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Dear Chief Executive

I would like to thank you for the council contribution for the 2017/18 financial year towards the cost of storing public donations for the Syrian Refugees and the wider refugee and asylum seeker community.

The regular arrivals of the Syrian refugees in Northern Ireland is still generating expressions of good will from the public in Northern Ireland. The many donations of food and essential household items are thankfully received and stored at The Storehouse North Down, your donation has made this possible.

The Storehouse North Down is an ideal space to collect, hold, sort and distribute the donations received and in partnership with their sister charity Kiltonga Christian Centre are providing volunteers and resources towards the refugees' needs at a regional basis.

To maintain the space required, Storehouse still would need to be financially supported therefore I am asking you again if you could commit to provide a small annual donation of £300 for this financial year and for the next 2 years.

As highlighted before this is substantially less than the costs in money and in-kind contributions that Councils were incurring under the previous arrangement and we believe that it represents good value for money.

I would be grateful if you could give this request consideration and inform Brendan Quail of Bryson Intercultural of your decision. Payment details can be provided by Brendan at bquail@brysongroup.org

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ian Snowden". The script is cursive and fluid.

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**Minutes of the meeting of Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership
held in Conference Room, Magherafelt on Wednesday, 12 December 2018 at 3.00pm**

Present: Councillor Frances Burton, Councillor Phelim Gildernew,
Councillor Derek McKinney, Councillor Sean McPeake

Liam Duggan (Vice Chair), Ursula Marshall, Martina Watson

Inspector Andy Archibald (PSNI), Jacqueline Connolly
(SH&SCT), Michael Dallat (NIHE), Inspector Joanne Gibson
(PSNI), Michelle Grant (PBNI), Sergeant Beverley Knipe
(PSNI), Niall McEvoy (PBNI), Chief Inspector Mervyn Seffen
(PSNI), Emma Wilkinson (PSNI), Cheryl Johnston (PBNI)

Apologies: Superintendent Mike Baird (PSNI), Jacqueline Connolly
(SH&SCT), Fiona Crawford, Sinead Dolan (YJA), Councillor
Denise Mullen (Chair), Ryan McGee (EA), Alan Simpson
(NIFRS), Diane Spence (NH&SCT)

In Attendance: Michael McCrory (PSCP Manager), Celene O'Neill (PCSP
Officer), Annette McGahan (PCSP Officer), Shauna McCloskey
(PCSP Officer), Martina McCullagh (PCSP Assistant)

The Meeting started at 3.07pm

PCSP102/18 WELCOME

In the absence of the Chair, the meeting was chaired by the Liam Duggan, Vice Chair. He welcomed all to the meeting, extending a warm welcome to Niall McEvoy and Cheryl Johnston (PBNI) who provided the following presentation on 'Supervised Activity Orders'.

PCSP103/18 SUPERVISED ACTIVITY ORDERS (SAO) – NIALL MCEVOY (PBNI)

Niall McEvoy advised Members that 'Supervised Activity Orders' were piloted by PBNI in 2013, under the Justice Act (NI) 2016 and the Fine Collection and Enforcement Service (FCS).

The process of imposition of an SAO is as follows;

- Where a fine is imposed at the point of sentence and the debtor requests an SAO;
- Fine imposed and a 'Collection Order' imposed – 4 weeks to pay
- The Fine Collection and Enforcement Service (FCS) become involved on non-payment – 2 weeks of reminder letters
- Continued non-payment FCS make further recoup efforts – 4 weeks
- Continued non-payment summons issued for Default Hearing – 6 weeks
- On service of summons appear at Default Hearing and SAO imposed based on outstanding fine balances

There is a sliding scale of hours related to the size of outstanding fine, total cannot exceed £1,000

- 10-50 hours for monetary penalties up to £200
- 10-100 hours for monetary penalties between £200-£500
- 10-150 hours in any other case

He informed Members that 'Supervised Activity Orders' are Pre-Programme Placement, which focus on citizenship and money matters, has an unpaid work element and must be completed within 12 months.

Placement requirements include;

- Public Liability Insurance
- GDPR compliant
- Not for profit
- On-site supervision
- Risk assessment pre-placement
- Placements that are appropriate to the individual
- Placements that provide tangible benefits to the local community
- Locally based Probation Service Officer who will liaise with the Placement provider

Placements include faith based, sports based and community/public health sectors. Charitable partners include DePaul Ireland, Womens' Aid, Barnardos, Restore and Can Can Bazaar.

Members raised the following questions;

Responding to a question from Councillor McKinney regarding statistics showing success rate of the scheme, Niall McEvoy stated statistics are not presently available

A discussion took place regarding Public Liability Insurance and how this is a major obstacle for companies/organisations becoming involved in the scheme.

Councillor Gildernew raised concern regarding individuals who are unable to pay and those who 'won't' pay fines.

In response to a question from Michael Dallat, Niall McEvoy advised the placement company are responsible for the supervision of the person on the placement programme.

Responding to a question from Sergeant Knipe, Niall McEvoy advised that the scheme is open to both new and legacy participants.

Contact details for Cheryl Johnston to be circulated to Members.

Members were advised their comments would be fed back to the Probation Board for consideration.

The Vice Chair thanked Niall McEvoy and Cheryl Johnston for the presentation. They both left the meeting at 3.38pm.

PCSP104/18 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Members were reminded of their obligation in relation to declarations of interest.

Martina Watson – Mid Ulster Women’s Aid

Ursula Marshall – Mid Ulster Women’s Aid

PCSP105/18 MINUTES OF POLICING & COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP MEETING HELD ON 19 SEPTEMBER 2018

The Minutes of Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership meeting held on Wednesday 19 September 2018 were approved and signed.

Proposed by: Councillor Derek McKinney
Seconded by: Councillor Phelim Gildernew

PCSP106/18 MATTERS ARISING

PCSP100/18 Any Other Business

In response to a question from Councillor Burton relating to the installation of 20mph speed limit signs in Aughnacloy, the PCSP Manager stated that DfI have given permission for the use of their poles for the ‘Speed Indicator’ devices. He also said he has requested funding from DoJ/NIPB to procure 4 devices.

Responding to a question from Councillor Burton regarding the availability of Hi Vis Vests, the PCSP Manager advised Members to contact PCSP Officers and provide details of what they require.

Chief Inspector Seffen advised Members a National Review of the non-emergency 101 number is taking place in order to resolve issues and improve service provision.

PCSP107/18 THEMATIC GROUP UPDATES

Anti-Social Behaviour Forum Update

The PCSP Officer provided the following brief summary of initiatives under development;

- Fireworks video and accompanying outdoor advertising campaign to be rolled out in October leading up to Halloween
- Launch of Sexting Leaflet and awareness raising sessions, awaiting leaflet approval from PSNI & PPU

In response to a question from Councillor McKinney, Chief Inspector Seffen advised there were no prosecutions in relation to disturbances on the Westland Road in Cookstown on Halloween night.

Night-Time Economy Sub Group Update

The PCSP Officer provided the following brief summary of forthcoming initiatives;

- Defibrillator Training will take place in Dungannon in January 2019
- Drugs Awareness Training to be delivered by the end of March 2019

Vulnerable Persons' Sub Group Update

The PCSP Officer provided the following brief summary of initiatives under development

- Primary School Internet Safety programme to be delivered by Beam Creative Network to Key Stage 2 pupils in 15 schools across Mid Ulster
- Post Primary School Internet Safety programmes are being delivered in partnership with PCSP, PSNI and MMD Communications, piloted in 6 schools across Mid Ulster. The programme has been very well received.
- The RADAR Centre in Belfast is remaining open, presently liaising with them to secure bookings
- Domestic Violence Campaign will be delivered in December / January
- Drugs and Alcohol Pilot partnership project being delivered in post primary schools by Start 360 and PSNI Case Officers. The Project is being well received
- As a follow-up to the 'Older Persons Event', Aughnacloy is a pilot area for the Participatory Budgeting process.

PCSP108/18 PCSP DRAFT STRATEGY & ACTION PLAN 2019-22

The PCSP Manager provided a brief presentation on the PCSP Draft Strategy & Action Plan 2019-22 and advised Members a further meeting to be arranged in January to discuss the Action Plan in detail. He also stated budget figures shown are last year's figures, actual budgets have not yet been agreed. The budget may be reduced.

Members made the following comments;

In response to a question from Michael Dallat regarding comparing Mid Ulster PCSP to other PCSPs, Chief Inspector Seffen stated Mid Ulster PCSP has one of the best working relationships with PSNI.

Jacqueline Connolly advised Members she had recently attended the Outcome Based Accountability Training, which she found very valuable and asked if it could be extended to Community Groups in the future.

In response, the PCSP Manager advised the training had been organised and funded by the DoJ & NIPB and only targeted PCSP members.

PCSP109/18 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

PCSP110/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next PCSP meeting will be held on Tuesday 29 January 2019 in Council Chamber, Dungannon at 6.00pm.

The meeting ended at 4.10pm

All members were present for the duration of the meeting except Councillor Derek McKinney who arrived at 3.09pm.

**Minutes of the meeting of Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership
held in Conference Room, Magherafelt on Tuesday 29 January 2019 at 6.00pm**

- Present:** Councillor Denise Mullen (Chair), Councillor Frances Burton, Councillor Robert Colvin, Councillor Clement Cuthbertson, Councillor Derek McKinney
- Fiona Crawford, Mark Farquhar, Ursula Marshall, Martina Watson
- Michael Dallat (NIHE), Constable Jonny Ellis (PSNI) Inspector Joanne Gibson (PSNI), Sergeant Beverley Knipe (PSNI), Chief Inspector Mervyn Seffen (PSNI), Constable Emma Wilkinson (PSNI)
- Apologies:** Councillor Phelim Gildernew, Councillor Sean McPeake, Liam Duggan (Vice Chair), Sinead Dolan (YJA), Michelle Grant (PBNI), Liz McGrath (SH&SCT), Patsy Begley (NIFRS), Brian Coombes (NIFRS), Inspector Danny Walsh (PSNI)
- In Attendance:** Michael McCrory (PSCP Manager), Celene O'Neill (PCSP Officer), Annette McGahan (PCSP Officer), Shauna McCloskey (PCSP Officer), Martina McCullagh (PCSP Assistant)

The Meeting started at 6.00pm

PCSP111/19 WELCOME

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. Members were informed the PSNI would be providing a presentation on 'Mid Ulster Support Hub' this evening.

PCSP112/19 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Members were reminded of their obligation in relation to declarations of interest.

PCSP113/19 MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising.

PCSP114/19 PSNI PRESENTATION – MID ULSTER SUPPORT HUB

A short video on an established 'Support Hub' was shown to Members. Constable Ellis advised there is a number of Support Hubs already established in other districts and are proving very successful. Constable Ellis provided the following information;

- All Partner agencies will sign a 'confidential' agreement at the outset in relation to Data Protection Regulations
- Any Partner agency can make a referral to the Support Hub
- Outside agencies can also bring a vulnerable person to the attention of the Support Hub

- Partner agency must ensure a consent form is completed by the vulnerable person
- Minimal documents to be retained, individuals will not be referred to by name

Members were supportive of the introduction of a Support Hub in Mid Ulster, the following comments were made;

- In response to a question from Councillor Burton in relation to running costs, Sergeant Knipe advised administration costs would be the main expense, which would be provided by PSNI.
- Chief Inspector Seffen advised they are presently liaising with Statutory Agencies, but confirmed there will also be close collaboration with non-partner agencies.

PCSP115/19 PCSP DRAFT STRATEGY & ACTION PLAN 2019-22

The PCSP Manager referred to the Draft Strategy & Action Plan 2019-22, which was presented at the PCSP meeting on 12 December 2018. Approval in principal is being sought, after which the Joint Committee may seek clarification on any queries they may have.

The PCSP Manager provided the following information;

- The budget has not yet been finalised, therefore, 2018/19 figures are shown
- In response to a question from Councillor Burton regarding the continued suitability of the Thematic Groups, the PCSP Manager advised they tie in with the three Strategic Priorities, a delivery mechanism that continues to work. This Action Plan is current, but if other issues arise, it can be altered to deal with a change in priorities.
- Responding to a question from Mark Farquhar regarding what support is being provided to those with disabilities, the PCSP Manager stated that PCSP do not distinctly target disability groups, but if there are specific issues these can be further discussed at upcoming meetings. Members were advised both Sperrinview Special School, Dungannon and Kilonan School, Magherafelt have benefitted from Domestic Violence programmes delivered by Mid Ulster Women's Aid.

The PCSP Draft Strategy & Action Plan 2019-22 was approved by Members.

Proposed: Michael Dallat
Seconded: Councillor Robert Colvin

PCSP116/19 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

PCSP117/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next PCSP meeting will be held on Wednesday 13 March 2019 in Council Chamber, Dungannon at 6.00pm.

The meeting ended at 6.37pm

All members were present for the duration of the meeting except Councillor Frances Burton who arrived at 6.01pm, Sergeant Beverley Knipe who arrived at 6.05pm, Councillor Derek McKinney who arrived at 6.06pm and Councillor Robert Colvin who arrived at 6.08pm.