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2004/ 2005 Policing Plan Launched for Cookstown District

Cookstown District Policing Partnership (DPP) and Cookstown District Command Unit today (29 March 2004) launched their local Policing Plan for 2004/ 2005.

Speaking at the official launch of the plan and congratulating the PSNI on their work over the past year Chairman of Cookstown DPP Cllr Trevor Wilson said, "this document represents some of the work that has taken place between the DPP and the District Command Unit over the past year, and presents an official contract between the police, the DPP and the public for delivering an effective service for the whole community.

In devising the locally specific plan, Cookstown DPP on behalf of the wider community has ensured that the plan where possible caters for the required policing need in the district," he continued.

Cllr Wilson said, "arriving at the objectives and targets in conjunction with the police, the Partnership took into account the attitude of the public in terms of how they saw their area being policed and how they felt it should be policed.

The Partnership primarily used the results of a recent policing survey of the council area, where 1 in 10 households were surveyed on various aspects of community policing, to influence priorities detailed in the policing plan.

Cllr Wilson said, “in response to concerns picked up from the public the Partnership expects the plan to tackle issues which are affecting local peoples quality of life and address the important issues of criminal damage, anti-social behaviour and vandalism which are unfortunately common throughout the district.

Acknowledging that the policing plan for the district shouldn't be taken in isolation, Cllr Wilson said, “the Partnership will not only appraise the work of Cookstown police against this plan, but it will also ensure that the appropriate targets in the province-wide plan are achieved to complement the district's plan.

Speaking on the implementation of the plan, the Ulster Unionist representative said, “whilst the Partnership is well aware that the police must deliver this plan within resources made available to them, complete success will only be achieved from the assistance of everyone in helping the police to beat the criminals which are instilling fear within our communities.

Cllr Wilson continued, “The Partnership will now be working with the police to develop and deliver appropriate responses so that the targets in the district's policing plan are realised for the safety of the entire community.

The Chairman concluded by thanking the District Commander, his officers and staff for their help and guidance in the past year during the setting up of the DPP.

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Note to the Editor

DPP Membership

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

DPP Policing Survey

A core part of the 2003/ 04 consultation process was based around the undertaking of a public survey on the policing of the district. The survey consisted of 22 questions, and was sent to 1,160 randomly selected homes throughout Cookstown District.

The survey was divided into 5 categories:-

- Profile of Respondents
 - Crime Issues & Associated Problems in Cookstown
 - Public Satisfaction with Policing
 - Profile & Awareness of Cookstown DPP
 - Issues Impacting upon the quality of life in the District
- Copies of the *Public Consultation & Policing Priorities Report for the period March 2003/ December 2003* can be obtained from the DPP office

Formulation of the local Policing Plan

The role of Cookstown DPP in the formulation of all future local policing plans is set out in the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000.

2004/ 2005 Cookstown District Policing Plan

Copies of the Policing Plan may be obtained from either the DPP Office (028 8676 2205) or Cookstown Police Station (028 8676 6000).