

**Fermanagh and Omagh District Council**  
**Fermanagh and Omagh Policing and Community Safety Partnership**

**Policing Committee Meeting in Public**

Minutes of the Fermanagh and Omagh Policing and Community Safety Partnership Policing Committee meeting held in public in The Grange, Omagh, on Tuesday 30 April 2019 at 7.42 pm.

**Present: Councillors**

Keith Elliott, Tommy Maguire, Thomas O'Reilly and Howard Thornton.

**Independents**

Norman Kirkpatrick (Vice Chairperson), Monica Coyle, Vida Lake and Pauline Treacy.

**Designated Members**

Superintendent Clive Beatty (PSNI) and Brian Hetherington (NIFRS).

**Apologies:** Eithne McAnespy

**In attendance:** Carol Follis (PCSP Manager), Paula Sheerin (Committee Clerk) and Lorraine McCutcheon (PSNI).

PC 05/19 **Welcome and Apologies**

In the absence of the PCSP Chair the Vice Chair chaired the meeting. The Vice Chair welcomed the Members to the meeting and apologies were accepted.

PC 06/19 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Policing Committee meeting held in public on Tuesday 26 March 2019 were considered and approved. Proposed by Monica Coyle and seconded by Councillor Howard Thornton.

PC 07/19 **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising to address.

PC 08/19 **The Domestic Violence and Abuse Disclosure Scheme (DVADS)**

The Policing Committee received a presentation by Detective Inspector Lorraine McCutcheon from the Public Protection Branch on the Domestic Violence and Abuse Disclosure Scheme (DVADS). The Detective Inspector informed the Policing Committee of the origin of the Scheme, its introduction and implementation in Northern Ireland. The difference between "Right to Ask" and "Power to Tell" element of the Scheme was clarified and statistics on the applications and disclosures provided. The Members asked questions relating to the Scheme and relating to the status of the investigation into allegations of historic sexual abuse of minors which were answered accordingly. The Vice Chair thanked the Detective Inspector for her presentation and contribution to the meeting.

**RISING:**

The Committee rose at 8.24 pm.

All attendees were present at the beginning of the meeting.

All attendees remained present for the duration of the meeting.