

23. The Investigating officer would have had a fair amount of opportunity throughout the process to widen the terms of the investigation. There is a degree of autonomy. It is conceivable that he was under pressure not to do so. The atmosphere in Portadown at that time was poisonous.

24. It was not just about protecting one of their own. It is also about their neighbours. RC Atkinson was a community activist and quite influential within his community. There are hints in some of the records. I have got some speculative views but they are not evidentially based.

25. My view of the ICPC was that it was an organisation lacking in moral fibre. The ICPC supervision was ineffective in relation to the supervision of Atkinson. It lacked all of the qualities that an oversight body ought to expect.

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