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BRADLEY: IMC IN LINE WITH QUINN FAMILY VIEW

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SDLP Newry and Armagh MLA Dominic Bradley said the IMC's view of the Paul Quinn murder continues to be fully in line with that of the Quinn family.

He said: “Far from absolving the Provisional IRA in South Armagh, the IMC has essentially reiterated what it said last November and repeated to the Quinn family in my presence: that current and former members of the Provisional IRA were involved.

“No one in Cullyhanna has ever claimed the Army Council ordered this murder. On the contrary, it is quite clear that the killers were disobeying the organisation, but they were acting within its local structures. Paul was killed by Provos who had access to the infrastructure of the Provisional IRA's South Armagh Command, including its forensic expertise. That is the line the Gardai are following and it is the only line.

“The IMC has fully recognised the nature of Provisional community control in South Armagh and the way that senior Provisionals demand, but no longer get, deference from young people in the area. That is the real key to the Quinn murder and Sinn Fein cannot evade its own responsibility for Provo community control.

“The disbandment of the Army Council is not the crucial issue for us. We want to see the disbandment of the local murder machine and an end to the political cover provided for it by Sinn Fein. That is the only way we can ensure that no more young men lose their lives.”

Note to editors:

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“A number of people were involved in the incident although they did not all necessarily play a part in the actual killing. Amongst those involved were people who had in various ways been associated with the PIRA at a local level, including as members of the organisation. Some of these people were accustomed over a substantial period of time to exercising considerable local influence, collectively and individually. This would have led such people to expect what they would consider as appropriate respect from others and to being able to undertake their activities – including criminal ones – without interference; they would find it very difficult to accept any waning in this influence and respect;”

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