



**Dungannon &
South Tyrone**

***District Policing
Partnership***

Local people shaping local policing

Annual Report 2009/2010

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CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD

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As Chairman of Dungannon and South Tyrone District Policing Partnership (DPP), I welcome the publication of this Annual Report which outlines our activities undertaken during the financial year 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010 and sets out how the Partnership has fulfilled its statutory duties required under the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000 (as amended).

The key to our success is effective partnership working and throughout the last year we have sought to develop and extend this. We will continue to work with our partners and local people to achieve our ambition of keeping Dungannon and South Tyrone a safe place to live, work and visit.

I am especially grateful to all those members of the public who have supported the work of the DPP during the year by attending meetings in public and who have brought their concerns about local policing and crime issues in the Borough to the attention of the DPP and PSNI. I encourage all in our Borough to continue to engage with the DPP and I thank you in anticipation of your continued support and involvement in the future.

Dungannon and South Tyrone DPP will continue to raise the policing and crime concerns of the community with the PSNI and challenge them through the monitoring process to ensure that our communities receive the best possible policing service.

This report contains information on DPP membership and finances as well as the core business and activities that the DPP has been engaged in throughout 2009/2010. I hope you find it both an informative and interesting read.

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Councillor Phelim Gildernew

DPP Chairman

DISTRICT COMMANDER'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

On behalf of the Police Service of Northern Ireland in F District I welcome Dungannon and South Tyrone District Policing Partnership's annual report for the year 2009/2010.

Dungannon and South Tyrone District Policing Partnership consulted with me as required under Section 17 (4) of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000 (as amended) and I concur with the information contained in the report.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dungannon and South Tyrone District Policing Partnership for their contribution in creating an effective and efficient police service for the whole community.

Chief Superintendent Michael Skuce
F District Commander
Police Service of Northern Ireland

DPP ROLE AND FUNCTION

Dungannon and South Tyrone District Policing Partnership (DPP) is an independent body established by law and is comprised of 17 people – nine local Borough Councillors (known as the Political Members) and eight Independent Members.

Dungannon and South Tyrone DPP has a statutory remit under Section 16 of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000 (as amended) to carry out the following:

1. To consult with the public to find out the key issues of concern relating to crime and policing in the Borough Council area.
2. To identify policing priorities and recommend these to the District Commander for inclusion in the Local Policing Plan.
3. To monitor police performance as it relates to the Local and Northern Ireland Policing Plans.
4. To gain the co-operation of the public with the police in preventing crime.
5. To act as a general forum for discussion and consultation on all matters relating to the policing of the area.

DPP MEMBERSHIP FROM 1 APRIL 2009 TO 31 MARCH 2010

Elected Members	Independent Members
Councillor Frances Burton	Mrs Christine Baxter
Councillor Roger Burton	Mrs Cathy Doherty
Councillor Desmond Donnelly	Mrs Evelyn Frew
Councillor Phelim Gildernew	Mr Ruairi Gildernew
Councillor Harry Greenaway*	Mrs Kathleen Loughran
Councillor Jim Hamilton	Ms Bronwyn McGahan
Councillor Anthony McGonnell	Mrs Bernadette McGirr
Councillor Colla McMahon	Mr Victor McNickle
Councillor Francie Molloy	
Councillor Robert Mulligan*	

*Councillor Robert Mulligan was replaced by his Ulster Unionist Party colleague, Councillor Harry Greenaway, with effect from 8 June 2009.

CORE FUNCTIONS OF THE DPP

1. To consult with the public to find out the key issues of concern relating to crime and policing in the Borough Council area

Consultation with the public is one of the DPP's key functions and is at the heart of all that the DPP does. During the year, the DPP sought and gathered the views and concerns of individuals and local statutory, voluntary and community organisations about crime and policing in the Borough.

The public consultation process helped the DPP define policing priorities for the Dungannon and South Tyrone Borough Council area and ensured that key partners, community organisations and members of the public had their say in defining policing priorities for 2009/2010.

In order to inform the planning process that feeds into the development of the Local Policing Plan, the DPP provided the District Commander with a report on the findings of its consultations.

Below are some of the types of information that the DPP analyses in order to decide on policing and crime priorities

- The policing and crime concerns raised at Community Police Liaison Committee meetings
- Local PSNI crime figures and trends
- The results of the consultation questionnaires completed by the public at DPP Meetings in Public Session and other events/functions
- Issues identified in the local/regional papers and other media
- The results of the Northern Ireland Statistical Research Agency (NISRA) Survey on Policing and Crime 2008
- Questions submitted and asked at DPP Meetings in Public Session.

Below are some of the activities and events that the DPP participated in or organised in order to gather the views of the public

- Consultation and information stand at the Clogher Valley Show in Augher
- Consultation and information stand at Tesco's, Dungannon
- Focus group with members of the Tinnitus Support Group in the Resource Centre, Moy
- Focus group with members of the 'Hear and There' (Hearing Impaired) Group in the Resource Centre, Moy
- Consultation and information stand with senior citizens at the 'Check It Out' rural roadshow in the South West College, Dungannon
- Consultation and information stand at the Fivemiletown Flower Festival in the Church of Ireland Hall, Fivemiletown
- Focus group with members of the Dungannon Clergy Forum in the Council Offices, Dungannon
- Focus group with members of the Diabetes UK Voluntary Association in the South Tyrone Hospital, Dungannon
- Consultation with senior citizens at the Aughnacloy, Ballygawley and Caledon senior citizens Christmas party in the Caledon Arms, Caledon
- Focus group with students from Dungannon Integrated College and St Patrick's Academy, Dungannon at the Leaving Home, Staying Safe event in the South West College, Dungannon
- Consultation and information stand at the DPP's Domestic Violence Working Group 'Celebrating Women' Event in Corick House, Clogher
- Public meeting for Aughnacloy residents in relation to anti social behaviour related activities in the village in St James' Hall, Aughnacloy
- Focus group with people with physical disabilities and sensory impairments in Willowbank Resource Centre, Dungannon
- Focus group with people with mental health needs at Beechview Beacon Centre, Dungannon.

2. To identify policing priorities and recommend these to the District Commander for inclusion in the Local Policing Plan

Following an analysis of the results of the consultation exercise undertaken by the DPP and of crime figures in the Borough Council area, a number of policing and crime issues were identified and prioritised as follows:

<i>Priority Area</i>	<i>Sub Category</i>
<i>Road Safety</i>	Drink / Drug Driving Careless / Dangerous Driving Speeding
<i>Addressing the Fear of Crime</i>	Building Confidence and Satisfaction Increased engagement Improved police response
<i>Alcohol Misuse</i>	Underage Drinking

A report setting out the consultation findings and the local policing priorities identified by the Partnership was presented to the District Commander in September 2009 to assist him in the preparation of the Local Policing Plan for 2010/2011. Following negotiations between the DPP and the local police, all the issues identified by the DPP as a priority were included in the Local Policing Plan 2010/2011 (see Appendix 1). The Local Policing Plan is a document which sets out the targets that the PSNI must meet each financial year in order to address the main crime and policing issues in the Borough.

The DPP has also contributed to the development of the Northern Ireland Policing Plan by advising the Northern Ireland Policing Board of the local policing and crime priorities to be considered for inclusion in the annual Policing Plan. The Northern Ireland Policing Board has acknowledged that many new objectives, indicators and targets have been added to the Northern Ireland Policing Plan because they had been highlighted by DPPs.

3. To monitor police performance as it relates to the Local and Northern Ireland Policing Plans

Meetings in Public Session

The DPP monitors police performance by questioning the Area Commander on the PSNI's three, six, nine and twelve month reports on policing and crime levels in the Borough. These reports are presented to the DPP at meetings in public session. The DPP also monitors the delivery of Neighbourhood Policing in the Borough.

In arranging a meeting in public session, the DPP takes care to use as many neutral venues as possible and to vary the location. The DPP wants to make public participation at meetings in public as easy and accessible as possible.

Meetings in Public Session Held in 2009/2010

Date of Meeting in Public Session	Location	Purpose
15 April 2009	Ranfurly House, Dungannon	Discussion Forum A Vision for Future Policing
17 June 2009	McCreedy Mill, Aghnacloy	Monitoring Meeting 12 Month Report
19 August 2009	The Courthouse, Caledon	Monitoring Meeting 3 Month Report
16 September 2009	The Ryandale, Moy	Discussion Forum Business Crime
18 November 2009	Community Hall, Ballygawley	Monitoring Meeting 6 Month Report
20 January 2010	Council Offices, Dungannon	Discussion Forum PSNI Call Handling & Police Response
17 February 2010	Council Offices, Dungannon	Monitoring Meeting 9 Month Report

Reports were produced for each of the above meetings in public session. These reports detail the business undertaken at the meeting, including an overview of the PSNI report, the questions asked by DPP Members and

members of the public and the answers provided by the PSNI Area Commander.

4. To gain the co-operation of the public with the police in preventing crime

Part of the DPP's remit is to engage with the community to obtain the co-operation of the public with the police in preventing crime.

During the year 2009/2010, the DPP worked in partnership with a number of key agencies, including the PSNI, to try to engage the community and gain their co-operation with the police in preventing crime. Below is a list of the key activities that the DPP has been involved in over the course of the year.

Activities

- Supported and participated in the PSNI's 'Leaving Home/Staying Safe' event in the South West College, Dungannon which provided advice and guidance to students from local schools and colleges about to leave home to commence further education
- Participated in the re-launch of the Quickcheck scheme, which enables householders to check if the callers at their home are genuine, and distributed leaflets throughout the Borough
- Continued to distribute the 'Reporting a Crime' leaflet explaining how to report crime, the correct telephone numbers to use, the type of response to expect from police, how to get feedback and what happens once the police have gathered all the evidence available
- Continued to distribute the 'Domestic Burglary' leaflets providing advice to householders on how to protect their homes and properties from the would-be burglar
- Held joint information and advice sessions with the Dungannon PSNI Community Safety and Crime Prevention officers to provide crime

prevention and personal safety advice to members of the Tinnitus Support Group in the Resource Centre, Moy; members of the 'Hear and There' (Hearing Impaired) Group in the Resource Centre, Moy; members of the Diabetes UK Voluntary Association in the South Tyrone Hospital, Dungannon; people with physical disabilities and sensory impairments in Willowbank Resource Centre, Dungannon; and people with mental health needs at Beechview Beacon Centre, Dungannon

- Led on the delivery of a Home Safety and Crime Prevention Scheme (funded by the local Community Safety Partnership), developed in partnership with, and delivered by, the PSNI and Dungannon and South Tyrone Borough Council's Home Safety Officer. The scheme particularly benefited senior citizens, vulnerable people and victims of domestic burglary, theft and robbery who could avail of home safety advice and if appropriate, have free security equipment fitted in their homes
- Participated in an information session to promote the DPP and the Home Safety and Crime Prevention Scheme in the Brantry Bard Centre, Eglisish
- Participated in and funded the display of the PSNI's 'crashed car' at an event organised by young people from the 'Youth in Action' group in Coalisland to raise awareness of, and reduce, the anti social and reckless use of vehicles by young drivers in the area
- Organised and held a road safety event in conjunction with the PSNI's Road Policing Unit to launch the PSNI's Winter Safe Driving Campaign and to encourage safer motoring on the Borough's roads at Tesco's, Dungannon
- Organised and held a senior citizens Christmas party in the Caledon Arms, Caledon to help the PSNI and DPP Members engage with local residents from Aughnacloy, Ballygawley and Caledon and to provide the senior citizens with community safety and crime prevention information and advice
- In partnership with the PSNI and Women's Aid, the DPP formed a Domestic Violence Working Group to raise awareness of the support

services that are available to victims of domestic abuse and provide advice on how to keep safe. The Working Group organised and held a highly successful 'Celebrating Women' event in Corick House, Clogher to coincide with International Women's Day. A wide range of statutory, voluntary and community organisations were in attendance to encourage, motivate, empower, advise and celebrate women

- Formed a Road Safety Working Group to address road safety issues in the Borough and initiated the Joint Road Safety Forum. The Forum is a partnership between Dungannon and South Tyrone DPP, the PSNI Road Policing Unit and Cookstown, Fermanagh and Omagh DPPs. The Forum's remit is to work with partners and key stakeholders to provide a stronger voice to lobby and raise awareness of road safety issues using a more joined up, partnership style approach; undertake practical joint/localised road safety projects; make the best use of resources (both personnel and financial), engage with the community and raise awareness of, and publicise, road safety initiatives
- Initiated a meeting with the Niamh Louise Foundation following concerns raised by the Foundation on behalf of a member of the public in relation to underage drinking. With the DPP's support and assistance, the 'Enhancing Community Wellbeing' group was formed to take a joined up approach to promoting well being (including drug/alcohol misuse) in the Dungannon and South Tyrone area. The group's membership includes representatives from the Niamh Louise Foundation, DPP, Community Safety Partnership, Opportunity Youth, Breakthru, Morph, PSNI and the Southern Drugs and Alcohol Co-ordination Team
- Supported and attended the Roadsafe Roadshow in Dungannon Leisure Centre for 6th and Upper 6th year students about to start out on their motoring careers. The Roadshow graphically reinforced the road safety message by depicting how a night out could end in tragedy and permanent disability because of a serious road traffic collision.

5. To act as a general forum for discussion and consultation on all matters relating to the policing of the area

Throughout the year, Dungannon and South Tyrone DPP took part in, and facilitated, discussions on general matters relating to policing and crime issues at meetings in private, meetings in public session and at information days.

The DPP held three discussion forums during the year on

- a vision for the future policing of the Borough
- business crime
- PSNI call handling and police response.

The DPP Members also continued with their individual engagement activities with a wide variety of groups and organisations during the year.

The DPP assisted numerous other individuals and groups by redirecting their queries and concerns to the appropriate agencies such as DRD Roads Service, Dungannon and South Tyrone Borough Council and the Northern Ireland Housing Executive.

The DPP participated in meetings with the PSNI

- at a Northern Ireland Policing Board public engagement event to introduce DPP Members to the new Chief Constable Matt Baggott
- at the twice yearly Accountability Meetings observing local Senior Command personnel being held to account on their performance by the Assistant Chief Constable
- at the DPP Chairman/Vice Chairman's Forum engaging with the PSNI District Commander on policing issues in F District
- at a special meeting for the residents of Aughnacloy to address issues relating to anti social behaviour in the village

- at a special meeting regarding the PSNI's 'Visibility Strategy' which had been developed in order to deliver policing services to those communities affected by the closure of police stations
- at two meetings with Neighbourhood Policing Team officers to assess progress in delivering neighbourhood policing in the Coalisland/Moy, Dungannon and Clogher Valley neighbourhood policing team areas
- at meetings to develop or establish Neighbourhood Watch schemes in the Caledon and Aughnacloy areas.

DPP Members also made a visit to the new police station in Omagh and the DPP Manager attended a NI-CO information session for an official delegation from Turkey who were visiting Northern Ireland to find out more about the civilian oversight of policing.

DPP Members attended a wide range of training and information seminars and briefings during the year including

- Local policing plan monitoring, strategic questioning training
- Stakeholders engagement workshop on local partnership working between DPPs and Community Safety Partnerships
- Confidence in public speaking and chairing skills training
- Disability awareness and equality training
- DPP annual conference
- Policing with the Community awards
- Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators conference
- Northern Ireland Policing Board public engagement meeting
- Criminal justice system procedures training.

DPP Members continued to work in partnership with Dungannon and South Tyrone Community Safety Partnership, Community Police Liaison Committees and Neighbourhood Watch Schemes in the area.

DPP MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE RECORDS

MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE AT DPP MEETINGS HELD FROM 1 APRIL 2009 TO
31 MARCH 2010

	Number of meetings held*	Number of meetings attended	Attendance percentage %
Councillor Frances Burton	19	15	79
Councillor Roger Burton	19	16	84
Councillor Desmond Donnelly	19	12	63
Councillor Phelim Gildernew	19	17	89
Councillor Harry Greenaway**	16	14	87
Councillor Jim Hamilton	19	15	79
Councillor Anthony McGonnell	19	16	84
Councillor Colla McMahon	19	11	58
Councillor Francie Molloy	19	13	68
Councillor Robert Mulligan**	3	2	67
Mrs Christine Baxter	19	17	89
Mrs Cathy Doherty	19	13	68
Mrs Evelyn Frew	19	9	47
Mr Ruairi Gildernew	19	15	79
Mrs Kathleen Loughran	19	15	79
Ms Bronwyn McGahan	19	17	89
Mrs Bernie McGirr	19	17	89
Mr Victor McNickle	19	16	84

*Includes Private Meetings and Meetings Held in Public Session

**Councillor Robert Mulligan, Ulster Unionist Party (UUP), was replaced by Councillor Harry Greenaway, UUP with effect from 8 June 2009

DUTIES UNDER SECTION 75

Dungannon and South Tyrone District Policing Partnership is fully committed to the fulfilment of its Section 75 (Northern Ireland Act 1998) obligations on the promotion of equality of opportunity and good relations.

The DPP produced an Equality Scheme that set out how it proposed to comply with those obligations. Policies under which the DPP operates have been screened to ensure that they do not adversely affect any of the identified groups. The scheme is available on the DPP website or can be obtained from the DPP Manager.

Conscious of the need to review and monitor this scheme, the DPP produces an annual progress report on the implementation of the Equality Scheme. DPP Members also undertook equality training during 2009/2010.

DUTIES UNDER THE DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT 1995

Under Section 49b of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995, Dungannon and South Tyrone District Policing Partnership submitted to the Equality Commission a Disability Action Plan showing how the DPP, in carrying out its functions, would have due regard to the need:

- to promote positive attitudes towards people with disabilities;
- to encourage participation by people with disabilities in public life.

The DPP is committed to the fulfilment of its disability duties in all parts of its organisation. The DPP Members undertook Disability Awareness training during the year and the DPP produces an annual report on progress in implementing the Disability Action Plan.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

In the interest of openness and transparency, Dungannon and South Tyrone DPP developed a Publication Scheme under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Scheme details the types of information that are available to the public and how to access this information. The Publication Scheme was reviewed and updated during the year and the newly titled 'Guide to Information' is now available on the DPP's website.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Northern Ireland Policing Board provides 75% of the funding for Dungannon and South Tyrone DPP. Dungannon and South Tyrone Borough Council provides the remaining 25%. Below is a breakdown of the audited accounts for Dungannon and South Tyrone DPP for the year 2009/2010.

Budget Heading	£
Staff Costs (including Members' Allowances)	105,008.19
Secondary/Local Consultation/NISRA	2,812.57
Gaining the Co-operation of the Public with the Police in Preventing Crime	4,136.57
Funding Groups	492.00
DPP Meetings	601.93
Advertising and Publicity	9,307.96
Running Costs	5,224.38
Equipment	455.85
Training	1,685.67
Service Level Agreement	4,478.13
Other	598.00
Sub Total	134,801.25
Total Budget	134,801.25
NIPB Funding (75%)	101,100.94
Council Funding (25%)	33,700.31

Notes

Staff Costs include DPP Manager Salary, DPP Manager Travel & Subsistence, Other Staff, Members Allowances and Members Travel & Subsistence.

Running Costs include Insurance, Printing, Telephones, Photocopies, Postage, Stationery and Sundries.

Other Costs include Audit Fees, recruitment of members.

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

Dungannon and South Tyrone DPP is grateful to those within the Borough Council area who have supported and assisted our work throughout the past year.

In the coming year the DPP will hold a number of meetings in public session and themed events and will continue to work in partnership with other agencies and groups on policing and crime initiatives. Your contribution is integral to the success of the DPP. If you would like to become involved please contact:

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Section 75 Complaints

If you wish to make a complaint on the grounds that Dungannon and South Tyrone District Policing Partnership has failed to comply with its statutory duties in relation to Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 please contact the DPP Manager at the address above. Your complaint will be internally

investigated by the DPP Manager and responded to within one month. During this process, you will be kept fully informed of the procedures for dealing with your complaint under Schedule 9 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998. Dungannon and South Tyrone District Policing Partnership will also undertake to provide assistance to you in a format that ensures equality of opportunity.

This Annual Report can also be made available in other formats including large print, audio or Braille.

LOCAL POLICING PLAN 2010/2011

Performance Indicators	Targets
Service Excellence	
1.0 Visibility and accessibility of police	<p>1.1 To report quarterly to the DPP on the implementation of 'Visible, Accessible, Deliverable. A Strategic Vision for Policing F District' ⁽¹⁾</p> <p>1.2 To work to improve the quality of the police response ⁽¹⁾</p>
Tackling Serious Harm	
2.0 The number of people killed or seriously injured on the road	2.1 In partnership with other agencies, to contribute to reducing the number of people killed or seriously injured on the road ⁽²⁾
Personal Policing – Dealing with Local Concerns	
3.0 The number of incidents of anti social behaviour	3.1 To work in partnership with other agencies to reduce underage drinking, reporting quarterly to the DPP ⁽³⁾

Notes:

1. This will be covered in a qualitative report by the Area Commander
2. Targets will be measured against performance achieved during 2009/2010
3. Target measured against 2007/2008 data. This is consistent with Key Performance Indicator 3 of the Northern Ireland Office's Public Service Agreement, 'Make Communities Safer'.