

Strategy for Gaining the Co-operation of the Public in working with the Police in Preventing Crime 2006/07

INTRODUCTION

Magherafelt DPP's main role is to monitor and hold the PSNI to account. At its public meetings the DPP may highlight specific areas of concern within the district to the PSNI. The DPP has another role to fulfil, that of gaining the cooperation of the public in working with the police in preventing crime. This role will be met as a consequence of fulfilling our core functions, and will therefore be achieved as the Partnership develops its work.

Magherafelt DPP feel strongly that by making the local Police accountable to local representatives we can give local people an input and thus 'ownership' of their Police service. This will facilitate the greater co-operation with the police in preventing crime.

In order to help engage the cooperation of the public the DPP have set the following objectives for 2006-07

OBJECTIVE 1

To act as a Forum for discussion and debate on policing in the district

OBJECTIVE	ISSUE	TARGET
1. To act as a forum for discussion and debate on policing in the district	1.1 Meetings	1.1.1 To hold four meetings in public throughout the district
	1.2 Meetings	1.2.1 To hold two themed discussion meetings
	1.3 Questions	1.3.1 To encourage the public to submit questions for consideration at public meetings
		1.3.2 To make responses from the District Commander to questions, available to local media outlets
1.4 Attendance	1.4.1 To increase number and representation of those attending public meetings	

OBJECTIVE 2

To monitor & assess police performance against the 2006/07 policing plan

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2. To monitor & assess police performance against the 2006/ 07 policing plan

ISSUE

2.1 Meetings

2.2 Local Targets

TARGET

2.1.1 To produce and make available reports detailing assessment of police performance, undertaken by the Partnership at meetings in public session

2.2.2 To report on the achievement of the police against each target in the local policing plan, where relevant in the 2006/07 annual report

OBJECTIVE 3

To work in partnership and consult with agencies and communities to identify local policing concerns

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3. To work in partnership and consult with communities to identify local policing concerns	3.1 Consultation	3.1.1 To undertake a household policing survey
	3.2 Grants	3.2.1 To facilitate a grants scheme to enable groups to consult with the police in each neighbourhood policing team area
	3.3 Priorities	3.3.1 To influence priorities and targets in the 2006/07 policing plan

OBJECTIVE 4

To raise the profile of the Partnership

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4. To raise the profile of the Partnership	4.1 Awareness	4.1.1 To compile and distribute an information leaflet and posters on the work of the Partnership
	4.2 Local Media	4.2.1 To have the 2006/07 annual report detailing the work of the Partnership reported on in the local press
		4.2.2 To release regular press releases
4.3 Website	4.3.1 To utilise the website in order to inform the public	

OBJECTIVE 5

Raising awareness

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5. To raise awareness of specific problems within the district

ISSUE

5.1 Conference

5.2 Information

TARGET

5.1.1 To hold a conference to highlight the problem of attacks on the elderly and vulnerable, fear of crime amongst the elderly and vulnerable and to undertake greater cooperation with the police in dealing with this problem.

5.2.1 To design, print and distribute a leaflet to inform elderly and vulnerable on ways to protect themselves