

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Policing Committee of Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council Policing and Community Safety Partnership held in the Council Chamber, Island Civic Centre, and remotely, on Tuesday, 21 February, 2023 at 6.30 pm

PRESENT IN COUNCIL CHAMBER:

Councillor J Gallen (Chairman)

Councillor A Ewing
Councillor H Legge
Mrs G Conroy
Mr D McBurney

PRESENT REMOTELY:

Councillor N Anderson
Councillor M Guy
Councillor John Palmer
Councillor S Skillen
Mr J Bentley
Mrs Y Craig (Vice-Chairperson)
Ms A Landa
Mrs P Leeson
Mrs P Yellamaty

IN ATTENDANCE:

Acting Member Services/PCSP Manager
PCSP Officer (JB)
PCSP Officer (SA)
Member Services Officer (CR)

Designated Organisations

Superintendent K Moore, Police Service of Northern Ireland
Inspector K McMullan, Police Service of Northern Ireland

Commencement of the Meeting

The Chairman, Councillor J Gallen, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **Apologies**

It was agreed to accept apologies for non-attendance at the meeting on behalf of Councillors R Carlin and A McIntyre, Mr D Dean and Miss A Twomey (Independent Members).

2. **Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Quarter 3 PSNI Report on Policing of the District

Members had been provided with a copy of the above report, covering the period 1 October to 31 December, 2022.

Superintendent K Moore made a verbal presentation in respect of the Quarter 3 Report, which focused on the areas of Repeat Offenders/Vulnerable Victims, Antisocial Behaviour/NPT and Drugs. A number of Members' queries were responded to and during discussion:

- (a) comments were noted regarding the importance of efforts being made to increase the number of Neighbourhood Watch Schemes in the Council area;
- (b) concern was expressed regarding the potential funding gap in respect of diversionary activities by Neighbourhood Policing Teams due to the reduction in police budgets and it was agreed that consideration would be given to writing to the Northern Ireland Policing Board on this matter;
- (c) Superintendent Moore agreed to refresh the recent campaign the police had carried out in relation to different ways of reporting crime. This would be re-posted on social media and the PCSP was asked to share the post as well;
- (d) Councillor N Anderson agreed to liaise with Superintendent Moore after the meeting in relation to potential training needs for call handlers;
- (e) Ms A Landa agreed to liaise with Superintendent Moore after the meeting in relation to police response time to a recent incident; and
- (f) Superintendent Moore took on board comments regarding the importance of the police giving specific location details in their communications, especially when an area had more than one street with the same name.

4. PSNI Consultation Events – Local Policing Plan 2023-2024

Superintendent Moore referred to the two forthcoming consultation events arranged by the PCSP in order to facilitate PSNI engagement with local communities to identify priorities for the Local Policing Plan 2023-2024. With the use of visual aid equipment, the Superintendent showed the Partnership the presentation she would be making at the events and advised that those in attendance would be given the opportunity to use a prioritisation simulator to allocate resources to the areas they considered to be priorities. It was agreed that the prioritisation simulator would be forwarded to PCSP Members.

Councillors M Guy and John Palmer left the meeting prior to its conclusion (7.18 pm and 7.29 pm respectively).

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Chairman, Councillor J Gallen, thanked those in attendance.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 7.37 pm.

Chairman