



Limavady

***District Policing
Partnership***

Local people shaping local policing

**ANNUAL REPORT
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Abbreviations

CSP	Community Safety Partnership
DCU	District Command Unit
DPP	District Policing Partnership
NIPB	Northern Ireland Policing Board
PSNI	Police Service of Northern Ireland

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“...the function ... should be advisory, explanatory and consultative. They should represent the consumer, voice the concerns of the citizens and monitor the performance of the police in their districts The DPPs should be encouraged to see policing in its widest sense, involving and consulting non-government organisations and community groups concerned with safety issues as well as statutory agencies”

The Report of the Independent Commission on Policing
for Northern Ireland

September 1999

Foreword from the District Policing Partnership Chair

This annual report is presented in compliance with the Police (NI) Act 2000 which requires an annual report to be presented to Council not later than three months after the end of each financial year.

District Policing Partnerships were first established in March 2003. In line with the District Policing Partnership Order 2005 the District Policing Partnership was reconstituted in December 2005.

This annual report covers the fiscal year 2005 – 06 and therefore covers the period before and after reconstitution. The report seeks to reflect the ongoing challenges and successes and to reflect the work of the District Policing Partnership.

The District Policing Partnership continues to be the voice of the public in regard to local policing issues, and encourages the public to “Hear it, See it and Report it” in order to reduce and detect crime. The DPP continues to work with the Police and the Public so that Limavady Borough is a safer place in which to live, work and drive through.

The District Policing Partnership will also continue to shape local policing by having input into the development of the local policing plan and by monitoring the police against objectives outlined in the plan.

A draft equality scheme was submitted to the Equality Commission in July 2005 for a desk top audit. To date, the scheme has not been approved. The formulation of the draft scheme included consultation with a wide range of stakeholders.

Leslie Cubitt
Chairman
Limavady District Policing Partnership
June 2006

Acknowledgement from the District Commander

It gives me great pleasure to report that Limavady District Policing Partnership continues to perform as one of the most innovative and forward thinking throughout the province.

During the past 12 months, many bridges have been built, and relationships strengthened. A direct result of the consultation between the DPP and local police is the recently issued local policing plan, into which the views and concerns of the local community were factored. The results of this consultation will form the basis for local policing for the next year.

I have no doubt that, in the coming months, a continuation of the close links between the DPP and police within Limavady Borough will help us as we strive towards our main aim, which is to make Limavady Borough a safer place to live.

Michael Rankin
Superintendent
District Commander

SECTION ONE: INTRODUCTION

Background

District Policing Partnerships, were formed in March 2003 as “partnerships between the District Council and representatives of the local community¹”. They have their basis in Section 16 of the Police (NI) Act 2000. A District Policing Partnership (NI) Order 2005 was enacted in March 2005 which provided for a transitional period from local government election day until the day before the reconstitution date of the incoming DPP. The District Policing Partnership was reconstituted in line with the above legislation on the 2nd December 2005.

Limavady Borough

Limavady Borough has a population of 34,000 people² and lies in the north west of the Province. It is largely rural with three main centres of population in Limavady, Dungiven and Ballykelly. Limavady Borough is an area of outstanding natural beauty and attracts a tourist population throughout the year.

Approximately 1.9% of the population lives in Limavady Borough, and over 80% of residents have lived in the area for more than five years. The rural community accounts for approximately 63% of the total population and 2.4% of farm business in Northern Ireland³. Statistically less than 1% of the population is from minority ethnic backgrounds and this grouping continues to grow. 51% of the population is male and 49% female. A further breakdown of the statistics reveals that 57% is Catholic and 43% non-Catholic⁴. It is projected that by 2015 (compared with 2000), there will be a decrease of 18.4% in the number of children and a 39.1% increase in the elderly population⁵. Limavady has an above average number of people under the age of 25⁶.

Environmental Scan

As part of the District Policing Partnership’s public consultation process⁷ conducted in 2003, the social and environmental factors that cause crime and anti-social behaviour within the council district were examined⁸. A further scan of the environment in 2005 reflects that the situation remains similar to that of last year. It is encouraging to note that the claimant total for unemployment has further fallen to 640⁹ which represents 3.0% of the working age population and compares with an average of 4.1% for Northern Ireland and a U.K. average of 5.1%.

¹ Code of Practice

² 2004 mid year estimate

³ Integrated Local Strategy 2003-2006

⁴ Census 2001

⁵ NISRA 2000 based population projection and census 2001

⁶ NISRA 2000 based population projection and census 2001

⁷ Public Consultation Report 2003

⁸ Code of Practice 2.8

⁹ March 2006

SECTION TWO: OUR PURPOSE AND FUNCTIONS

Limavady District Policing Partnership was established in March 2003¹⁰ and had a vision: “to engage with the public in order to impact on local policing, so that Limavady becomes a safer place for all.” This vision statement was amended in March 2006 to read “to engage with the public in order to impact on local policing, so that Limavady Borough becomes a safer place for all”.

In March 2006, the reconstituted DPP agreed to work by the following values: Show respect and encourage participation. Remain focused, truthful, open, challenging and work with confidentiality.

Membership

Limavady District Policing Partnership is representative of the demography of the Borough, both in terms of gender and religion. It has fifteen members, eight of whom have been appointed by Council using d'Hondt principles, and seven appointed by the Northern Ireland Policing Board as independent members representing the community. Based on a criteria on 60% attendance and self evaluation, all community members from the inaugural DPP were invited by NIPB to apply to serve for a second term. Six of the Community members indicated their willingness to serve a second term, four community members were reappointed.

Membership for the period April 2005 – December 2005.

Name	Appointment	Name	Appointment
Michael Carten – Alderman	Political	Desmond Lowry – Cllr (until May 2005)	Political
Damien Corr	Community	Gerry Mullan – Cllr	Political
Michael Coyle – Cllr	Political	Mary McCrea	Community
Leslie Cubitt – Cllr (Chair from March 2005)	Political	Nigel McLaughlin	Community
Jack Dolan – Alderman (until May 2005)	Political	Jack Rankin – Cllr (Vice Chair from March 2005 – December 2005)	Political
Jim Herron	Community	George Robinson – Cllr	Political
Maureen Hudson	Community	Rosemary Savage	Community
Marie Keown	Community		

¹⁰ Section 16, Police (NI) Act 2000

Membership for the period 2nd December 2005 – 31st March 2006.

Name	Appointment	Name	Appointment
Michael Carten – Cllr	Political	Nigel McLaughlin	Community
Michael Coyle – Cllr	Political	Sheila McWilliams	Community
Leslie Cubitt – Cllr (Chair)	Political	Martin Quinn	Community
Declan Doherty	Community	Jack Rankin – Alderman	Political
		Alan Robinson - Cllr	Political
Maureen Hudson	Community	George Robinson – Alderman	Political
Marie Keown	Community	Rosemary Savage (Vice Chair from December 02, 2005)	Community
Gerry Mullan – Alderman	Political	Edwin Stevenson - Cllr	Political

Purpose

In order for the District Policing Partnership to meet its statutory obligations it will:

- **consult** with the public to identify their policing and crime issues
- **analyse** and **prioritise** the issues identified and request the District Commander to take account of these priorities while drawing up the Local Policing Plan
- **monitor** police performance against the objectives contained in the Local Policing Plan and the Annual Policing Plan
- **engage** with the community to obtain the co-operation of the public with the police in preventing crime.

Marketing

The District Policing Partnership continues to use every opportunity to raise its profile, while promoting confidence in the police, disseminating information and responding to media requests. This included:

- Regular DPP updates. Three editions were sent to over 340 organisations within the faith, voluntary, community and business sectors during the year
- In order to promote openness and transparency extensive use was made of the DPP website. This has resulted in over 500 hits per month to the website, the highest to any DPP website in Northern Ireland
- Frequent media releases. Over 50 press releases were issued, to nine print media sources. Some press releases were issued at the request of individual print media sources
- An Autumn edition of the DPP newsletter was produced and distributed to every home in the Borough. The Newsletter was minimalist in design with extensive use of photographs reflecting community engagement

- Development of an email distribution list with over 150 contact details. This distribution list was used for dissemination of DPP updates and key press releases
- Information was supplied to NIPB for inclusion in each edition of DPP News

Training/Briefings

The following Training and Briefings were offered by NIPB and attended by a range of members: Young People and Youth Crime Workshop; An introduction to Planning and Statistics; Partners in Community-based problem solving; Monitoring Police Performance; Chairing Skills,

A closing event for Independent Members was held in Magee Great Hall in November 2005 and attended by four members.

The Manager attended training/briefings in; Equality Legislation; Human Rights; Budget Forecasting; and Management and the PSNI Estate Strategy. The Manager also attended as an observer the six-monthly Performance Accountability Briefings held in the Police Station.

PSNI invited members to participate in Best Value Patrolling Review, a Hate Crime Conference and a Public Order Conference.

An introduction event was organised by NIPB for the reconstituted DPP in the Radisson Roe Hotel on 19th January 2006. Local training events were held for the reconstituted DPP on a series of evenings during January – March 2006.

Invitations

The Chairman and Manager attended the Community Policing Awards held on 25th May 2005 in the City Hall, Belfast, and a Chairman's Forum held in Rosspark Hotel where the Deputy Chief Constable Paul Leighton addressed the meeting.

The Manager was invited to a range of meetings to include the A.G.M. of Victims Support, Foyle Women's Aid, Research finding into the methodology of the CHILL programme.

Equality Legislation

Limavady District Policing Partnership was designated as a public body pertinent to Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act and was required by the Equality Commission to produce an Equality Scheme. A consultation period relating to the draft equality scheme and associated policies commenced on 8th May 2005. The consultation process involved placement of an advertisement in local newspapers, use of the DPP website, invitations to meetings, semi-structured questionnaires, development of a consultee list, and an opportunity was given at each Meeting in Public to discuss the draft scheme and DPP policies.

DPP members represent many of the Section 75 categories and policies were formulated to be compliant with equality legislation. Generally it has been the view of those consulted that the DPP adheres to policies developed by other organisations and that the few DPP-originated policies have been developed in compliance with relevant equality legislation. A draft equality scheme was submitted to the Equality Commission in July 2005 for a desk top audit. To date, the scheme has not been approved as legal clarification is being sought by Northern Ireland Policing Board and the Equality Commission.



Election of Rosemary Savage as Vice Chair by the Community Members.
December 2005

SECTION THREE: CONSULT

As part of the District Policing Partnership's remit to consult with the public on policing issues, a public consultation process was undertaken.

Public Consultation Process

The public consultation process was based on quantitative and qualitative research, using both a structured and a semi-structured process.

This consisted of:

- Analysis of local crime figures;
- Analysis of questions submitted by the public (i.e. type and frequency of questions received) both in person and through DPP members;
- DPP input and analysis of question/issues discussed with the District Commander;
- Meeting with identified stakeholders e.g. Youth Council;
- Web-based questionnaire
- Questionnaire designed for use at the stand hosted at the Londonderry and Limavady Agricultural Show.
- Analysis of phone calls/visits to the DPP Office by members of the public
- Community Safety Audit
- Media scanning

Detailed data relating to the public consultation process and outcomes are available in the public consultation report¹¹ and are available upon request or can be downloaded from www.districtpolicing.com/limavady.

Meetings in public

The DPP conducted a total of 17 meetings, including seven meetings in public, two of which were thematic in nature and one event on Counterfeit Money which provided an opportunity for all who attended to freely discuss concerns and questions with two finance specialists. Meetings in public were held during the afternoon and evening, in neutral venues for that location and with disability access. Meetings were widely advertised using different marketing tools to promote equality of opportunity.

Meetings in public were held in:

- June 2005 – Gorteen House Hotel
- July 2005 – Gorteen House Hotel. Thematic – Policing with the Community
- September 2005 – Limavady Borough Council Offices
- October 2005 – Limavady High School. Thematic – Role of Youth Diversion
- November 2005 – Benone Tourist Complex
- November 2005 – Alexander Arms Hotel. Counterfeit Money event

¹¹ Public consultation report 2004-05

- February 2006 – Limavady Borough Council Offices

There continues to be disappointment with the number of questions submitted in advance of meetings and the level of attendance by the public at general meetings held in public. Six written questions were received in advance of meetings. One written question was received on the day of a meeting.

Data collated from satisfaction surveys indicate that those who attended found the meetings informative, and would consider attending a further meeting. This data continues to shape the process, and the format of meetings continues to evolve in order to facilitate maximum engagement with the public. As the format of the meetings becomes more informal and participatory, data relating to the number of questions cannot be accurately enumerated.

A register of attendance at meetings in public is not recorded. In general, thematic meetings have received a better attendance than general meetings, possibly due to these meetings relating to topical issues. Over 80 students participated in the meeting on the Role of Youth Diversion Officer, while approximately 50 members of the public attended the event on Counterfeit Money and Credit Card Crime. There were approximately 35 members of the public at the event on the Role of Community Policing team.

SECTION THREE: ANALYSE AND PRIORITISE

As a result of the public consultation process, policing priorities were identified and a public consultation report was published in November 2005. It was acknowledged that not all the issues were for inclusion in the policing plan as some required local monitoring, or to be considered as a training need. The District Policing Partnership emphasised the need for adequate resources in terms of personnel and finance and that for the police to do their duties fully they require the support of the community within which they work. It was also acknowledged that the public consultation report forms one part of the process by which the local police can identify priorities for the local policing plan.

1. **Policing Plan 2005-06.** During the first six months of 2005-06, Limavady DCU continued to perform well against targets compared with other DCUs in the region and province-wide. Offences against the person, theft, burglary, sexual offences and other notifiable offences continued to increase, while criminal damage burglary, robbery, fraud and forgery and offences against the state continued to decrease. Overall, there was an 8.2% increase on figures against the previous year. The police are to be commended for their persistent enforcement of relevant legislation relating to drugs and their approach to on-street drinking.
2. **Staffing levels.** Staffing levels continued to appear adequate, although it was noted that a number of front-line police officers are on 'restricted duties', which has impacted upon the new enlarged community policing team. It was noted that there has still been no progress on recruitment on part-time community police for the Borough.
3. **Policing Priorities.**
 - The **Volume Crimes** of criminal damage, offences against the person, and theft need to be given continued attention – both to prevention and resolution.
 - **Drug-related activities** continue to be of particular concern, legal and illegal; both drug dealing and drug use. While the top policing issue identified from those in Limavady town area is drug dealing/use, the top local issue is that of anti-social behaviour and criminal damage. There remains the necessity for a baseline survey to identify the extent of the problem. Of concern are comments by counseling services of lack of referrals from Limavady area.
 - **Alcohol abuse, drinking in public places, and underage drinking.** Byelaws relating to the consumption of intoxicating liquor in public places should be fully implemented. Continued work with the Vintners Association and local licensees and the support of the 'Behave or be Banned' programme is recommended. It was acknowledged that this requires an educational input and multi-agency approach.
 - **Road Policing Management.** Speeding and 'boy racer' activities are the top concerns in rural areas. Of particular concern is the number of people killed and seriously injured as a result of road traffic collisions. Attention to road policing management needs to be continued, especially to speeding offences by 'boy racers', those who drive while under the influence of

drink/drugs, those who do not have driving licences or insurance, and those who fail to wear seat belts.

- **Domestic Violence.** Domestic Violence continues to be an area of concern, accounting for 30% of all offences against the person. A proactive investigatory approach should seek to address the increase in the number of violent domestic offences. Last year the DPP recommended the training of all appropriate personnel and it is of encouragement to learn that training for all relevant officers took place during the autumn. This will further improve procedures for dealing with both victims and perpetrators.
 - **Emotive issues: Public Nuisance Issues.** Youths causing annoyance and low level anti-social behaviour, which have been identified as a growing issue, are now the top issues identified by local communities for their area. While these require a multi-agency approach to tackle societal issues, enforcement of relevant legislation is encouraged, including exploration of using Acceptable Behaviour Contracts and ASBOs.
4. **Fear and Perception of Crime.** Fear of Crime exists both in the rural areas and in the towns. It is acknowledged that people have a fear of burglary (particularly in the rural areas) and of a growing drug culture, even though statistically this is not confirmed. The police are encouraged (in partnership where necessary) to proactively use a crime prevention and educational approach to address these fears.
 5. **Crime Prevention.** Crime Prevention is a core activity of the police.
 6. **Policing with the Community.** Policing with the Community remains a core activity and the expansion of the Community Policing Team has been welcomed by communities. The concept of policing clinics in each community area is recommended. It is important that the rural community feels that they have access to community policing.
 7. **Customer Relations.** Local people have an increased confidence and higher than average satisfaction level with the police (based on the NISRA 2004 vs 2003 survey). However, comments received indicate that telephone manner could be improved, and Officers should indicate to callers when a response is anticipated.
 8. **Promotion of Public Confidence is paramount.** Public confidence is promoted by providing feedback and crime detection. The continued practice of providing feedback to callers is encouraged.
 9. **Targets**
It would be preferable to continue to improve on targets set previously'?

The District Policing Partnership determined that the public differentiated between Policing Priorities, Policing Practices and Policing Standards.

Suggestions were made to NIPB in relation to input for the Northern Ireland Policing Plan. These included drug dealing and drug abuse, road traffic management, anti-social behaviour, criminal damage and fear of crime in the rural areas. Suggestions were also made re. looking at target setting in an innovative manner, to include a number of multi-agency initiatives designed to impact upon different aspects of crime and the development of a framework which would allow the inclusion of qualitative issues which could not be monitored by 'SMART' targets. Suggestions included the use of footnotes in the District Policing Plan which could include assurances

provided to the DPP on identified issues e.g. an assurance to provide feedback to all callers, to undertake quality assurance methodologies and to initiate call management on all telephone calls to stations.

The DPP highlighted the need to consider further development of Management/Knowledge Systems – sharing of information between statutory agencies e.g. if an abandoned car is reported to the Police, information should be taken down and reported electronically to Council, and caller informed of this.

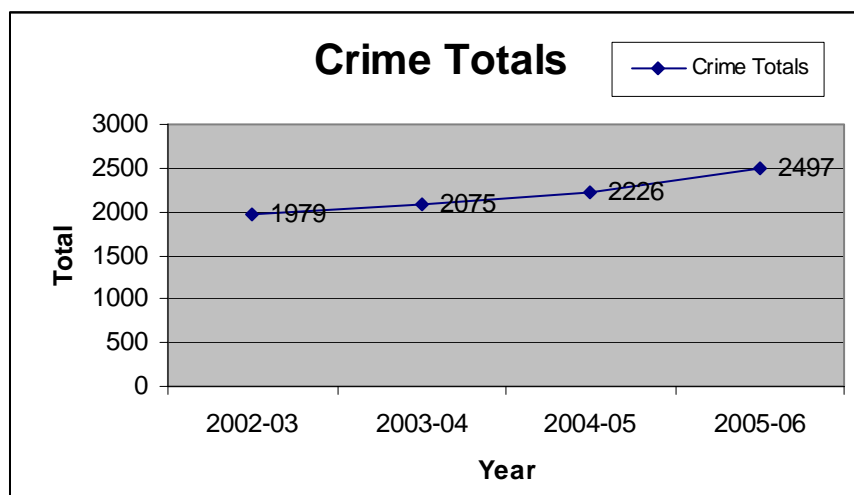
Following submission of the report to the District Commander, a draft District Policing Plan was developed by the District Command Unit and submitted to the DPP for further input. After discussion, further amendments were incorporated. The District Policing Plan reflects issues prioritised and recommended for inclusion and is therefore representative of the wishes and aspirations of the residents of the Borough.

SECTION THREE: MONITOR

Local Crime Profile

Part of the role of the District Policing Partnership is to monitor the police against the district policing plan¹². Analysis of the figures indicate that clearance rates continue to improve, and are higher than the regional average. 37.8% this year, compared with 35% last year, and compared with the Northern Ireland average of 31% and 36% in rural region.

Crime has risen by approximately 271 cases (12.2%) compared with a rise of 4.3% across Northern Ireland and 9.2% in the rural area. Some of that increase is accounted for by increased detections for drug trafficking and non-trafficking offences and the new category entitled 'breach of orders'. However, overall, the crime picture is one of increasing crime and has risen since 2002/03 when the total crime figure was 1979. Almost 1 in 3 crimes are not solved!



The volume crimes of criminal damage, offences against the person, theft and burglary all continue to increase. At the six-monthly assessment, the DPP commended the police that for the first time in over a year, criminal damage was holding even, however year on year there has been a 6.4% increase. Clearance rate has increased from 14% to 18.8% which is encouraging. Criminal damage now accounts for 32% of all crime within the Borough, compared to 34% last year.

Last year, the DPP stated "It is therefore of particular encouragement to note that there has been a 24% drop in domestic burglary since last year, coupled with an increased clearance rate to 20%. The Northern Ireland average is only 13.4%. This is to be commended". Unfortunately, the trend has been reversed this year, with a 22% increase in domestic burglary, and a clearance rate of only 9.0%. Burglary is a crime which strikes fear into the heart of communities and the police response coupled with clearance of these crimes does more to promote public confidence in the police than policing response to any other crime.

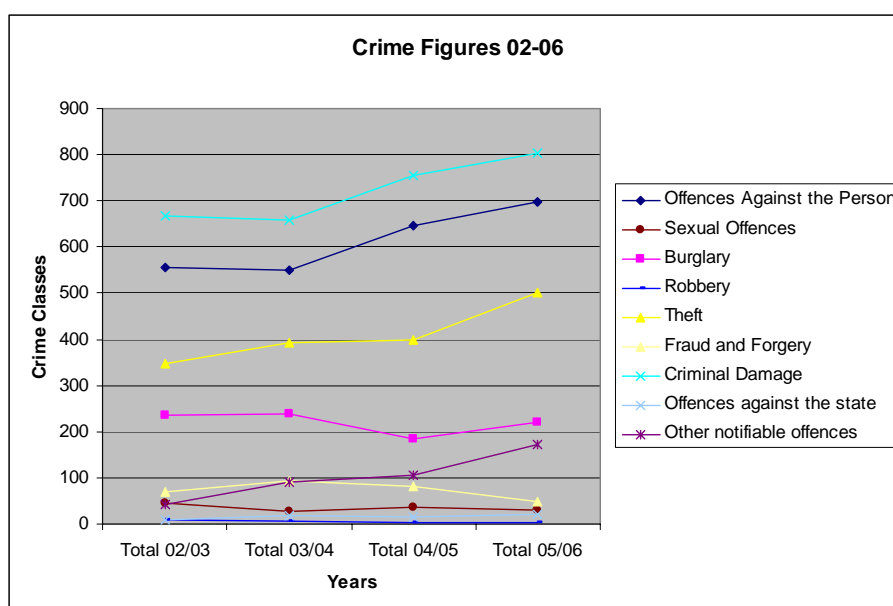
¹² Police Act (NI) Act, Section 16

Offences against the person are up by 7.9% - a further increase on 12% compared with the previous year. Clearance rates remain the same at 64.3% against a Northern Ireland average of 56.6%. Violent Crime (offences against the person, sexual offences and robbery) is also on the rise, an increase of 44 cases from this time last year. Clearance figures reflect an increase to 64% compared to a Northern Ireland average of 53.9% and rural region of 61.5%.

Theft accounts for 20% of all crime, with the high volume thefts being the opportunistic thefts of bicycles and mobile phones. The clearance rate has improved from 18.3% to 24%. Vehicle Crime (theft from motor vehicles and theft or unauthorized taking of motor vehicles) continues to account for approx 5.4% of all crime in Limavady with a dramatic increase in theft from motor vehicles of 50% (a total of 87 incidents), however this has fallen from an increase of 70% during the first six month period compared with the same period last year. Vehicle tampering showed a 112% increase during the first six-month period and due to proactive policing fell to an overall increase of 26.3% at year end.

Theft from a vehicle now accounts for 64% of vehicle crime compared with 57% last year. This does not include criminal damage to vehicles.

Drug trafficking offences continue to increase (22 recorded offences compared with 12 in the previous year - an increase of 65%), while non-trafficking offences have increased from 71 to 94, almost two per week. The DPP continues to commend the police for their proactive approach in disrupting the drugs supply chain but it is of concern that these figures represent an increasing availability of drugs within our Borough. The DPP will continue to keep this a live issue and will work in partnership with all relevant bodies to tackle this problem with an education, prevention and enforcement perspective.



In September 2005, at a meeting in private, the DPP asked the police to update the partnership on the policing response leading up to and during a competition band parade held on the 18th August 2005.

The DCU performed within budget, and met targets relating to sick leave days for officers. Sick leave rates for civilian staff continue to increase and are not within target.

The District Policing Plan for the current year focuses on issues identified and prioritised by the DPP. It focuses on vehicle crime, violent crime, criminal damage, drug offences, roads traffic management issues, and anti-social behaviour.

There are also 23 targets identified in the Northern Ireland-wide Plan which the local police have to work towards, some of which are included in the local policing plan.

SECTION THREE: ENGAGE

The District Policing Partnership has a responsibility to encourage the public to work with the police in the prevention of crime. A strategy for engaging with the public in the prevention of crime was drawn up¹³ and a new strategy was developed by the reconstituted DPP¹⁴. The DPP remains committed to working in partnership with the Police and any agencies/organisations which are involved in addressing crime, its causes or any of the priorities identified by the DPP. The emphasis remains on citizenship. To this end, the DPP has undertaken a wide range of activities.

- Consultation undertaken with key stakeholders from public and private sectors, including community, voluntary and faith-based organisations
- Focus groups were held to help identify issues
- Meetings were held with interested organisations ranging from the Over 60+ club to faith-based groups
- Discussions took place on one-to-one basis with individuals from within the community and business sector
- Members are involved in a wide range of organisations and while they have not been appointed to represent those organisations, they undertake to act where appropriate as a conduit between these organisations and the DPP
- The abuse of legal and illegal drugs is of concern to many in the Borough. Due to demand posters and tent cards produced by the Buzz, Verbal Arts programme were reprinted and made available throughout the Borough. The tent cards were distributed during the pre-Christmas season by the Community Policing team to the pubs and clubs
- A 2006 credit card sized calendar was produced with useful telephone numbers on the reverse side. This production also raised awareness of the DPP
- The issue of theft of bicycles and mobile phones was identified in Spring 2005. As a result, the DPP agreed to encourage use of property-marking tools and to educate children on how to protect their bicycles and mobile phones. A very successful poster competition for primary schools relating to bicycle safety was held in June 2005. The competition received wide media coverage
- Over 2,000 Property marking pens were distributed throughout the year and continue to be distributed upon request. In association with the Police after a spate of domestic burglaries in the Cooleasan area, every home received a property marking kit and an appropriately designed leaflet
- A stand was hosted at the Agricultural Show in July 2005. The opportunity was taken to promote the posters designed from the bicycle safety competition, the

¹³ Strategy to gain the co-operation of the public in the prevention of crime 2004 - 05

¹⁴ Strategy 2006 – 2009

Buzz drug and alcohol posters, provide property-marking kits and to undertake public consultation through use of a questionnaire. This event also assisted the DPP to further raise their profile and to engage with a wide and diverse range of public on a one-to-one basis

- The partnership has membership on the interagency Borough-wide Domestic Violence Forum and remains committed to be proactive in tackling this crime and its root causes
- The Chair and the Vice Chair of the DPP, including the DPP Manager are members of the Community Safety Partnership for the period March – 1st December 2005. This increased to three members of the DPP
- An event was held in Limavady Further Education College, organised by the DPP in association with the Police, to meet with all new residential students. This event focused on personal and property safety. Property marking pens and personal attack alarms were distributed and an information session was given on the law relating to drugs and alcohol. The opportunity was also taken to identify the students' policing issues
- The DPP in association with the Police are currently updating the 'Behave or Be Banned' data with the associated poster and it is anticipated that this initiative will be rolled out across Limavady Borough
- The DPP continues to promote the work of the independent charity 'Crimestoppers'
- A second edition of the DPP Information Newsheet was produced and delivered to every home in the Borough. The Newsheet provided a summary of the annual report, as well as incorporating a poster on the law and safety relating to Quad Bikes, a Road Safety quiz and a questionnaire designed to further identify policing priorities and to evaluate the newsletter. This publication has been well received and budget permitting it is anticipated that it will be produced annually
- In excess of 50 press releases were issued relating to local crime issues, meetings in public, encouraging people to work with the police, demonstrating objection to high profile crime, high volume crime, serious crime etc
- Three editions of News Update have been issued to over 340 organisations on the mailing list, raising awareness of policing and crime issues and encouraging local people to work in cooperation with the PSNI to tackle issues at local level. This proactive approach of News Updates coupled with frequent press releases and the DPP Information Newsheet seeks to address poor attendance and engagement at meetings in public
- The DPP is actively promoting citizenship issues – communities who watch out for each other, become good neighbours, who report suspicious activity to the police and together tackle the root causes of crime. The concept of Neighbourhood Watch is being promoted and communities are encouraged to develop and establish a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

- In response to an influx of counterfeit currency in November 2005 the DPP in association with the Police organised an event targeted at local businesses on Counterfeit Currency and Credit Card Crime. Over 50 members of the public attended the two public sessions and a range of literature, counterfeit detection pens and height markers were available. Ultra-violet lights for the detection of counterfeit notes were available at cost price from the Police.
- The adage “Hear it, See it, Report it” was used extensively in order to encourage the public to report crime and suspicious activity to the police
- In response to the identified priority of Road Traffic Management and the high number of people killed or seriously injured on the roads, the DPP endorsed Sam Conley Motorcycles, Limavady who organised a very successful BikeSafe event in association with Roads Policing Education Unit. Sam and his team have shown their commitment to making Limavady Borough a safer place
- Drug-related activities continue to be of particular concern, legal and illegal; both drug dealing and drug use. In response a roadshow was organised and held in Limavady High School at which over 20 organisations participated. Financial and in-kind sponsorship was sourced and two publications were specifically designed for the event. Feedback from the event was very positive with one organisation receiving a referral within 96 hours of the event
- Neighbourhood Watch schemes are about being responsible neighbours and watching out for each other, addressing crime and the fear of crime. In order to support the Glens Community Association who introduced the first Neighbourhood Watch scheme in the Borough, the DPP provided the Association with a Property Stenciling Kit
- Police and Churches Together, is a UK-wide initiative, which the Christian Police Association of Northern Ireland would like to roll out throughout Northern Ireland. Limavady DPP has endorsed the concept and plans to work with the DCU to launch the initiative within Limavady Borough. This will take place at a breakfast to be held in June 2006 at which the opportunity will be taken to consult with representatives of the Faith Sector on policing issues.
- Plans to undertake a home safety event and a caravan safety event for the summer of 2006 are currently underway
- A Christmas campaign will also be undertaken
- Plans are currently ongoing to work in partnership with Sam Conley motorcycles and the Road Safety Committee on a number of events which are seeking to help educate and deal with causation factors related to road traffic collisions

SECTION FOUR: CRIME FIGURES

Crime Figures for Limavady DCU

(1st April 2005 – 31st March 2006)

	Total Offences Recorded			Total Offences Cleared		% Clearance Rate	
	2004/05	2005/06	% Change	2004/05	2005/06	2004/05	2005/06
1. Offences against the person	647	698	7.9%	416	449	64.3%	64.3%
2. Sexual offences	36	30	-16.7%	13	19	36.1%	63.3%
3. Burglary	184	221	20.1%	26	26	14.1%	11.8%
Domestic burglary	82	100	22.0%	18	9	22.0%	9.0%
4. Robbery	4	3	-25.0%	1	0	25.0%	0.0%
5. Theft	400	502	25.5%	73	121	18.3%	24.1%
Theft from motor vehicles	58	87	50.0%	5	3	8.6%	3.4%
Theft or unauthorised taking of motor vehicles	46	49	6.5%	16	27	34.8%	55.1%
Vehicle tampering/interference	19	24	26.3%	0	2	0.0%	8.3%
6. Fraud and forgery	81	47	-42.0%	60	35	74.1%	74.5%
7. Criminal damage	755	803	6.4%	106	151	14.0%	18.8%
8. Offences against the state	14	20	42.9%	11	7	78.6%	35.0%
9. Other notifiable offences	105	173	64.8%	64	135	61.0%	78.0%
Drug trafficking offences	12	22	83.3%	12	19	100.0%	86.4%
Drug non-trafficking offences	71	94	32.4%	35	62	49.3%	66.0%
Breach of orders ¹	0	31	/0	0	27	/0	87.1%
Total violent crime (classes 1,2 & 4)	687	731	6.4%	430	468	62.6%	64.0%
Grand Total	2226	2497	12.2%	770	943	34.6%	37.8%

1. From April 2005, breaches of orders have been counted as offences in Northern Ireland under the Home Office Counting Rules.

SECTION FIVE: DISTRICT POLICING PLAN 2006-07

Policing Board Objectives		Performance Indicators		Targets	
Domain – Citizen focus					
1.0	To build and sustain public confidence in the Police Service of Northern Ireland	1.1	Percentage of people who are confident in the PSNI's ability to provide an ordinary, day-to-day policing service for all the people of N Ireland	1.1.2 1.1.3	To increase the percentage of crime victims satisfied that they have been kept informed regarding their case by 4 percentage points (2&3) To increase the number of 'police surgeries' established within local communities'
Domain – Reducing crime					
2.0	To reduce crime	2.1	Number of recorded crimes	2.1.3	To reduce the total number of vehicle crimes by 5%
				2.1.4	To reduce the total number of violent crimes by 2%. (5)
				2.1.6	To reduce the total number of criminal damage offences by 2%.
Domain – Investigating crime					
3.0	To improve crime investigation	3.3	Number of persons charged or summoned for drug supply offences.	3.3.2 3.3.3	To sustain the current level of persons charged or summoned for drug offences (8) To increase the number of prosecutions of repeat domestic violence offenders
Domain – Promoting public safety					
4.0	To deal with anti-social behaviour	4.2	Number of non-criminal anti-social behaviour incidents.	4.2.1	To reduce the number of non-criminal anti-social behaviour incidents, based on the baseline figure established 2005-06
5.0	To reduce casualties on the road	5.1	Number killed or seriously injured on the road.	5.1.1	To reduce the numbers killed/seriously injured on the roads. (9)

Notes

- (2) Victims groups include violent crime, domestic burglary, vehicle crime, racial incidents and those involved in injury road traffic collisions
- (3) The baseline is 70% as identified in the result of the Victim Survey 2004-05
- (4) Reduction targets will be based on performance achieved 2005-06
- (5) Violent Crime – includes offences against the person, sexual offences and robberies
- (7) Targets based on performance achieved in 2005-06
- (9) Targets will be based on performance achieved in 2005-06 by focusing on detections for careless driving, excess speed, driving whilst impaired through drink and/or drugs

SECTION SIX: FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS 2005-06.

UNAUDITED FIGURES

	Cash Basis	Central Costs Charged	Central Costs Opening	Central Costs Accrued	Total Central Costs	Creditors Opening	Creditors Closing	Debtors Opening	Debtors Closing	Accruals Basis
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts										
Grant from Policing Board	93,422.47	15,259.48	1,071.48	1,931.00	16,119.00			13,377.94	7,138.05	103,301.58
Contribution From Council	34,433.85				0.00					34,433.85
	<u>127,856.32</u>	<u>15,259.48</u>	<u>1,071.48</u>	<u>1,931.00</u>	<u>17,190.48</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>13,377.94</u>	<u>7,138.05</u>	<u>137,735.43</u>
Payments										
Staff Costs	86,718.48				0.00	3,603.21	3,793.00			86,908.27
Gaining co-operation of the public	7,124.70				0.00		500.00	1,300.00		6,324.70
Secondary/local Consultation	2,305.00				0.00					2,305.00
DPP Meetings	1,872.00				0.00					1,872.00
Advertising & Publicity	5,225.36				0.00	270.00				4,955.36
Running Costs	9,347.74				0.00	395.00		2,100.00		6,852.74
Equipment	1,313.91				0.00					1,313.91
Funding Groups	0.00				0.00					0.00
Core/local Training	2,538.90	3,572.48	71.48	935.00	4,436.00		750.00			7,724.90
Recruitment/reconstitution Costs	1,795.55	10,877.00			10,877.00					12,672.55
SLA	6,000.00				0.00					6,000.00
Other		810.00	1,000.00	996.00	806.00					1,208.37
	<u>124,241.64</u>	<u>15,259.48</u>	<u>1,071.48</u>	<u>1,931.00</u>	<u>16,119.00</u>	<u>4,268.21</u>	<u>5,043.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,400.00</u>	<u>137,735.43</u>

Certificate of Chief Financial Officer

Subject to the central charges shown above properly reflecting actual costs incurred centrally by the Northern Ireland Policing Board on behalf of the local District Policing Partnership, I am satisfied that the expenditure shown has been wholly, exclusively and necessarily incurred by the Council on the local District Policing Partnership and that the grant receivable from the Policing Board is in accordance with the regulations and conditions applicable.

Chief Financial Officer

Date

Note to accounts:

Staff costs – include DPP Manger Salary, Travel and Subsistence and Training; Other Staff; Members Allowance and Travel and Subsistence.

Running Costs – include Insurance, printing, telephones, photocopies, postage, stationary and sundries

Other – include audit fees and equality schemes

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