

# **MAGHERAFELT DISTRICT POLICING PARTNERSHIP**

## **STRATEGIC PLAN**

**2006 – 2009**

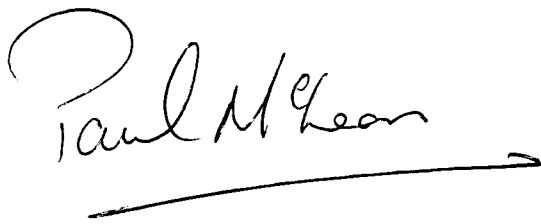
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## INTRODUCTION BY THE CHAIRMAN

I am proud to present this strategic plan that outlines the work that will be undertaken by Magherafelt District Policing Partnership (DPP) over the next four years. The strength of any DPP is that it provides a unique opportunity, through a partnership between elected members and the community, for local people to shape local policing.

The DPP facilitates dialogue between the police and the local community. By consulting with the public the DPP can recommend local policing objectives to the Police. The public can work with the police to help reduce and prevent crime in our district and to protect the community. Having a two way process with the police participating with the community and responding to its needs benefits all our community.

An effective partnership between the police and community means a more effective police service and a safer community for all.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul McLean". The signature is written in a cursive style. Below the signature is a long, horizontal, slightly wavy line that ends in a small arrowhead pointing to the right.

Cllr Paul McLean  
Chairman  
Magherafelt DPP

## KEY DPP RESPONSIBILITIES

Magherafelt District Council is responsible for the establishment, development and management of a District Policing Partnership (DPP). Magherafelt DPP was established to bring policing closer to the community and give local people a say on local policing issues, helping to make communities safer and policing more effective. Made up of eight local councillors nominated to the DPP by the council and eight independent members of the community appointed by the Northern Ireland Policing Board the DPP has been appointed with the aim of making it representative of the community of the district.

Magherafelt DPP has a number of statutory responsibilities to meet that are set out in Schedule 3 Part III of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000. They are to:

- Provide views to the District Commander on any matter concerning the policing of the district,
- Monitor the performance of the local police in carrying out the local policing plan,
- Obtain the views of the public about matters concerning the policing of the district,
- Obtain the co-operation of the public with the police in preventing crime, and
- Act as a general forum for discussion and consultation on matters affecting the policing of the district.

## **STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES 2006 – 2009**

Magherafelt DPP has developed five overarching strategic objectives that will allow it to address the strategic challenges it faces in the next three years.

The five objectives have been developed to reflect the five main areas of responsibility for the DPP. The objectives will be progressed through obtaining and using efficiently the resources needed to support the DPP in carrying out its duties.

### **Performance Indicators**

An Operational Plan will be developed on an annual basis. The Operational Plan will set detailed objectives and associated performance indicators. Taken together, the detailed objectives and performance indicators will assist in the achievement of the strategic objectives.

## OBJECTIVE 1 - CONSULTING THE COMMUNITY

Over the next three years Magherafelt DPP aims to:-

- 1.1 Ensure opportunities for local communities to have a say in local policing priorities by publishing:
  - An Operational Plan outlining how the DPP plan to consult with the public by 31 May each year
  - An Annual Consultation Report regarding the views of the public in relation to policing in the district by 30 November each year
- 1.2 Hold themed public meetings each year to discuss the main policing issues and concerns to enable local people to present their views on policing of the district.
- 1.3 Bi-annually to conduct a district wide public consultation survey and to measure public satisfaction within the DPP.
- 1.4 To promote networking and sharing of information between the DPP and local police consultative groups, partnerships and other agencies in the district.
- 1.5 To provide the community with information about local policing by publishing an Annual Report each year.

## **OBJECTIVE 2 – THE DPP IDENTIFYING LOCAL POLICING PRIORITIES**

Over the next three years Magherafelt DPP aims to impact on local policing priorities by:-

- 2.1 Providing the District Commander with the priorities for consideration in the local Policing Plan by 30 November each year.
- 2.2 Effectively contribute to the setting of challenging targets in the local Policing Plan by 31 January each year.
- 2.3 Provide the Policing Board with the priorities and issues for consideration in the Annual Policing Plan by 30 September each year.

## OBJECTIVE 3 – MONITORING LOCAL POLICE PERFORMANCE

Over the next three years Magherafelt DPP aims to:-

- 3.1 Monitor performance of police and listen to and act on feedback from the community by publishing:
  - An Operational Plan by 31 May each year detailing the monitoring work of the DPP
  - A report on a six monthly basis giving an explanation of local policing priorities and how well they are being discharged
  - Reports on all DPP meetings in public within 10 days of the report being ratified.
- 3.2 Hold at least four meetings in public each year during which we will receive a report on policing from the District Commander.

## **OBJECTIVE 4 – ENGAGING WITH THE COMMUNITY TO GAIN THE CO-OPERATION OF THE PUBLIC WITH THE POLICE IN PREVENTING CRIME**

Over the next three years the DPP aims to:-

- 4.1 Develop and publish an Operational Plan by 31 May each year to encourage the public to actively engage in policing.
- 4.2 Raise awareness of civic responsibility for reducing crime in the district and focus on key areas identified following consultation with the community.
- 4.3 Use a range of different, locally adapted interventions and strategies to facilitate on-going dialogue and identify and maximise opportunities to deliver policing services in partnership with the community.
- 4.4 Engage with the Community Safety Partnership, when applicable, to help promote safer communities

## **OBJECTIVE 5 – ACTING AS A GENERAL FORUM FOR DISCUSSION ON MATTERS CONCERNING POLICING OF THE DISTRICT**

Over the next three years Magherafelt DPP aims to:-

- 5.1 Facilitate dialogue with the community on policing issues by holding at least two DPP meetings in public as a general forum for discussion. At these meetings, the DPP will facilitate discussions on how communities can influence and engage with the local police to address the issues of concern within the district.
- 5.2 To record and monitor issues raised and questions submitted to the DPP about policing of the district to inform the DPPs priorities for the local and Northern Ireland Policing Plans.