



LISBURN DPP DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

LISBURN DPP - NEW PRIORITIES AND NEW CHAIRMAN

The new Chairman of the Lisburn District Policing Partnership is Councillor Seamus Close. In this issue of Citywide the Chairman outlines the priorities for the DPP in this, its third year of operation.

Three key areas have been identified for the incoming year:

- Domestic violence
- Young people and policing
- Hate crime, with an emphasis on ethnic minority members of the community

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The new Chairman, Councillor Close, said: "It may shock some to know that domestic violence currently accounts for 16% of all violent crime in Lisburn. It's a very serious issue that affects many families in our City cutting across all social classes, with devastating consequences in many instances"

The DPP, in partnership with the Lisburn PSNI, is currently organising a conference on this theme to take place in June 2005. One of the keynote issues will be the area of law enforcement by the PSNI and on a practical and caring level, how society deals with children who are victims of a violent relationship.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND POLICING

There are some negative perceptions of young people in society today. This of course only relates to a few individuals in reality, but cases of anti-social behaviour can portray young people in a less than favourable light. "I feel this issue is very important as young people are victims of crime just like other members of society and I want to encourage and enable our young people to contribute to the style of policing in Lisburn," said Councillor Close. The DPP will embark on a widespread consultation exercise with young people with a view to achieving active participation in the policing debate.

HATE CRIME

There is an ever-growing population in the City of Lisburn, particularly amongst ethnic minorities. "There are specific issues that ethnic minorities face when trying to integrate in the community and we, as a Partnership, need to embrace what needs to happen locally to ensure their policing needs are addressed," said Councillor Close.

"This is something the DPP considers it needs to address practically sending out the message that hate crimes will not be tolerated. I feel confident that the people of the City of Lisburn share my views," he said.

WORK

As well as these priorities other areas of work also continue to be important such as those highlighted through the Survey carried out across the City on policing priorities:

- Domestic burglary
- Vehicle crime
- Speeding
- Young people causing annoyance
- Underage drinking

"There is plenty of interesting and challenging work ahead," said Councillor Close. "We are currently undertaking a promotional campaign in order to highlight the work of the DPP and to encourage vital participation from members of the public. Effective policing involves people support," he concluded.

Date Tuesday 21 June 2005
Venue Council Chamber, Lagan Valley Island
Time 7.00pm
Type Public Meeting (Six monthly Monitoring)

Date Tuesday 16 August 2005
Venue Beechlaw House Hotel, Dunmurry
Time 7.00pm
Type Public Meeting

Date Tuesday 20 September 2005
Venue Hillsborough Community Hall
Time 7.00pm
Type Public Meeting

Date Tuesday 15 November 2005
Venue Dromara Primary School, Dromara
Time 7.00pm
Type Public Meeting

Date Tuesday 17 January 2006
Venue Council Chamber, Lagan Valley Island
Time 7.00pm
Type Public Meeting

Why not come along and share your views or concerns, or simply listen to what others have to say. Either way you will be made most welcome.

- The District Commander will present a report on policing of the City
- The DPP will monitor the performance of the police in carrying out policing priorities for the City

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