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The seventh meeting of Cookstown District Policing Partnership in public session is scheduled to take place on Thursday night (12th August) in the Hanover House, Coagh at 7pm. All members of the public are welcome to attend.

DPP Manager, Philip Moffett said, “meetings of the District Policing Partnership in public session offer the local community a mechanism to partake and become involved in the way they are policed on a day to day basis”.

He continued, “meetings in public provide a setting for monitoring the work of the PSNI locally in the most transparent manner possible”.

The meeting will receive a report from the District Commander on the policing of the district between April–June 2004 and a talk from the local police on their response in dealing with drug misuse within the district.

Made up of eight councillors, nominated by Cookstown District Council, and seven independent members appointed by the NI Policing Board, the current membership of the DPP will remain until June 2005 to monitor the work of the police against the district’s local Policing Plan.

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Although the Partnership's 15 members will question the local District Commander on the policing of the District, members of the public will have previously submitted questions answered at the meeting.

The DPP Manager said, "members of the public may have a question answered by the District Commander on the policing of their area at any meeting of the DPP in public session throughout the year".

He continued, "although the deadline for the submission of written questions has passed for the meeting in Coagh, the public may forward any policing questions they wish to be answered by the District Command Unit for consideration at the next meeting in public session to be held in October".

Questions may however be directly asked of the District Commander by anyone attending the meeting, which will be at the discretion of the Chairman.

For questions to be formally put before the District Command Unit they must be forwarded to the DPP Manager 10 days before the next meeting in public is due to take place. All questions should be forwarded to the DPP Manager, C/o Cookstown District Council, Burn Road, Cookstown, BT80 8NT. Questions can also be sent by e-mail to districtpolicing@cookstown.gov.uk.

The establishment of a DPP for the region will ensure that policing in the area is consistent with the needs and priorities required for the District.

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