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# Press Release

## RELEASE: IMMEDIATE

**Cookstown District Policing Partnership (DPP) will hold its second meeting in public session this Thursday night (21<sup>st</sup> August) in the Manor House, Moneymore at 7pm, to which all members of the public are welcome to attend. At this meeting the District Command Unit (PSNI) will deliver their report on the policing of the District and answer questions previously submitted by the public.**

DPP Manager, Philip Moffett said, "the regular meeting of Cookstown District Policing Partnership in public session offered the local community a mechanism which they could partake and become involved, in the way they are policed on a day to day basis".

He continued, "holding some meetings in public provided a setting for monitoring and appraising the work of the local District Command Unit (PSNI) in the most transparent manner possible, and for the Partnership to act as a forum for communicating its work to the public".

Made up of eight District councillors, nominated by Cookstown District Council, and seven independent members appointed by the NI Policing Board in March 2003, the current membership of the DPP will remain until June 2005 and monitor the work of the police against the Cookstown District Policing Plan.

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Although the 15 members of the Partnership will question the local District Command Unit (PSNI) on the policing of the District, members of the public will have previously submitted questions answered at the meeting.

The DPP Manager said, “members of the public may have a question answered by the District Command Unit on the policing of their areas at any meeting of the DPP in public session throughout the year”.

He continued, “although the deadline for the submission of written questions has now passed for the meeting in Moneymore, the public may forward any policing questions they wish to be answered by the District Command Unit at the next meeting of the DPP in public session in late September”.

For questions to be put before the District Command Unit they must be forwarded to the DPP Manager 10 days before the next meeting in public is due to take place. All questions should be forwarded to the DPP Manager, C/o Cookstown District Council, Burn Road, Cookstown, BT80 8NT. Questions may also be sent via e-mail to [district.policing@cookstown.gov.uk](mailto:district.policing@cookstown.gov.uk). A text phone facility is also available for those who may have difficulties in submitting a question in writing (028 8676 5827).

The establishment of a DPP for the region will ensure that policing in the area is consistent with the needs and priorities required for the District. The DPP will facilitate local people of the district to help shape the way local policing is delivered.

**Ends.**

**For further information: Philip Moffett, DPP Manager, 028 8676 2205 or 07977 249515**

## **Note to the Editor**

### **1. Members of Cookstown DPP:**

Cllr Mary Baker	Mrs Ursula Marshall
Mrs Elizabeth Baxter	Cllr Patsy McGlone (Chairman)
Cllr Peter Cassidy	Cllr Samuel Parke
Mr Eoin Doyle	Mrs Ita Pickering
Cllr Samuel Glasgow	Mr Tony Quinn
Mr Samuel Laughlin	Mrs Teresa Rooney
Cllr Ian McCrea	Cllr Trevor Wilson (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr James McGarvey	

### **2. Details of Meeting**

The meeting starts at 7:00pm in the Manor House Moneymore. An agenda for the meeting may be obtained from the DPP Manager on request.

### **3. Functions of Cookstown DPP**

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

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