

installed. Houses were often sold to enable people to move to a new area where they felt safer or if a couple divorced or separated. There was far more work keeping the maintenance up for existing members than there was for new members coming into the scheme. I cannot recall how many people were in the scheme at any one time.

10. I was responsible for managing the budget of the KPPS scheme and dealing with the police. I had a very good working relationship with the RUC Security Branch and I met most of the senior officers in the team who were carrying out the threat risk assessments and home security assessments. The KPPS scheme had a budget. However, the scheme was "demand led" and as the amount that was spent each year depended on the number of people who came in and out of the scheme and the security measures advised for them, the scheme always operated over budget.

**Protection for Councillors MacCionnaith and Duffy**

11. My predecessor Steven McCourt wrote to Superintendent Frank McAuley on 24 July 1998 regarding Councillors MacCionnaith and Duffy who had both requested inclusion in the KPPS scheme **RNI 305.152-153**. The letter sets out the perceived threat to both of them, in particular Breandan MacCionnaith, and asks Superintendent McAuley to arrange a threat risk assessment for both. The letter was sent just a few days before my arrival. I would have seen it when I started in post.
12. Superintendent McAuley responded directly to me on 31 August 1998 **RNI 305.184** . This was about six weeks after Steven McCourt had written to him asking him to arrange a threat assessment. The time taken to carry out the threat assessment was not unusual. Someone assessed at a level 1 was generally notified very quickly as the intelligence was already there. However, persons assessed at a level 3 or lower would often take longer to complete if there was not already any specific intelligence on the person. The letter from Superintendent McAuley states that a Headquarters Special Branch intelligence report shows that there is no current