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# press release

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## **Lisburn City voices its support for Knife Awareness Campaign**

Lisburn City Council and the Lisburn District Policing Partnership today gave their backing to a new campaign to take knives off our streets by raising awareness of the issue of knife related crime and encouraging the safe disposal of knives.

Lisburn City Council is supporting this campaign by providing a safe location for the bins in which the knives should be disposed at two of its amenity sites at The Cutts Derriaghy and Drumlough. Councillor Patricia Lewsley, Chairman of the Environmental Services Committee said “Lisburn City Council is pleased to support this campaign by providing practical support to take knives off our streets for good. Knife crime is unacceptable and I would urge everyone in the community to support this campaign”

Councillor Ronnie Crawford, Chair of the Lisburn DPP, welcomed the campaign saying “Many of our young people think it is acceptable to carry a knife. For many of them, a knife is a status symbol, something that makes them more ‘cool’ and acceptable to their peers. For others, it is seen as a form of protection, but nothing can protect them from the consequences of carrying a knife. Despite the perceptions of young people, the fact is that knives are dangerous – people do get hurt and lives can be ruined.”

“The campaign message, ‘Never carry a knife’, is good advice and I would urge anyone who does carry a knife to get rid of it now by placing it in one of the disposal bins at the council amenity sites at The Cutts, Derriaghy or at the Drumlough site.”

“Lisburn DPP is committed to making the community safer for everyone, but in order to do this we need your co-operation in taking knives off our streets.”

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**For further information contact:**

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Notes to editors

1. Knife disposal bins in the Lisburn City Council area are located at the following sites:

The Cutts, Derriaghy

Drumlough

2. The Knife Awareness Campaign was launched by the Policing Board, PSNI and NIO on 24 May and will continue for one year. The Disposal campaign will run in Council areas across Northern Ireland for the first 3 weeks of the campaign.