillor J Lavery BEM
Councillor S Lowry
Councillor M McKeever
Councillor T Mitchell

**PRESENT IN A
REMOTE LOCATION:**

Councillor J Gallen

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

PCSP Officer (JB)
Community Planning Manager (PT)
PCSP Support Officer (AB)
Member Services Officers (EW and FA)

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. The Chair also welcomed Superintendent K Moore and Chief Inspector M Rocks, who were present to deliver the 6-month policing report.

It was noted that Councillors Givan and Lynch, and Mr G Walker (Ind Member) could not gain access to the meeting through the Zoom function.

1. Apologies

Apologies were recorded on behalf of Mr G McClory (Ind Member), Ms G McDonald (Vice-Chairperson) and Mrs S Courtney, Acting Head of Communities.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. 6-Month Report on Policing in the Lisburn and Castlereagh District

Superintendent K Moore explained that the report would be delivered in a slightly different format and that she would welcome any feedback on this.

Superintendent K Moore delivered a presentation of the report, which had been circulated to attendees. The report covered the period from 1 July 2025 to 30 September 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):** Focused on engagement events, including a series of 'One Stop Shops', supported by the PCSP and attended by PSNI, Women's Aid, Training for Women Network, Housing Executive, Advice Centre and local solicitors, which all proved successful.
- **Violence with/without injury:** Most had a slight increase, in total overall up by 8.2% in comparison to the same period last year.
- **Recorded Crimes:** An increase in reported crimes, but also an increase in outcomes leading to charges and summonses.
- **Domestic Abuse:** A slight increase, mostly repeat victims.
- **Youth Diversion:** 352 referrals were made to the Youth Diversion Officer. Of these, 65 cases were forwarded to the Public Prosecution Service (PPS), while 287 were classified as non-offence incidents. Additionally, there were 18 Community Resolution Notice referrals and four sexting-related referrals to the Youth Justice Agency.
- **Hate Crime:** A reduction in reported hate crimes was noted, alongside an increase in positive outcomes. Both Lisburn City NPT and Castlereagh NPT held various engagement events with their respective community groups to help combat hate crime in general. The teams have also commenced delivering hate crime presentations to post primary schools.
- **Public confidence and victim satisfaction:** There was a 17.6% response rate to a 'victim satisfaction survey'. Response to emergency calls had an average of 11.18 minutes while priority calls had an average of 29.64 minutes.
- **Social media engagement:** Lisburn and Castlereagh PSNI currently have the following reach across a number of platforms – Facebook: 52,692 followers; Nextdoor App: 37,990 followers; X (formerly Twitter): 7,548 followers.
- **Crime Rates:** Overall recorded crime was down by 10.7% in comparison to the same period last year.
- **Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB):** Increased by 5.8%. Lisburn City NPT were continually active in the Beechland area to reduce ASB levels. The Castlereagh NPT were heavily involved with various community forums in an effort to combat and reduce ASB. Going forward police from Lisburn and Castlereagh will participate in the Housing Association's Forum to ensure

3. 6-Month Report on Policing in the Lisburn and Castlereagh District (Cont'd)

appropriate sharing of information in order us all to work together to reduce ASB.

- **Neighbourhood Watch:** There are 121 NWH Schemes, 278 co-ordinators covering 13,175 homes, with two new schemes in Moira Gate and Aghalee.
- **Multi-Agency Support Hub:** Monthly MASH meetings are continuing and Vulnerability meetings in Lisburn Station are ongoing.
- **Reducing Offending Unit (ROU):** The ROU are currently managing 12 priority offenders. An ROU nominal was charged for over 20 driving and dishonesty offences in three separate cases. The ROU nominal made four attempts to apply for bail, all of which were objected to and bail refused on the grounds of risk of further offending. The ROU nominal remains in prison.
- **District Support Team – Searches and Seizures:** Drug seizures continued during this period.
- **OP Lifesaver:** DST continue to target vehicles and drivers who pose a risk on our roads. During September DST conducted speed detection operations around Crossnacreevy School following raised concerns from parents.
- **Road Safety:** During July and August there were 13 seriously injured traffic related incidents, and unfortunately one fatal road traffic collision in August.
- **Recruitment/Reward and Recognition:** Recruitment is ongoing with several new officers attending Lisburn for their district day as part of their training experience in the Police College. Lisburn and Castlereagh PSNI and PCSP were shortlisted for awards relating to work around domestic violence.
- **Resource Levels:** Recruitment is ongoing which is a positive for intended future plans to restore numbers in our Neighbourhood teams.
- **Complaints:** A decrease of 50% of incivility complaints made was noted.
- **OP Season's Greetings:** Chief Inspector M Rocks delivered a verbal presentation on OP Season's Greetings, which is carried out in partnership with the PCSP, and runs from 1st December 2025 until 2nd January 2026. There are three main areas: Safer Shopping, Safer Roads and Safer Socialising.
- **My Victim Portal:** Chief Inspector M Rocks explained that this was a new online portal where people can report crimes and can also get an update on existing crimes. There is also a Video Officer Attendance Team (VOAT), where people can talk to police officers virtually to report crimes and make statements. At present there are 20 officers available, but from January 2026 another two hubs will operate with a total of 60 officers made available. This will help to free up frontline officers.

4. Question and Answer Session

Responding to questions from the Partnership, Superintendent K Moore and Chief Inspector M Rocks provided clarification on several matters, including: interagency meetings, defensive weapons, police presence at Crossnacreevy School, repeat victims, shoplifting and theft, breath testing and drug testing, traffic vans, focus on speed, road deaths and careless driving.

In response to a query from Councillor J Lavery, the PCSP Officer advised that 130 businesses had signed up for Business Watch and that a Business Brunch had been held recently. In relation to SIDs the PCSP Officer advised that a road safety sub-group meeting would be held in January 2026 to discuss further

4. Question and Answer Session (Cont'd)

movement of SIDs. He also took note and agreed to get the results of the SIDs data out to Members. The PCSP Officer reported that there were a number of issues around damage to SIDs and that this took up time and money to resolve.

In response to concerns raised regarding anti-social behaviour in the Carryduff area, particularly Church Road and Killynure Road, Chief Inspector Rocks advised that residents should be encouraged to report such incidents directly to PSNI. She advised that she would convey the issues raised to the Neighbourhood Team.

Following a comment around the use of CCTV footage, Superintendent K Moore advised that CCTV and dashcam footage could be submitted and shared online and any information provided was always strategically reviewed before sharing.

A number of comments on the new style report proved positive.

In response to a query from Councillor M McKeever, Superintendent K Moore stated that the district does cross over with various different Trusts and there are district support hubs in every district which links in well to support and engage through meetings within the different boundary areas.

In response to a query from Mr D Drysdale, Superintendent K Moore advised that the traffic vans were not owned by the PSNI, therefore can't control where they sit, but that feedback was always conveyed, and that concerns raised will be fed back after the meeting. In response to comments around focus on speed the Superintendent advised that speed was still among the top five when referring to the 'fatal five', along with drink/drug driving, careless driving, not wearing a seatbelt and using a mobile phone while driving.

It was agreed that the 6-month report for the district, which covered the period 1 July 2025 to 30 September 2025 be noted.

5. Any Other Business

5.1 Congratulations
Councillor J Lavery

Councillor J Lavery congratulated Superintendent K Moore on her 20 years+ service and also commended the work that she and her officers do. The Chair also expressed his congratulations to the Superintendent and her officers.

5.2 Feedback from Meetings
Mr D Drysdale

In response to a query from Mr D Drysdale, Superintendent K Moore advised that all issues discussed were relayed to the Neighbourhood team for them to follow up.

5. Any Other Business (Cont'd)

5.3 Youth Engagement Event
Councillor M McKeever

Councillor M McKeever wanted to put on record the success of the Youth Engagement Event and wished to convey his thanks to the PSNI, James from the PCSP and also to Johnny Crymble, in particular, for holding the event and thought it would be a great idea if something similar was to be held again within the Lisburn and Castlereagh area.

Superintendent K Moore advised that the Crime Prevention Officer, Shelley-Anne Grimes had received a promotion, and whilst conveying her congratulations to Shelley-Anne advised that unfortunately she would be leaving the area. She said that she would advise of a replacement in due course, but in the meantime, work would continue in support of Neighbourhood teams and other Crime Prevention Officers in other districts. Superintendent K Moore extended an invitation to everyone to attend the PSNI Christmas Carol Service being held in Christ Church, Lisburn on Monday 8th December 2025.

The Chair extended gratitude and thanks from the Partnership to the Crime Prevention Officer, Shelley-Anne Grimes for the services she provided and wished her well for the future. The Chair encouraged all present to attend the PSNI Carol Service.

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

Chair