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*District Policing
Partnership*

Local people shaping local policing

Coleraine District Policing Partnership

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Introduction

Coleraine District Policing Partnership (DPP) was established in March 2003 under Section 3 of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000.

It is a partnership between Coleraine Council and members of the communities in the Borough. The DPP consists of 10 Political and 9 Independent members and provides a cross-representation of all sectors of the community.

The functions of a DPP are to:

- Consult with the community,
- Assist with the establishment of local policing priorities in conjunction with the PSNI,
- Act as a forum for discussion and consultation on policing matters,
- Monitor the performance of the police,
- Gain the public's co-operation in working with the police to prevent crime.

As part of the role of the District Policing Partnership, it is essential for the DPP to consult with the public on the opinions regarding policing of the district. This has been done in a number of ways including:

- District Policing Partnership Survey 2003 undertaken by NISRA,
- The responses to letters sent to local churches, schools and community associations,
- The themes of questions received at public meetings of the DPP, and
- The outcomes of the three MORI MRC focus groups held in November 2003.

This report aims to detail the results of the above consultations and to outline the main areas of concern that the DPP are recommending to the PSNI for inclusion in the Local Policing Plan for 2004-2005.

Section One

This section will highlight the outcomes from the District Policing Partnership Public Consultation Survey undertaken by NISRA in June 2003. The survey was sent to a total of 60,014 randomly selected households across Northern Ireland. In the Coleraine area 2,005 households received the survey with a 30% response rate. The following tables will detail the % responses for each question. Where the base was less than 100, the actual number is given in brackets[].

Q1 What do you feel are the biggest problems in your District Council?

Respondents were asked to select the five biggest problems in their area from a list of 21 options and to rank these problems in order of priority. Tables 1a-1c show that respondents ranked Domestic Burglary, Underage Drinking, Young People causing a nuisance, Vandalism and Speeding as the five biggest problems in the Coleraine area.

Table 1a shows that within the top five concerns, males were more concerned about all of the crimes with the exception of Speeding where females were more worried (44% compared to 33%). Table 1b indicates that those in the age group 25-40 were more concerned about Drink Driving (25%) and Public Disorder (22%) than the other age groups, 41-60 year olds were more notably concerned about Underage Drinking (49%), and those aged over 61 were most concerned about Attacks on the Elderly (45%). Of the 20 responses from 16-24 year olds, the main concerns were Paramilitary activity (12 responses) and Drug Dealing and Young People causing a nuisance (10 responses each). Table 1c shows that Protestants and Catholics generally had the same concerns about crimes in their areas.

Table 1a Analysis by Gender

| Rating % | Public Consultation Survey | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--------|--------------|-------|
| | Male | Female | Not Answered | Total |
| Domestic Burglary | 59 | 51 | [5] | 56 |
| Underage Drinking | 44 | 39 | [5] | 42 |
| Young People causing a nuisance | 43 | 37 | [3] | 40 |
| Vandalism (eg Graffiti) | 43 | 37 | [3] | 40 |
| Speeding | 33 | 44 | [4] | 38 |
| Drug Dealing | 34 | 40 | [1] | 37 |
| Attacks on the Elderly | 33 | 36 | [3] | 35 |
| Drug Use | 32 | 35 | [4] | 34 |
| Public Drunkenness | 32 | 25 | [3] | 29 |
| Vehicle Crime | 27 | 24 | [2] | 26 |
| Paramilitary Activity | 28 | 25 | [1] | 26 |
| Assaults | 28 | 23 | [2] | 25 |
| Drink Driving | 15 | 24 | [1] | 19 |
| Public Disorder | 17 | 14 | [1] | 15 |
| Street Robbery/Mugging | 8 | 12 | [1] | 10 |
| Bogus Callers | 8 | 9 | [1] | 9 |
| Child Abuse | 6 | 6 | [2] | 6 |
| Domestic Violence | 4 | 6 | [1] | 5 |
| Other | 4 | 4 | [1] | 4 |
| Sexual Attacks | 2 | 4 | [1] | 3 |
| Racial/Homophobic Crimes | 2 | 0 | [1] | 2 |

Table 1b Analysis by Age

| Rating % | Public Consultation Survey | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-------|-------|-----|--------------|-------|
| | 16-24 | 25-40 | 41-60 | 61+ | Not Answered | Total |
| Domestic Burglary | [5] | 49 | 56 | 60 | [6] | 56 |
| Underage Drinking | [9] | 39 | 49 | 36 | [5] | 42 |
| Vandalism (eg Graffiti) | [9] | 39 | 36 | 44 | [3] | 40 |
| Young People causing a nuisance | [10] | 43 | 42 | 35 | [3] | 40 |
| Speeding | [8] | 41 | 32 | 43 | [4] | 38 |
| Drug Dealing | [10] | 43 | 39 | 29 | [2] | 37 |
| Attacks on the Elderly | [2] | 25 | 32 | 45 | [4] | 35 |
| Drug Use | [5] | 28 | 35 | 38 | [1] | 34 |
| Public Drunkenness | [4] | 27 | 32 | 28 | [3] | 29 |
| Paramilitary Activity | [12] | 30 | 25 | 23 | [1] | 26 |
| Vehicle Crime | [1] | 28 | 25 | 26 | [4] | 26 |
| Assaults | [7] | 27 | 32 | 17 | [1] | 25 |
| Drink Driving | [8] | 25 | 14 | 17 | [4] | 19 |
| Public Disorder | [4] | 22 | 15 | 11 | [2] | 15 |
| Street Robbery/Mugging | | 4 | 9 | 14 | [2] | 10 |
| Bogus Callers | [1] | 7 | 5 | 15 | [1] | 9 |
| Child Abuse | [2] | 9 | 6 | 4 | [1] | 6 |
| Domestic Violence | [1] | 7 | 5 | 3 | [1] | 5 |
| Other | [1] | 7 | 1 | 5 | [1] | 4 |
| Sexual Attacks | [1] | 2 | 2 | 4 | [1] | 3 |
| Racial/Homophobic Crimes | | 2 | 1 | 1 | [1] | 2 |

Table 1c Analysis by Religion

| Rating % | Public Consultation Survey | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|-------|------|--------------|-------|
| | Protestant | Roman Catholic | Other | None | Not Answered | Total |
| Domestic Burglary | 57 | [42] | [12] | [20] | [8] | 56 |
| Underage Drinking | 42 | [35] | [8] | [18] | [4] | 42 |
| Vandalism (eg Graffiti) | 40 | [33] | [8] | [18] | [5] | 40 |
| Young People causing a nuisance | 41 | [35] | [10] | [10] | [5] | 40 |
| Speeding | 39 | [37] | [5] | [11] | [3] | 38 |
| Drug Dealing | 37 | [29] | [10] | [9] | [8] | 37 |
| Attacks on the Elderly | 35 | [28] | [4] | [13] | [7] | 35 |
| Drug Use | 37 | [22] | [7] | [5] | [4] | 34 |
| Public Drunkenness | 28 | [27] | [6] | [11] | [6] | 29 |
| Paramilitary Activity | 24 | [26] | [6] | [15] | [3] | 26 |
| Vehicle Crime | 26 | [22] | [4] | [7] | [6] | 26 |
| Assaults | 26 | [21] | [8] | [6] | [3] | 25 |
| Drink Driving | 18 | [20] | [3] | [10] | [1] | 19 |
| Public Disorder | 14 | [16] | [5] | [7] | [2] | 15 |
| Street Robbery/Mugging | 11 | [4] | [2] | [4] | [1] | 10 |
| Bogus Callers | 8 | [12] | [2] | [1] | [2] | 9 |
| Child Abuse | 5 | [7] | [2] | [3] | [2] | 6 |
| Domestic Violence | 4 | [4] | [2] | [4] | [2] | 5 |
| Other | 5 | [3] | | | [2] | 4 |
| Sexual Attacks | 2 | [6] | | [1] | [1] | 3 |
| Racial/Homophobic Crimes | 1 | [1] | | [1] | [1] | 2 |

Q2 Which activities from the list below do you think that the PSNI in your District Council should be concentrating most resources on?

Respondents were asked to select and prioritise five activities from a list of thirteen that they thought the PSNI should be concentrating more resources on. Tables 2a-2c show that 50% or more of the respondents thought that the PSNI should be concentrating on Beat/Foot Patrolling, Investigating Crime, Prompt Response to Emergencies, Crime Prevention and Enforcing Drug Laws.

Table 2a shows that males and females were equally in favour of Prompt Responses to Emergencies with males being more markedly in favour of Beat/Foot Patrolling (80% compared to 69%) and Investigating Crime (67% compared to 53%) and females being more in favour of Crime Prevention (55% compared to 48%). Table 2b shows a general consistency amongst the age groups with the exception of Vehicle Patrolling (56% of 25-40 year olds) and Crime Prevention (66% of 61+ age group listed this). Table 2c indicates that Protestants would like to see more Beat/Foot Patrolling compared to Roman Catholics who would like to see more Improvement in Community Relations than Protestants.

Table 2a Analysis by Gender

| Rating % | Public Consultation Survey | | | |
|---|----------------------------|--------|--------------|-------|
| | Male | Female | Not Answered | Total |
| Beat/Foot Patrolling | 80 | 69 | [4] | 75 |
| Investigating Crime | 67 | 53 | [3] | 60 |
| Prompt Response to Emergencies | 58 | 55 | [2] | 56 |
| Crime Prevention (with the elderly for example) | 48 | 55 | [3] | 51 |
| Enforcing Drug Laws | 52 | 47 | [5] | 50 |
| Vehicle Patrolling | 42 | 44 | [1] | 43 |
| Increased involvement with young people | 31 | 37 | [1] | 34 |
| Policing Public Disorder | 33 | 29 | [2] | 31 |
| Improving Community Relations | 23 | 20 | [2] | 21 |
| Road Traffic Duties | 21 | 18 | [2] | 20 |
| Providing more help/support to Victims | 15 | 16 | | 16 |
| Working in Partnership with other agencies | 7 | 11 | | 9 |
| Don't Know | 3 | 7 | [3] | 6 |
| Other | 3 | 2 | | 2 |

Table 2b Analysis by Age

| Rating % | Public Consultation Survey | | | | | |
|---|----------------------------|-------|-------|-----|--------------|-------|
| | 16-24 | 25-40 | 41-60 | 61+ | Not Answered | Total |
| Beat/Foot Patrolling | [13] | 72 | 79 | 74 | [4] | 75 |
| Investigating Crime | [14] | 60 | 62 | 56 | [6] | 60 |
| Prompt Response to Emergencies | [10] | 55 | 60 | 56 | [1] | 56 |
| Crime Prevention (with the elderly for example) | [8] | 44 | 41 | 66 | [4] | 51 |
| Enforcing Drug Laws | [12] | 48 | 51 | 50 | [5] | 50 |
| Vehicle Patrolling | [8] | 56 | 40 | 40 | | 43 |
| Increased involvement with young people | [7] | 34 | 36 | 31 | [3] | 34 |
| Policing Public Disorder | [9] | 34 | 32 | 28 | [1] | 31 |
| Improving Community Relations | [6] | 24 | 22 | 18 | [2] | 21 |
| Road Traffic Duties | [4] | 29 | 17 | 18 | [2] | 20 |
| Providing more help/support to Victims | [7] | 13 | 14 | 17 | [2] | 16 |
| Working in Partnership with other agencies | [1] | 11 | 9 | 8 | | 9 |
| Don't Know | | 2 | 6 | 7 | [3] | 6 |
| Other | [1] | 2 | 3 | 2 | | 2 |

Table 2c Analysis by Religion

| Rating % | Public Consultation Survey | | | | | |
|---|----------------------------|----------------|-------|------|--------------|-------|
| | Protestant | Roman Catholic | Other | None | Not Answered | Total |
| Beat/Foot Patrolling | 76 | [57] | [20] | [28] | [11] | 75 |
| Investigating Crime | 61 | [52] | [10] | [25] | [6] | 60 |
| Prompt Response to Emergencies | 57 | [48] | [8] | [25] | [9] | 56 |
| Crime Prevention (with the elderly for example) | 51 | [54] | [5] | [16] | [7] | 51 |
| Enforcing Drug Laws | 51 | [44] | [16] | [9] | [9] | 50 |
| Vehicle Patrolling | 43 | [42] | [8] | [14] | [7] | 43 |
| Increased involvement with young people | 31 | [38] | [8] | [18] | [4] | 34 |
| Policing Public Disorder | 29 | [32] | [11] | [12] | [6] | 31 |
| Improving Community Relations | 19 | [23] | [3] | [14] | [4] | 21 |
| Road Traffic Duties | 20 | [19] | [7] | [5] | [1] | 20 |
| Providing more help/support to Victims | 15 | [16] | [4] | [7] | [1] | 16 |
| Working in Partnership with other agencies | 9 | [7] | [2] | [6] | | 9 |
| Don't Know | 6 | [3] | [2] | | [3] | 6 |
| Other | 2 | [1] | [2] | [1] | | 2 |

Q3 Overall, how satisfied are you with policing in your District Council?

Tables 3a-3c show that more people in the area were satisfied with policing (38%) than were dissatisfied (27%). Table 3a shows that males and females were similarly satisfied with policing but that males were more dissatisfied (29%) than females (24%). Table 3b indicates that those in the 61+ age bracket were much more satisfied with policing than the other age groups (47%) with those in the 25-40 age group being much more dissatisfied (35%). Protestants were generally more satisfied with policing than Roman Catholics (40% against 29 out of 90 respondents).

Table 3a Analysis by Gender

| Rating % | Public Consultation Survey | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------|--------------|-------|
| | Male | Female | Not Answered | Total |
| Very Satisfied | 4 | 6 | | 5 |
| Satisfied | 35 | 32 | [2] | 33 |
| Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied | 33 | 36 | [2] | 34 |
| Dissatisfied | 22 | 17 | [2] | 20 |
| Very Dissatisfied | 7 | 7 | [1] | 7 |
| Don't Know | | 2 | [1] | 1 |

Table 3b Analysis by Age

| Rating % | Public Consultation Survey | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------|-------|-----|--------------|-------|
| | 16-24 | 25-40 | 41-60 | 61+ | Not Answered | Total |
| Very Satisfied | | 3 | 3 | 8 | | 5 |
| Satisfied | [4] | 29 | 32 | 39 | [1] | 33 |
| Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied | [9] | 33 | 39 | 29 | [3] | 34 |
| Dissatisfied | [4] | 25 | 19 | 17 | [2] | 20 |
| Very Dissatisfied | [3] | 10 | 7 | 4 | [2] | 7 |
| Don't Know | | | | 3 | [1] | 1 |

Table 3c Analysis by Religion

| Rating % | Public Consultation Survey | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|-------|------|--------------|-------|
| | Protestant | Roman Catholic | Other | None | Not Answered | Total |
| Very Satisfied | 5 | [3] | [1] | [2] | | 5 |
| Satisfied | 35 | [26] | [8] | [12] | [3] | 33 |
| Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied | 34 | [32] | [7] | [11] | [8] | 34 |
| Dissatisfied | 20 | [17] | [5] | [7] | [3] | 20 |
| Very Dissatisfied | 6 | [10] | [2] | [4] | [1] | 7 |
| Don't Know | 1 | [2] | | | [1] | 1 |

Q4 Overall, how satisfied are you with policing in Northern Ireland as a whole?

Tables 4a-4c show that more of the respondents were dissatisfied with policing in Northern Ireland as a whole than were satisfied (34% compared to 28%). Table 4a shows that males were more noticeably dissatisfied (37%) than females (30%) and females were more satisfied (31%) than males (25%). Table 4b shows a consistency amongst age groups with more dissatisfaction than satisfaction. Table 4c shows a similar level of dissatisfaction amongst Protestants and Roman Catholics with Protestants being slightly more satisfied (30% compared to 18 out of 90 respondents).

Table 4a Analysis by Gender

| Rating % | Public Consultation Survey | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------|--------------|-------|
| | Male | Female | Not Answered | Total |
| Very Satisfied | 3 | 5 | | 4 |
| Satisfied | 22 | 26 | [1] | 24 |
| Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied | 36 | 32 | | 34 |
| Dissatisfied | 26 | 23 | [4] | 25 |
| Very Dissatisfied | 11 | 7 | [2] | 9 |
| Don't Know | 3 | 7 | [1] | 5 |

Table 4b Analysis by Age

| Rating % | Public Consultation Survey | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------|-------|-----|--------------|-------|
| | 16-24 | 25-40 | 41-60 | 61+ | Not Answered | Total |
| Very Satisfied | | 2 | 3 | 6 | | 4 |
| Satisfied | [3] | 26 | 25 | 23 | | 24 |
| Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied | [6] | 36 | 36 | 32 | [2] | 34 |
| Dissatisfied | [6] | 27 | 24 | 23 | [4] | 25 |
| Very Dissatisfied | [5] | 8 | 10 | 7 | [1] | 9 |
| Don't Know | | 1 | 3 | 9 | [2] | 5 |

Table 4c Analysis by Religion

| Rating % | Public Consultation Survey | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|-------|------|--------------|-------|
| | Protestant | Roman Catholic | Other | None | Not Answered | Total |
| Very Satisfied | 5 | [1] | [1] | | | 4 |
| Satisfied | 25 | [17] | [4] | [11] | [1] | 24 |
| Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied | 32 | [40] | [5] | [11] | [8] | 34 |
| Dissatisfied | 26 | [17] | [10] | [5] | [4] | 25 |
| Very Dissatisfied | 8 | [11] | [2] | [7] | [2] | 9 |
| Don't Know | 5 | [4] | [1] | [2] | [1] | 5 |

Q5 How satisfied are you with the levels of foot patrols in your District Council?

Tables 5a-5c show high levels of dissatisfaction with the levels of foot patrols in the area (64%). Males were much more dissatisfied than females (69% compared to 56%). Table 5b shows that those respondents in the 61+ age group had the highest levels of satisfaction and the lowest levels of dissatisfaction. Both Protestant respondents and Roman Catholic respondents were dissatisfied with the levels of foot patrols in the area (63% and 53 out of 90 respondents).

Table 5a Analysis by Gender

| Rating % | Public Consultation Survey | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------|--------------|-------|
| | Male | Female | Not Answered | Total |
| Very Satisfied | 0 | 2 | | 1 |
| Satisfied | 9 | 11 | [1] | 10 |
| Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied | 21 | 28 | | 24 |
| Dissatisfied | 45 | 42 | [3] | 44 |
| Very Dissatisfied | 24 | 14 | [4] | 20 |
| Don't Know | 1 | 3 | | 2 |

Table 5b Analysis by Age

| Rating % | Public Consultation Survey | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------|-------|-----|--------------|-------|
| | 16-24 | 25-40 | 41-60 | 61+ | Not Answered | Total |
| Very Satisfied | | 1 | | 3 | | 1 |
| Satisfied | [2] | 11 | 9 | 11 | | 10 |
| Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied | [7] | 21 | 23 | 26 | [1] | 24 |
| Dissatisfied | [7] | 50 | 45 | 40 | [3] | 44 |
| Very Dissatisfied | [4] | 17 | 24 | 16 | [4] | 20 |
| Don't Know | | | 0 | 4 | [1] | 2 |

Table 5c Analysis by Religion

| Rating % | Public Consultation Survey | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|-------|------|--------------|-------|
| | Protestant | Roman Catholic | Other | None | Not Answered | Total |
| Very Satisfied | 1 | [2] | [1] | [1] | | 1 |
| Satisfied | 10 | [7] | [3] | [4] | [2] | 10 |
| Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied | 23 | [28] | [4] | [6] | [3] | 24 |
| Dissatisfied | 43 | [36] | [9] | [20] | [8] | 44 |
| Very Dissatisfied | 20 | [17] | [5] | [5] | [3] | 20 |
| Don't Know | 2 | | [1] | | | 2 |

Q6 How satisfied are you with the levels of police vehicle patrols in your District Council?

Tables 6a-6c show that 46% of respondents are dissatisfied with the levels of police vehicle patrols in the area. Table 6a shows that levels of satisfaction and dissatisfaction are similar between males and females. Table 6b shows that 25-40 year olds are notably more dissatisfied than the other age groups (61%) and those aged over 61 are more satisfied than the other age groups (25%). Table 6c shows a consistent attitude towards levels of police vehicle patrols between Protestants and Roman Catholics.

Table 6a Analysis by Gender

| Rating % | Public Consultation Survey | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------|--------------|-------|
| | Male | Female | Not Answered | Total |
| Very Satisfied | 2 | 1 | | 1 |
| Satisfied | 19 | 18 | [2] | 19 |
| Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied | 32 | 32 | [1] | 32 |
| Dissatisfied | 36 | 35 | [2] | 36 |
| Very Dissatisfied | 9 | 10 | [3] | 10 |
| Don't Know | 1 | 3 | | 2 |

Table 6b Analysis by Age

| Rating % | Public Consultation Survey | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------|-------|-----|--------------|-------|
| | 16-24 | 25-40 | 41-60 | 61+ | Not Answered | Total |
| Very Satisfied | | 1 | 0 | 3 | | 1 |
| Satisfied | [7] | 12 | 18 | 22 | [1] | 19 |
| Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied | [5] | 26 | 32 | 35 | [3] | 32 |
| Dissatisfied | [3] | 48 | 38 | 29 | [3] | 36 |
| Very Dissatisfied | [5] | 13 | 10 | 7 | [2] | 10 |
| Don't Know | | | 2 | 4 | | 2 |

Table 6c Analysis by Religion

| Rating % | Public Consultation Survey | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|-------|------|--------------|-------|
| | Protestant | Roman Catholic | Other | None | Not Answered | Total |
| Very Satisfied | 1 | [2] | [1] | | | 1 |
| Satisfied | 18 | [13] | [6] | [10] | [4] | 19 |
| Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied | 32 | [30] | [2] | [13] | [5] | 32 |
| Dissatisfied | 36 | [32] | [9] | [9] | [6] | 36 |
| Very Dissatisfied | 9 | [12] | [5] | [4] | [1] | 10 |
| Don't Know | 3 | [1] | | | | 2 |

Q7 Have you heard of the District Policing Partnerships (DPPs)?

Tables 7a-7c show that the majority of respondents in the area had heard of District Policing Partnerships. Table 7a shows that a higher percentage of males were aware of the DPP (71% compared to 54% of females). Table 7b shows that more 41-60 year olds had heard of DPPs than the other age groups (74%) with the 16-24 year olds having the lowest level of recognition. Table 7c shows that more Protestants (64%) are aware of DPPs than Roman Catholics (47 out of 90 respondents).

Table 7a Analysis by Gender

| Rating % | Public Consultation Survey | | | |
|--------------|----------------------------|--------|--------------|-------|
| | Male | Female | Not Answered | Total |
| Yes | 71 | 54 | [5] | 63 |
| No | 25 | 39 | [2] | 31 |
| Don't Know | 3 | 4 | | 4 |
| Not Answered | 1 | 3 | [1] | 2 |

Table 7b Analysis by Age

| Rating % | Public Consultation Survey | | | | | |
|--------------|----------------------------|-------|-------|-----|--------------|-------|
| | 16-24 | 25-40 | 41-60 | 61+ | Not Answered | Total |
| Yes | [9] | 64 | 74 | 53 | [3] | 63 |
| No | [11] | 28 | 23 | 39 | [5] | 31 |
| Don't Know | | 7 | 1 | 5 | | 4 |
| Not Answered | | 1 | 2 | 3 | [1] | 2 |

Table 7c Analysis by Religion

| Rating % | Public Consultation Survey | | | | | |
|--------------|----------------------------|----------------|-------|------|--------------|-------|
| | Protestant | Roman Catholic | Other | None | Not Answered | Total |
| Yes | 64 | [47] | [14] | [25] | [11] | 63 |
| No | 32 | [33] | [6] | [9] | [3] | 31 |
| Don't Know | 2 | [10] | [1] | [1] | [1] | 4 |
| Not Answered | 2 | | [2] | [1] | [1] | 2 |

Q8 Do you know who the members of your local DPP are?

Respondents who had heard of the DPP were asked if they knew the members. Tables 8a-8c show that the majority of those respondents did not know the members (78%). Table 8a shows that more females than males knew the members of the DPP. Table 8b shows that there is a consistent knowledge between the age groups. Table 8c shows that a similar number of Protestants and Roman Catholics are aware of the members.

Table 8a Analysis by Gender

| All respondents who had heard of DPPs. Rating % | Publication Consultation Survey | | | |
|--|---------------------------------|--------|--------------|-------|
| | Male | Female | Not Answered | Total |
| Yes | 17 | 21 | | 18 |
| No | 80 | 74 | [4] | 78 |
| Don't Know | 3 | 4 | | 3 |
| Not Answered | | 1 | [1] | 1 |

Table 8b Analysis by Age

| All respondents who had heard of DPPs. Rating % | Public Consultation Survey | | | | | |
|--|----------------------------|-------|-------|-----|--------------|-------|
| | 16-24 | 25-40 | 41-60 | 61+ | Not Answered | Total |
| Yes | | [12] | 20 | 19 | [1] | 18 |
| No | [8] | [68] | 75 | 77 | [1] | 78 |
| Don't Know | [1] | [1] | 4 | 3 | | 3 |
| Not Answered | | | 1 | | [1] | 1 |

Table 8c Analysis by Religion

| All respondents who had heard of DPPs. Rating % | Public Consultation Survey | | | | | |
|--|----------------------------|----------------|-------|------|--------------|-------|
| | Protestant | Roman Catholic | Other | None | Not Answered | Total |
| Yes | 18 | [12] | [3] | [3] | | 18 |
| No | 79 | [30] | [11] | [21] | [10] | 78 |
| Don't Know | 2 | [4] | | | [1] | 3 |
| Not Answered | 0 | [1] | | [1] | | 1 |

Q9 Do you know how to contact your local DPP?

Tables 9a-9c show that only a small number of respondents (20%) are aware of how to contact the DPP. Table 9a shows that more females than males knew how to contact the District Policing Partnership, table 9b shows that more people in the 61+ category knew how to contact the DPP, and table 9c shows that a similar number of Protestants and Roman Catholics did not know how to contact the DPP.

Table 9a Analysis by Gender

| All respondents who had heard of DPPs. Rating % | Public Consultation Survey | | | |
|--|----------------------------|--------|--------------|-------|
| | Male | Female | Not Answered | Total |
| Yes | 18 | 23 | | 20 |
| No | 80 | 70 | [5] | 76 |
| Don't Know | 1 | 5 | | 2 |
| Not Answered | 1 | 2 | | 1 |

Table 9b Analysis by Age

| All respondents who had heard of DPPs. Rating % | Public Consultation Survey | | | | | |
|--|----------------------------|-------|-------|-----|--------------|-------|
| | 16-24 | 25-40 | 41-60 | 61+ | Not Answered | Total |
| Yes | [1] | [9] | 21 | 25 | [1] | 20 |
| No | [7] | [70] | 75 | 71 | [2] | 76 |
| Don't Know | [1] | [1] | 2 | 3 | | 2 |
| Not Answered | | [1] | 2 | 1 | | 1 |

Table 9c Analysis by Religion

| All respondents who had heard of DPPs. Rating % | Public Consultation Survey | | | | | |
|--|----------------------------|----------------|-------|------|--------------|-------|
| | Protestant | Roman Catholic | Other | None | Not Answered | Total |
| Yes | 21 | [9] | [3] | [5] | | 20 |
| No | 75 | [36] | [11] | [20] | [10] | 76 |
| Don't Know | 3 | | | | [1] | 2 |
| Not Answered | 1 | [2] | | | | 1 |

Q10 Are you aware of any local community groups where policing / community safety issues are discussed (for example Community Police Liaison Committees, Community Safety Partnerships, Local Crime Partnerships)?

Tables 10a-10c show that the majority of people are not aware of local community groups who discuss policing / community safety issues. Table 10a shows that more males than females were aware of the groups, table 10b shows that more people in the 41-60 age group were aware of the groups and table 10c shows that Protestants and Roman Catholics were equally unaware of the groups.

Table 10a Analysis by Gender

| Rating % | Public Consultation Survey | | | |
|--------------|----------------------------|--------|--------------|-------|
| | Male | Female | Not Answered | Total |
| Yes | 15 | 12 | [1] | 13 |
| No | 77 | 73 | [5] | 75 |
| Don't Know | 7 | 12 | | 9 |
| Not Answered | 2 | 3 | [2] | 3 |

Table 10b Analysis by Age

| Rating % | Public Consultation Survey | | | | | |
|--------------|----------------------------|-------|-------|-----|--------------|-------|
| | 16-24 | 25-40 | 41-60 | 61+ | Not Answered | Total |
| Yes | | 13 | 16 | 12 | [1] | 13 |
| No | [14] | 79 | 76 | 72 | [5] | 75 |
| Don't Know | [5] | 6 | 6 | 12 | [1] | 9 |
| Not Answered | [1] | 1 | 2 | 3 | [2] | 3 |

Table 10c Analysis by Religion

| Rating % | Public Consultation Survey | | | | | |
|--------------|----------------------------|----------------|-------|------|--------------|-------|
| | Protestant | Roman Catholic | Other | None | Not Answered | Total |
| Yes | 13 | [9] | [6] | [8] | [2] | 13 |
| No | 76 | [69] | [15] | [25] | [10] | 75 |
| Don't Know | 9 | [10] | [2] | [1] | [2] | 9 |
| Not Answered | 2 | [2] | | [2] | [2] | 3 |

Q11 Some parts of the Borough of Coleraine attract large numbers of visitors over holiday periods and for special events. Do you feel that the policing issues which result are being adequately addressed?

Table 11a shows that males were slightly more satisfied with the policing of special events than females (51% to 43%). Table 11b shows that all the age groups between 25 and 61+ were similarly satisfied with the policing of special events and table 11c shows that Protestants were slightly more satisfied than Roman Catholics.

Table 11a Analysis by Gender

| Rating % | Public Consultation Survey | | | |
|--------------|----------------------------|--------|--------------|-------|
| | Male | Female | Not Answered | Total |
| Yes | 51 | 43 | [4] | 47 |
| No | 26 | 26 | [2] | 26 |
| Don't Know | 22 | 29 | [2] | 25 |
| Not Answered | 1 | 3 | | 2 |

Table 11b Analysis by Age

| Rating % | Public Consultation Survey | | | | | |
|--------------|----------------------------|-------|-------|-----|--------------|-------|
| | 16-24 | 25-40 | 41-60 | 61+ | Not Answered | Total |
| Yes | [8] | 48 | 50 | 44 | [3] | 47 |
| No | [6] | 28 | 28 | 22 | [3] | 26 |
| Don't Know | [6] | 24 | 21 | 30 | [3] | 25 |
| Not Answered | | 1 | 1 | 3 | | 2 |

Table 11c Analysis by Religion

| Rating % | Public Consultation Survey | | | | | |
|--------------|----------------------------|----------------|-------|------|--------------|-------|
| | Protestant | Roman Catholic | Other | None | Not Answered | Total |
| Yes | 52 | [25] | [7] | [19] | [6] | 47 |
| No | 24 | [28] | [8] | [8] | [6] | 26 |
| Don't Know | 23 | [34] | [6] | [9] | [3] | 25 |
| Not Answered | 1 | [3] | [2] | | [1] | 2 |

Q12 Do you think that the use of CCTV in Coleraine town centre has reduced the level of crime and led to a greater feeling of safety among the public?

Table 12a shows that the majority of respondents thought that the use of CCTV had reduced the level of crime with the result that the public felt safer with 60% of males and 54% of females agreeing with the question. Table 12b shows similar opinions between those aged 25-61+ and table 12c shows that the majority of Protestants and Roman Catholics agree that CCTV is useful.

Table 12a Analysis by Gender

| Rating % | Public Consultation Survey | | | |
|--------------|----------------------------|--------|--------------|-------|
| | Male | Female | Not Answered | Total |
| Yes | 60 | 54 | [5] | 57 |
| No | 11 | 13 | [1] | 12 |
| Don't Know | 28 | 32 | [2] | 30 |
| Not Answered | 1 | 2 | | 1 |

Table 12b Analysis by Age

| Rating % | Public Consultation Survey | | | | | |
|--------------|----------------------------|-------|-------|-----|--------------|-------|
| | 16-24 | 25-40 | 41-60 | 61+ | Not Answered | Total |
| Yes | [13] | 54 | 58 | 59 | [3] | 57 |
| No | [2] | 21 | 11 | 7 | [3] | 12 |
| Don't Know | [5] | 25 | 30 | 32 | [3] | 30 |
| Not Answered | | | 0 | 3 | | 1 |

Table 12c Analysis by Religion

| Rating % | Public Consultation Survey | | | | | |
|--------------|----------------------------|----------------|-------|------|--------------|-------|
| | Protestant | Roman Catholic | Other | None | Not Answered | Total |
| Yes | 60 | [36] | [19] | [21] | [7] | 57 |
| No | 11 | [15] | [2] | [4] | [2] | 12 |
| Don't Know | 28 | [37] | [2] | [10] | [6] | 30 |
| Not Answered | 1 | [2] | | [1] | [1] | 1 |

Q13 Do you consider that the police service in the rural community is on a par with that to urban / suburban areas?

Tables 13a-13c show that the majority of people do not believe that rural policing is equal to urban policing. Table 13a shows a general agreement between males and females that rural and urban policing are not on a par, table 13b shows that more 25-40 year olds believe that rural and urban policing are not equal and table 13c shows that Protestants and Roman Catholics are in general agreement about policing in rural and urban areas not being the same.

Table 13a Analysis by Gender

| Rating % | Public Consultation Survey | | | |
|--------------|----------------------------|--------|--------------|-------|
| | Male | Female | Not Answered | Total |
| Yes | 14 | 11 | [2] | 13 |
| No | 55 | 51 | [6] | 53 |
| Don't Know | 30 | 36 | | 33 |
| Not Answered | 0 | 1 | | 1 |

Table 13b Analysis by Age

| Rating % | Public Consultation Survey | | | | | |
|--------------|----------------------------|-------|-------|-----|--------------|-------|
| | 16-24 | 25-40 | 41-60 | 61+ | Not Answered | Total |
| Yes | [3] | 11 | 11 | 16 | | 13 |
| No | [8] | 66 | 58 | 43 | [6] | 53 |
| Don't Know | [9] | 23 | 31 | 39 | [3] | 33 |
| Not Answered | | | 0 | 2 | | 1 |

Table 13c Analysis by Religion

| Rating % | Public Consultation Survey | | | | | |
|--------------|----------------------------|----------------|-------|------|--------------|-------|
| | Protestant | Roman Catholic | Other | None | Not Answered | Total |
| Yes | 15 | [7] | [3] | [3] | [1] | 13 |
| No | 54 | [43] | [14] | [20] | [10] | 53 |
| Don't Know | 31 | [39] | [6] | [13] | [4] | 33 |
| Not Answered | 1 | [1] | | | [1] | 1 |

Section Two

This section will detail the results of the consultation that the DPP has undertaken in the Borough and the themes of questions that have been received at public meetings of the DPP.

In order to maximise the input of the community into the Local Policing Plan, Coleraine District Policing Partnership wrote to approximately 190 community associations, schools and churches in the Borough to request their feedback on policing concerns and issues in the area.

The DPP received multiple responses from twelve groups, schools and churches in the Borough (see Appendix 1 for list), which highlighted the following issues:

| Theme of Main Concerns | No of Responses |
|--|------------------------|
| Drug Abuse (<i>drug dealing, drug use</i>) | 3 |
| Alcohol Abuse (<i>drunken driving, underage drinking, public drunkenness</i>) | 5 |
| Theft (<i>vehicle crime, domestic burglary</i>) | 8 |
| Public Nuisance (<i>vandalism, young people causing a nuisance, road traffic issues, public disorder, bogus callers</i>) | 14 |
| Violence (<i>assaults, child abuse, domestic violence, sexual attacks, paramilitary activity, hate [racial/homophobic] crimes</i>) | 2 |
| Resources / Community Policing | 4 |
| Customer Satisfaction | 2 |
| Other | 4 |

As can be seen, Public Nuisance was the biggest concern amongst those who responded to the letters with Theft being the secondary concern.

Having held five public meetings in the Borough between April and December 2003, the DPP have received a total of forty-four written questions in advance and thirty-nine questions during the meetings. These have been categorised and sorted into the following themes:

| Theme | No of Questions received |
|--|---------------------------------|
| Drug Abuse (<i>drug dealing, drug use</i>) | 2 |
| Alcohol Abuse (<i>drunken driving, underage drinking, public drunkenness</i>) | 6 |
| Theft (<i>vehicle crime, domestic burglary</i>) | 2 |
| Public Nuisance (<i>vandalism, young people causing a nuisance, road traffic issues, public disorder, bogus callers</i>) | 12 |
| Violence (<i>assaults, child abuse, domestic violence, sexual attacks, paramilitary activity, hate [racial/homophobic] crimes</i>) | 10 |
| PSNI Resources | 14 |
| Customer Satisfaction | 3 |
| Community Policing | 10 |
| Funding | 2 |
| Crime Prevention Initiatives (<i>CCTV, Youth Forum, Vulnerable and Isolated Persons Scheme</i>) | 8 |
| Other | 12 |
| District Policing Partnership | 2 |

As can be seen, PSNI resources is the biggest concern amongst those asking questions through the DPP, with Public Nuisance accounting for the second largest theme.

Section Three

Coleraine District Policing Partnership agreed to use MORI MRC, the company that the Northern Ireland Policing Board had contracted to undertake Market Research on behalf of District Policing Partnerships.

It was agreed that MORI would complete three focus group consultations during the month of November to ensure the inclusion of the results in the DPP discussions about the local policing priorities. The three focus groups consisted of:

Group 1 – 16-24 year olds from rural and urban backgrounds with mixed political/religious affiliations,

Group 2 – 25-55 year olds from rural backgrounds from mixed political/religious backgrounds,

Group 3 – 25-55 year olds from rural and urban backgrounds from the Nationalist/Roman Catholic community.

The key areas of discussion were concentrating on policing concerns in the area, possible solutions and knowledge of community based policing groups and the DPP.

The main outcomes from the three focus groups were as follows:

- All three groups perceived Domestic Burglary, Underage Drinking, and Young People causing a Nuisance as being problems in all areas of the Borough,
- Rural areas mentioned Young People causing a Nuisance, Theft, Vandalism and Speeding as problems in their area,
- Urban areas mentioned Assaults, Public Disorder and Public Drunkenness as problems in their area,
- All three groups would welcome more Beat/Foot patrolling, and Prompt Responses to Emergencies.

In 2004-2005 the DPP would propose to undertake further focus group research through MORI, in addition to holding meetings with a variety of groups and stakeholders in the Borough. These meetings will be scheduled to take place at regular intervals in all parts of the Coleraine Borough with the purpose of gaining more in-depth information on the concerns about policing in the area.

Section Four

This section will summarise the issues prioritised by the DPP for consideration by the District Commander in his preparation of the Local Policing Plan for 2004-2005. These issues have been identified by the DPP based on the statistics available to them as well as their knowledge of the area and communities.

Domestic Burglary – This was the single biggest concern in the NISRA survey with 56% of respondents identifying it. The three MORI focus groups substantiated this perception with all of the groups stating that it was a problem in the Borough. The public consultation also showed that it was a concern with the largest number of responses falling under this theme. The District Commander's 6-monthly report also showed that there have been a total of 103 burglaries in the first 6-months of 2003-2004.

Alcohol Abuse – Of the themes of alcohol abuse in the NISRA survey, there was most concern about underage drinking with 42% of respondents identifying this as an issue. The MORI groups also verified this opinion with all three groups considering underage drinking to be a problem. Three of the five questions raised at public meetings have also been in relation to underage drinking with three of the groups who responded to the public consultation also raising this as an issue.

Vandalism / Criminal Damage – This was the third biggest concern in the NISRA survey with 40% of respondents identifying it. Although the focus groups recognised this was a problem, they did not deem it to be a significant problem in the area. Both the questions arising at meetings and the groups responding to the public consultation identified vandalism as an issue with 2 out of 12 questions asked and 4 of the 36 responses relating to this issue. The PSNI statistics also show that this is a major problem in the area with 682 offences of criminal damage within the first 6-months of 2003-2004.

Young People causing a nuisance – 40% of respondents to the NISRA survey also identified this as being an issue in the area with the focus groups agreeing. Three of the twelve questions received at public meetings about public nuisance relate to young people and three of the groups responding to the public consultation also highlighted this as a problem.

Speeding – The NISRA survey showed that 38% of respondents identified speeding as a problem in the area. The rural focus group agreed that this was a problem. Of the questions received at public meetings, half of those relating to road traffic issues address speeding specifically. Two of the nine groups that responded to the public consultation also stated that speeding was a problem. The PSNI 6-monthly report also shows that there were 648 cases where drivers were detected speeding in the Borough.

Violent Crime – Within this theme, both the NISRA survey and the focus groups identified assaults as the biggest problem in the area (25% of the NISRA respondents). As with the survey and focus groups, three of the seven questions received about Violence relate to assaults. There was however a low level of concern from the responses to the public consultation with only one letter identifying assaults as a problem. Between the months of April and August 2003 there were 474 incidents of Offences against the Person in the Borough.

Appendix 1

List of organisations that responded to Public Consultation letters

Ballyrashane Presbyterian Church

Ballysally Youth and Community Centre

Causeway Vulnerable Isolated People

Coleraine Academical Institution

Coleraine and District Road Safety Committee

Coleraine Standing Conference of Women's Organisations

Garvagh and District Community Forum

Hazelbank Presbyterian Church

Loreto College, Coleraine

Portballintrae Residents Association

Portstewart Community Forum

The Rotary Club of Coleraine