

making Derry & Strabane safer

Annual Report

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Foreword by PCSP Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

As Chair and Vice Chair of the Derry and Strabane Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) we would like at the outset, to offer our thanks to all our PCSP colleagues; elected, independent and designated who have ensured that our year has been both strategic and productive, helping to deliver positive change in our communities. This has been an extremely challenging, unique but busy 12 months for our PCSP and we have remained at the forefront in delivering local solutions to local issues. Officers and members have been fully immersed in the development of the Strategic Growth Plan and the eight associated Local Growth Plans. This has been achieved through a strong partnership approach with both our community and statutory organisations.

Our PCSP operates with a budget of just under £1.1m with the annual allocation from the Joint Committee of £459,496 leveraging an additional £630,712 from our partners in Derry City and Strabane District Council, Department of Justice, PSNI, The Executive Office, Department for Communities, NI Housing Executive and Ulster University (Magee). This external funding support has ensured the continuation of the Community Safety Warden Scheme and the ongoing development of the CCTV system. Thirty-two community and voluntary groups across the city and district were provided with over £200k of small project support to deliver initiatives on youth diversion, drug and alcohol awareness, embedding a culture of lawfulness, intergenerational issues, cross community projects and domestic and sexual violence awareness etc. These groups provide a vital service in our communities and are greatly assisted by the support provided by the PCSP. The PCSP was also able to provide support to a number of Local Growth Partnerships to enhance the community safety of their respective DEAs.

Over the past year the PCSP has provided 186 homes with additional home safety equipment and we will continue to assist householders to make homes more secure.

Our PCSP will continue to raise issues of public concern in the context of improving policing service for our all our residents. We play a key role in creating safer, shared and more confident communities and it is evident that we have played a crucial part in reducing fear of crime and tackling anti-social behaviour in our district and we will continue to build on this.

2022/23 has been another year when our Partnership was tested but one where we continued to take major steps forward in community engagement and development of partnerships with residents, police and partner agencies. We are confident that the Partnership has the commitment and skills to further develop the work already delivered and we will continue to build and enhance delivery into our neighbourhoods and villages by helping to create safer, shared and vibrant communities throughout our city and district.

Ald.	Darren	Guy
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Paul Boggs Vice Chair

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Section 1

Background

What is the Derry & Strabane Policing and Community Safety Partnership?

On 25th June 2015 the Derry and Strabane Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) came into existence replacing the previous Strabane PCSP and Derry PCSP. The membership consists of political members (elected councillors), independent members (appointed by the Northern Ireland Policing Board) and designated bodies (designated by the NI Assembly). The seven designated bodies are Police Service of NI (PSNI), NI Housing Executive (NIHE), NI Fire and Rescue Service (NIFRS), Youth Justice Agency (YJA), Western Health and Social Care Trust (WHSCT), Education Authority for NI (EANI) and Probation Board for NI (PBNI). The Partnership was reconstituted on 15th June 2020 with 9 new independent members appointed by the NI Policing Board.

Areas of Responsibility

The PCSP accountability and responsibility is based on the 4 core themes of:

- <u>Consulting and engaging</u> with the local community on issues that impact on policing and community safety. Each PCSP also has a Policing Committee which has a distinct responsibility to provide views to the local PSNI District Commander and the NI Policing Board on policing matters.
- <u>Identifying and prioritising</u> the particular issues of concern and preparing plans for how these can be tackled.
- <u>Monitoring</u> both the performance of police and the delivery of the PCSP Action plan and working to gain the co-operation of the public with police in preventing crime
- <u>Delivering</u> a reduction in crime and enhancing community safety in local issues directly through interventions, through the work of delivery groups or through support for the work of others.

Representation on the PCSP

To ensure the Derry and Strabane Policing and Community Safety Partnership is representative of the demographic profile of the Council area, the membership has been drawn from all sections of the community, based on the results of the 2011 census.

Using information from the 2021 Census, and other data to ensure the PCSP's representative make-up, Derry and Strabane PCSP membership is currently 68.4% Catholic and 31.6% Protestant. The 2021 Census shows the religious profile of the Council area as 68% Catholic, 32% Protestant, 1% Other Religions and 10% no religion. The Derry and Strabane PCSP has seven female members (36.84%) and twelve male members (63.16%) which is not broadly reflective of the gender make-up of the Council area – 2021 Census gives the gender make-up of the Council area as 49% male and 51% female.¹

PCSP Members

Following the Local Government Elections of May 2019 Derry City and Strabane District Council has 40 elected representatives comprising 11 Sinn Féin, 11 SDLP, 7 DUP, 4 Independent, 2 Alliance, 2 People Before Profit, 2 UUP and 1 Aontú members.

The Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 gave local councils the authority to determine the size of its PCSP. The Derry and Strabane Policing and Community Safety Partnership has a membership of 26 representatives, 10 members of the Partnership are nominated by parties from the elected members of Derry City and Strabane District Council with 9 independent members being made up of community activists with a special interest in policing and community safety and seven representatives from bodies designated by the NI Assembly. The independent members are appointed by the NI Policing Board after a public appointment process. To ensure democratic accountability all PCSPs have one more Political Member than they have Independent Members. Only the independent and elected members attend the PCSP Policing Committee.

These members of the Derry and Strabane PCSP served until the Local Government Election in May 2023. New elected members will be nominated at the Council AGM in June 2023.

Elected Members 2022/23

Councillor Michaela Boyle (Sinn Fein) Councillor Christopher Jackson (Sinn Fein) Councillor Emma McGinley (Sinn Fein) Councillor Jason Barr (SDLP) Councillor John Boyle (SDLP) Councillor Martin Reilly (SDLP) Alderman Maurice Devenney (DUP) Alderman Keith Kerrigan (DUP) Alderman Drew Thompson Alderman Darren Guy (UUP) – PCSP Chair

¹ NI Census, NISRA, 2021

Independent Members

Mr Paul Boggs – PCSP Vice-Chair Ms Mary Casey Mr Thomas Conway Mrs Margaret Hall Mr Fergal Leonard Mr Aodh McCay Ms Úna McCartney Mrs Jeanette Warke Ms Linda Watson

Designated Body Members

Mrs Jacqueline Doherty (WHSCT) Mr Eddie Doherty (NIHE) Chief Superintendent Nigel Goddard (PSNI) Commander Andrew Russell (NIFRS) Ms Colleen Heaney (YJA) Ms Denise Stewart (PBNI) Ms Deborah Cross (EANI)

Any PCSP member may be contacted by contacting the PCSP Manager in the first instance.

Profile of the District

Regional Status

The Derry City and Strabane District Council area is situated between the Sperrin Mountains and the Donegal Hills and straddles the River Foyle. The city of Derry/Londonderry is recognised as the regional capital for the North West of Ireland in both the Regional Development Strategy (NI) and the National Development Plan (ROI). It is the third largest urban settlement in Northern Ireland, with an urban population of approximately 85,000, and is the fifth largest on the island of Ireland. The Council area is approximately 1,245 square km with a population of 150,756. 71% of the council's population lives in urban areas with the remaining 29% residing in rural areas. The Council has seven district electoral areas (DEAs): Derg, Sperrin, Faughan, Ballyarnett, Foyleside, The Moor and Waterside.

The city also plays a wider role within the North West as a regional transportation, health, education, tourism and entertainment hub. Its hinterland includes the neighbouring districts of Limavady, Magherafelt and East Donegal. The population of this wider North West region is in excess of 300,000.

Population Statistics

Derry City and Strabane District Council is the fifth largest of the eleven district councils in Northern Ireland. The Council area has a population of 150,756². This population is made up of 49% male and 51% female with approximately 106,000 living within the urban areas. The Council area also has a very youthful population with 20% aged under 14 and 31% aged 15-39.

The overall population of the Council area is projected to decrease to 145,852 by 2041. By 2041, the number of people aged 65 and over is expected to increase to 35,150 resulting in this age category making up almost a quarter (24.1%) of the overall Council population. Life expectancy for those living in the Council area is 78.0 for males and 82.4 for females which has increased by 1.3 years for males and 0.1 years for females since 2009³.

When compared to the other 11 council areas Derry City and Strabane District Council area ranks as the second most deprived district in NI and ranks highest in employment deprivation. The DCSDC area has five of the 10 most deprived Super Output Areas in NI (East, Creevagh2, Strand1, Diamond and Creggan Central 1). In terms of education the area has 8 nursery schools with 511 pupils, 23 pre-schools with 384 pupils, 69 primary schools with 16,093 pupils, 2 special schools with 440 pupils and 14 post primary schools with 11,897 pupils. In total we have 116 schools with 29,325 pupils enrolled.

² NISRA 2021 Census Data

³ Derry City and Strabane District Council Vital Statistics

Local Crime Figures⁴

The following table details crime statistics for the Derry and Strabane PSNI District (2022/23) and provides a direct comparison with the previous year (2021/22).

<u>Crime type</u>	01/04/21 31/03/22	01/04/22 31/03/23	Increase/	Decrease
Violence against the person	5,649	5,714	+66	1.2%
Violence with Injury (incl. Homicide)	1,619	1,638	+19	1.2%
Sexual Offences	426	398	-26	-6.1%
Robbery	50	48	-2	-4.0%
Burglary	276	279	+3	1.1%
Theft	1,798	2,108	+310	17.2%
Vehicle Offences	196	227	+31	15.8%
Criminal Damage	1,835	1,688	-147	-8.0%
Drug Offences	865	760	-105	-12.1%
Miscellaneous crimes	310	313	+3	1.0%
Total recorded crimes	11,172	11,278	+106	0.9%

The table above shows that overall recorded crime for the Council area for 2022/23 increased slightly by 0.9% which equates to 106 additional recorded crimes in the city and district. This percentage increase is lower than the NI figure which saw recorded crime increase by 4.6% for the same period.

Anti-Social Behaviour for the Council area decreased significantly by 16.7% when compared to the number of recorded ASB incidents for 2021/22. In 2022/23 there were 3770 recorded incidents of ASB recorded by PSNI as compared to 4528 recorded incidents for 2021/22 – a decrease of 758 incidents. This reduction is lower than the overall Northern Ireland decrease of 18.1% over the same period. Typically, ASB is higher for the first 6 months of the year (April to September) and then reduces significantly from October to March.

⁴ Crime Summary Derry City and Strabane PSNI, March 2023

Section 2 – Our Strategic Priorities

The principle functions and processes carried out by Derry and Strabane PCSP over the last year are based on the core themes of the Partnership and Consultation as set out in the strategic priorities, as agreed by the Joint Committee.

PCSP Strategic Priorities as set out by the Joint Committee

Strategic Objective 1:

To ensure effective delivery in response to local need, and improve the visibility and recognition of the work of the PCSP through effective consultation, communication and engagement:

- Carrying out meaningful engagement in the district with the local community, relevant statutory partners/agencies, businesses and the community & voluntary sector in the development and implementation of PCSP Action Plans.
- Ensuring ongoing two-way engagement in the district with the local community, relevant statutory partners/agencies, businesses and the community & voluntary sector to provide a problem-solving forum to identify effective solutions to local issues, ensuring sufficient flexibility to address issues as they emerge, and seeking relevant expertise from the designated organisations as appropriate.
- Using a range of platforms, including multi-media, to communicate and promote the work of the PCSP.
- Increasing awareness of the work of the PCSP.

Strategic Objective 2:

To improve community safety by prioritising and addressing local community safety issues, tackling crime and anti-social behaviour:

- Utilising the partnership created by the statutory, elected and independent/community membership of the PCSP to initiate and lead work to improve community safety and tackle ASB locally.
- Working in partnership to develop outcome and locality focused interventions to address the most pressing crime types and behaviours impacting local community safety, as evidenced by local need, with appropriate targets and indicators so that impacts can be measured.
- Drawing on best practice, promote early intervention and collaborating effectively to improve PCSP-supported projects and programmes that address the underlying causes of ASB, crime and the fear of crime in the community, including, where appropriate, a focus on changing behaviours.
- Enhancing safety and feelings of safety, in particular for those who might be more vulnerable.
- Engaging with partners in the district, to horizon scan in order to respond to and re-direct resources to respond to emerging local community safety issues.

- Having cognisance of the Community Safety Framework in developing local plans, and providing a feedback loop to the Community Safety Board on local issues in order to inform community safety policy development and vice versa.
- Providing comprehensive community input into decision making processes about tackling actual and perceived anti-social behaviour and giving feedback to the community on the effectiveness of interventions on meeting outcomes.

Strategic Objective 3:

To support confidence in policing, including through collaborative problem solving with communities:

- Ensuring local accountability through the Policing Committee's role in monitoring police performance.
- Identifying priorities from the PCSP Plan for consideration in the development of the local Policing Plan which are consistent with the Northern Ireland Policing Plan.
- Providing views to the District Commander through the Policing Committee and supporting the PSNI to engage with the community to identify and address local problems.
- Delivering initiatives that link to identified local problems that impact confidence in policing.
- Carrying out meaningful local events aimed at increasing PSNI engagement with local communities to build and strengthen public confidence in policing.
- Delivering PCSP initiatives in the hardest to reach communities.
- Providing a platform for the PCSP and PSNI to engage with young people, including on the themes of upholding the rule of law, and of ways of increasing confidence in policing.
- Building community confidence in the rule of law by helping mitigate the harm caused to people and communities by paramilitarism, criminality and organised crime consistent with wider Programme for Government objectives and through use of co-design principles, where appropriate.

PCSPs received annual funding (£4.25m in 2022/23) from the Joint Committee (the Department of Justice and NI Policing Board) with a legislative aim to work with their local community to help address crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour issues.

There have been many examples of good practice highlighted to Joint Committee by PCSPs throughout the 2022/23 year which showcase the good work being carried out on the ground. Joint Committee has also provided support to PCSPs to use an Outcomes Based Approach (OBA) as a more consistent and better means of measuring impact and improving transparency and accountability in the delivery of their work in local communities.

We are now routinely using all aspects of OBA in our work, with an action plan being completed using indicator and performance measure information; a project card template being used for each initiative and thematic report cards being submitted to Joint Committee every quarter from a governance perspective. To support PCSPs in their transition to this new way of working, the Joint Committee developed PCSP planning guidance which incorporates the following:

- Information on the OBA process;
- An action plan template which includes a review and summary synopsis to capture the rationale for continuing, amending or not progressing projects from one year to another;
- A set of agreed performance measures for generic projects;
- A project card template to be completed for each initiative;
- A thematic report card template to be used to help highlight impact at a more strategic level;
- A framework showing how the work of PCSPs and their use of OBA supports the common Programme for Government Outcome 7 We have a safe community where we respect the law and each other.

The NI Audit Office has also recognised the good work that we are doing with regard to using OBA and has included PCSPs as one of two case studies within the recently launched Performance Management for Outcomes good practice guide for public bodies – published in June 2018.

Section 3 – Engagement

Under the 2022/23 PCSP Action Plan, approved by the Joint Committee, the Derry and Strabane PCSP delivered initiatives both directly and indirectly in our communities to reduce crime, tackle anti-social behaviour and combat fear of crime.

The Derry and Strabane PCSP directly manages the **Community Safety Warden Scheme**. The scheme has four elements created to address issues of low level anti-social and nuisance behaviour in the educational precinct, the rural villages and the four neighbourhood renewal areas in Derry.

The four elements are:

- 1. <u>The Northland Community Safety Warden Scheme:</u> This element is focussed primarily on the educational precinct and has been established since 2007. It is funded by the Ulster University, Derry City and Strabane District Council and the Derry and Strabane PCSP and through its Action Plan with office accommodation provided by NIFRS at its Northland Road Fire Station. The scheme employs 3 wardens who work from Sunday to Thursday from 8pm to 3am. During 2022/23 this element concentrated patrols on the riverfront, city centre, Ebrington and waterside greenways as most students were still off campus.
- <u>The City Community Safety Warden Scheme</u> operates primarily in the Neighbourhood Renewal Areas of Outer North, Outer West, Waterside and Triax. The scheme has been established since 2009 and is funded by PSNI, Derry City and Strabane District Council, NIHE and Dept. for Communities. The scheme employs 6 wardens who work from 12noon to 5pm Monday to Wednesday and from 5.30pm to 3.00am Thursday to Sunday.
- <u>The Rural Community Safety Warden Scheme</u> operates primarily in the rural villages of Park/Claudy, Eglinton, Newbuildings and Strathfoyle/Maydown and has been established since 2010. The scheme is funded jointly by Derry City and Strabane District Council and PSNI. The scheme employs 2 wardens who work from 12noon to 5pm Monday to Wednesday and from 5.30pm to 3.00am Thursday to Sunday.
- 4. <u>The Derg/Sperrin/Strabane Town Scheme</u> operates across a wide geographical area and includes the towns and villages of Donemana, Artigarvan, Strabane, Sion Mills, Clady, Castlederg and Newtownstewart. This scheme is funded jointly by Derry City and Strabane District Council and NIHE. The scheme employs 2 wardens who work 3 days between Thursday and Sunday on a rotational basis from 5.30pm to 3.00am.

The Community Safety Wardens also have access to three branded vehicles and 3 bicycles for transport and attend local community safety forums on a regular basis with our

community partners in PSNI, NIHE and other housing associations. During 2022/23 the Community Safety Warden scheme dealt with 2939 referrals. Of these referrals 39% emanated from the public (868 referrals) and the other 61% (2071 referrals) came from other statutory and voluntary partners. The Community Safety Wardens also carried out 18,789 patrols of ASB hotspot areas during this year.

The PSNI District Commander has recognised the important role that the Community Safety Wardens have played in helping to tackle ASB and reducing the fear of crime in the council area especially among our most vulnerable and elderly residents.



Launch of Derg/Sperrin/Strabane Town Community Safety Wardens Scheme



Community Safety Wardens providing advice to local residents



Community Safety Wardens on patrol along the riverfront

All the warden teams attend regular meetings of the Community Safety Forums/Teams with PSNI Neighbourhood Officers, NIHE patch managers, community representatives and local councillors where they feed back to residents in relation to safety issues and local concerns. During 2022/23 the majority of these meetings moved from virtual meetings to

physical meetings as Covid restrictions were relaxed. The wardens also regularly engage with local schools, community groups and elderly resident's groups and deliver presentations on community safety and the impact of ASB on the wider community.

All wardens are first aid and defibrillator trained and have completed their PACE (Policing and Criminal Evidence) training. They are also trained in water safety, which was delivered by Foyle Search & Rescue.

The Derry and Strabane PCSP continued to deliver the **Safer Homes Initiative** during 2022/23. The scheme provides and arranges fitting of home safety equipment for elderly and vulnerable residents who often feel isolated and experience a heightened fear of crime. The Derry and Strabane PCSP secured support under the PCSP Action Plan to purchase oil tank locks, door locks, padlocks, window locks, wheelie bin locks, door bars, sensor lights etc. which are disseminated to residents on recommendations from community groups, community safety wardens, PSNI, Victim Support, Women's Aid and PCSP members. During 2022/23 186 homes in the city and district were supplied and fitted with additional home safety equipment through the PCSP.



Willy from SCRA explaining & carrying out a home safety visit as part of the Safer Homes Scheme

Over the past 12 months the Derry and Strabane PCSP delivered a number of **awareness campaigns** to increase local understanding on a range of crime and community safety issues. These campaigns were delivered in partnership to highlight ongoing concerns in relation to the domestic violence, retail/business crime prevention, anti-social behaviour, farm and home safety, burglary prevention etc.



Trailer Marking is an effective way to protect property. PSNI and PCSP work in partnership to deliver this initiative across the district.

During last year the Derry and Strabane PCSP actively promoted the concept of **Neighbourhood Watch** as a local initiative to reduce crime and increase community safety in the Council area. During this period a number of new schemes were established in the council area with a total of forty-two schemes now operational covering approximately 3,500 homes. The PCSP continues to produce the Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter on a quarterly basis and meetings for coordinators have re-commenced.

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Issue 42 of the Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter

The promotion of road safety and the concept of **'Staying Safe on Our Roads'** was a priority for our PCSP during 2022/23. The PCSP carried out a number of engagements especially with young adults and school children and partnered PSNI, NIFRS and local schools to raise awareness of road safety for young drivers, pedestrians and cyclists. The PCSP supported Road safe NI in their road safety primary school poster competition and distributed road safety signage and leaflets to many of our primary schools. The PCSP have 8 Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) which were deployed across the district to raise awareness of speeding, however a number of these are currently non-operational due to damage. As part of Road Safety week in November the PCSP supported Life After to deliver 2 road safety events in Guildhall Square and St. Mary's Youth Club.



Road Safety event at Guildhall Square

Under the tackling drugs and alcohol theme of the PCSP Action Plan for 2022/23 the partnership delivered a number of initiatives to raise awareness of the negative impact of **drugs and alcohol** on communities. The PCSP provides drug and alcohol boxes to any organisation wishing to highlight the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse and the impact it has on our communities. The PCSP also installed a number of RAPID (Remove All Prescription and Illegal Drugs) Bins across the city and district. These have proved highly successful in removing harmful drugs from our communities. In 2022/23, 24,112 tablets/pills have been deposited in and removed from the bins.



RAPID Bins is a partnership initiative between PSNI, PCSP and PHA

Under our small project support allocation, the PCSP supported MUSE Counselling and Wellbeing to deliver their Pathways to Change service and HURT to offer counselling sessions and family support programmes on the impact of drug and alcohol abuse on families and communities.



Have Your Tomorrows (HURT) delivering training to local communities

Under the **Domestic and Sexual Violence** theme of the PCSP Action Plan we supported Men's Action Network to raise awareness of the impact and consequences of domestic and sexual violence. Men's Action Network had 62 men on the programme and delivered 261 one-hour counselling sessions.



Men's Action Network

Derry and Strabane PCSP purchased 12 CCTV cameras as a pilot in partnership with PSNI and ASSIST Domestic Violence Advocate. These cameras are provided to high-risk victims of domestic violence to help them feel safer in their own homes.

The Derry and Strabane PCSP was the first PCSP to establish a **Support Hub** to share information and deliver tailored support to the most vulnerable in our communities. The Hub is chaired by the PCSP Manager with PSNI, NIFRS, NIHE, YJA, PBNI, NIAS, EANI, A&E, Adult Safeguarding, Children Safeguarding and Mental Health services all attending. Those considered most vulnerable including young people susceptible to paramilitary attack/influence, young people susceptible to organised crime gang influence, repeat victims of ASB, repeat victims of hate crime, older people subject to repeat incidents and repeat victims in general.

Since its establishment in August 2016 the Support Hub has dealt with almost 300 referrals. During 2022/23 the Support Hub held 12 meetings, achieved 79% attendance by partner agencies and was able to discharge 62 of the referrals from the Hub because their needs had been met.

Section 4 – PCSP Policing Committee

Strategic Objective 3 for the PCSP is to improve community confidence in policing through: ensuring local accountability through the Policing Committee's role in monitoring police performance; ensuring that policing delivery reflects the involvement, views and priorities of local communities; ensuring improved policing service delivery in partnership with local communities and ensuring effective engagement with the police and the local community, with specific emphasis on engagement with disadvantaged communities and young people.



PCSP Chair, Alderman Darren Guy pictured alongside PSNI's Senior Team to discuss the District Commander's Report on Policing of the district

From April 2022 to March 2023 the Derry and Strabane PCSP Policing Committee held three policing committee meetings in May, October 2022 and in January 2023. At each of these meetings the PSNI District Commander for Derry and Strabane presented the quarterly performance report on the local policing plan and the service plan. Members of the PCSP were also provided with monthly update reports on crime and ASB within the Council area. The PCSP continues to engage with police through the neighbourhood community safety forums/teams, the community safety wardens and neighbourhood watch coordinators.



Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinators meet with PSNI Neighbourhood Policing Teams in Strabane

As well as supporting the PSNI in a number of engagement events outlined above, the PCSP also attends the locally based Community Safety Forums/Teams with NIHE, Community and PSNI Neighbourhood Teams. The Community Safety Forums meet on a regular basis and are located in each of the four Neighbourhood Renewal Areas of Outer North, Outer West, Waterside and TRIAX. Forums have also been established in Strathfoyle/Maydown, Top of the Hill and more recently Strabane town. The PCSP attended 82 community engagement meetings during 2022/23.



Community Safety Wardens meet with local community groups as part of on-going engagement

The PCSP also held a "Safe Shop" training session for 35 PSNI Neighbourhood Police Officers. This training aimed to make officers more aware when dealing with business or retail crime across the district. The PCSP also supported PSNI to deliver a Bike Safe event and a Trailer Marking event.



PCSP, PSNI, City Centre Initiative and local retailers at "Safe Shop" training

Section 5 – Small Project Support

During 2022/23 the Derry and Strabane PCSP allocated just over £200,000 under its small project support scheme. Support was awarded after an open call for applications which were assessed and scored by the PCSP. In line with the Community Safety Strategy and the Programme for Government the themes for the allocation of support were: Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour, Reducing Crime & Fear of Crime and Increasing Youth Engagement.

Through the PCSP Action Plan (open call) the PCSP provided support to 32 initiatives to deliver a range of projects in the city and district. These initiatives dealt with a raft of community safety and policing issues from domestic violence/abuse, hate crime, tackling ASB, elderly abuse, road safety, drug and alcohol addiction etc. to reducing fear of crime, providing alternatives to bonfires and delivering intergenerational and diversionary initiatives in those areas where it was most needed.



Bogside and Brandywell Initiative (Moor DEA)



Bready Cricket Club (Faughan DEA)



Three Rivers Search & Rescue (Strabane Town DEA)





Clooney Estate Residents' Association (Waterside DEA)

Dennett Interchange (Sperrin DEA)



Glen Development Initiative (Foyleside DEA)



On Street Community Youth (Ballyarnett DEA)

Derry & Raphoe Action (Derg DEA)

These initiatives have proved highly successful in providing local solutions to local issues especially during times of heightened tensions. Almost all projects supported were able to draw down the total amount of funding allocated and deliver on the outputs agreed with the PCSP. The table below outlines the financial support provided to local initiatives by the Derry & Strabane PCSP during 2022/23:

Organisation	£ Awarded	DEA
On Street Community Youth	9,670.00	Ballyarnett
Dennett Interchange	9,010.00	Sperrin
Men's Action Network	7,260.00	Council- wide
Rainbow Child & Family Centre	2,068.20	Ballyarnett
Brigade Cricket Club	7,730.00	Waterside
Dennett Valley Health Network	3,864.67	Sperrin
Melmount & East Banks CAF	8,725.47	Strabane Town
Shantallow Community Resident's Association	9,900.00	Council-wide
Cathedral Youth Club	2,574.20	Moor
ВНСР	10,000.00	Foyleside
Long Tower Y&CC	10,000.00	Moor
Shantallow Youth Intervention	9,976.00	Ballyarnett
Lincoln Courts Youth & Community	9,968.75	Waterside
Three Rivers Search & Rescue	2,696.00	Sperrin, Derg & Strabane Town
Easilink Community Transport	6,380.00	Sperrin, Derg & Faughan
HURT	7,840.00	Council-wide
Londonderry YMCA	1,275.45	Waterside
Glen Development Initiative	5,133.33	Foyleside
MUSE Counselling & Wellbeing Service	9,604.00	Foyleside, Faughan, Moor, Ballyarnett & Waterside
Bready Cricket Club	7,366.67	Faughan
Newtownstewart Leisure Complex	1,853.83	Derg

St Mary's Youth Centre	10,000.00	Moor
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Clooney Estate Residents' Association	9,660.00	Waterside
Bogside & Brandywell Initiative	5,000.00	Moor
Newbuildings Cricket Club	7,625.87	Faughan
Shantallow Men's Support Group	9,480.00	Ballyarnett
Churchtown Community Centre	8,333.33	Derg
Derry & Raphoe Action	5,837.50	Derg
Killeter Road Community Association	5,325.00	Derg
TOTAL	£204,158.27	

Section 6 – PCSP Accounts

The Joint Committee provides funding to the Derry and Strabane Policing and Community Safety Partnership with Derry City and Strabane District Council and other partners also providing financial support.

Service Level Agreement

The Partnership has a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Derry City and Strabane District Council for the provision of a range of in-house services. The areas of support offered to the Partnership include: general finance, office accommodation, IT, administration of salaries, payment of invoices and support in areas of personnel, and legal & audit services.

The spreadsheet on the next page outlines the income and expenditure of the PCSP for the financial year 2022/23 (April 2022 to March 2023).

Derry and Strabane Policing and Community Safety Partnership Statement of Support from Joint Committee 2022/23

Total Costs

£442,378.32

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Receipts	
Grant from Joint Committee	£459,496.00
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Payments	
Staff Costs	£59,496.00
Running Costs	£20,940.51
Engagement	£42,000.00
Northland Warden Scheme	£50,000.00
Small Project Support (ASB)	£112,190.93
Reducing Fear of Crime (Safer Homes)	£17,500.00
Caged Sport	£4,973.43
Advertising/PR	£2,497.57
Youth Engagement Initiatives	£55,000.00
CCTV	20,000.00
Members Attendance Allowance	£6,900.00
Promoting Internet Safety	£890.71
Hate Crime Initiatives	£144.40
Tackling Business/Rural Crime	£888.77
Road Safety Initiatives Drug and Alcohol & Addiction Initiatives	£7,541.58 £21,240.67
Domestic & Sexual Violence Initiatives	£21,240.67 £12,884.92
Policing Committee/ Local Accountability	£7,288.83

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Section 7 - Members' Attendance Record

The Derry and Strabane Policing and Community Safety Partnership held 8 PCSP meetings and 3 PCSP Policing Committee Meetings between 01 April 2022 and 31 March 2023. The table below shows attendance by Partnership members.

PCSP Member	Number of Scheduled Meetings Held	Number of Meetings Attended	Percentage Attendance
Cllr Paul Fleming (SF)	7	6	86%
Cllr Sandra Duffy (SF)	2	2	100%
Cllr Michaela Boyle (SF)	11	6	55%
Cllr Christopher Jackson (SF)	9	8	89%
Cllr Emma McGinley (SF)	4	4	100%
Cllr Martin Reilly (SDLP)	11	11	100%
Cllr Jason Barr (SDLP)	11	9	82%
Cllr John Boyle (SDLP)	11	9	82%
Ald. Keith Kerrigan (DUP)	11	9	82%
Ald. Maurice Devenney (DUP)	11	10	91%
Ald Drew Thompson (DUP)	8	8	100%
Ald. Hilary McClintock (DUP)	2	1	50%
Ald. Darren Guy (UUP)	11	10	91%
Aodh McCay	11	9	82%
Ms Linda Watson	11	10	91%
Miss Úna McCartney	11	10	91%
Margaret Hall	2	2	100%
Fergal Leonard	11	8	73%
Thomas Conway	11	11	100%
Mary Casey	11	9	82%
Paul Boggs	11	4	36%
Jeanette Warke	11	7	64%
Total	199	163	82%

How to contact the Derry and Strabane PCSP

If you would like any further information, wish to comment or have questions about the work of the Derry and Strabane PSCP please contact:

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