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DPP Chairman Calls on Policing Board to Re-Affirm Commitment to Police College Site

The local District Policing Partnership Chairman, Councillor Ian McCrea has called on the Northern Ireland Policing Board to re-affirm its commitment to Cookstown as the site for the new PSNI Police College.

Speaking on those who are attempting to re-open the debate on where the new PSNI Police College should be sited, Councillor McCrea has criticised some representatives from other districts for trying to cash in on the Governments delay in making a decision on whether or not to provide the current £40m funding shortfall to build the new Police College as proposed and agreed between the NI Policing Board and the Police Service of Northern Ireland.

The local DPP Chairman said, "the debate on the merits of various sites from across Northern Ireland was finalised in 2004 with Desertcreat on the outskirts of Cookstown being chosen as the most suitable.

Cllr McCrea continued, “with this debate now closed efforts would be best served by everyone concerned in persuading Government to provide the necessary financial assistance to ensure the construction of a world class training facility which will focus on community policing and training officers to provide the service which all sections of the community expect.

Cllr McCrea concluded by calling on the Government to make available the necessary finances for the development of the training facility on the Desertcreat site which will have the ability to train officers to deliver an efficient and effective policing service for everyone.

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Note to the Editor

1. Members of Cookstown DPP:

Cllr Mary Baker	Mrs Ursula Marshall	Mr Phonsie Eastwood
Mrs Elizabeth Baxter	Mrs Aislinn Scott-McKinley	
Cllr Peter Cassidy	Cllr Samuel McCartney	
Mr Eoin Doyle (Vice-Chairman)	Mrs Ita Pickering	
Cllr Samuel Glasgow	Cllr Tony Quinn	
Mr Paddy Mellon	Cllr James McGarvey	
Cllr Ian McCrea (Chairman)	Cllr Trevor Wilson	

3. Functions of Cookstown DPP

Cookstown DPP is a partnership between Cookstown District Council and representatives of the local community, and has been established to:

1. Consult with the community to help establish local policing priorities
2. Monitor the performance of the police against local policing plans
3. Act as a forum for discussion on matters affecting the policing of the district
4. Gain the co-operation of the public in preventing crime