

**Meeting of South Belfast District Policing and Community
Safety Partnership
Monday, 16th June 2014, 6.00pm
1st Floor HR Conference Room, Cecil Ward, Belfast**

Political Members

Cllr. Kate Mullan (Chair)
Cllr. D Hargey

Independent Members

Mr. Niall Kelly (Vice Chair)
Ms. Paula Bradshaw
Mr. Trevor Greer
Ms. Debbie Hammill
Ms. Nuala Toman

Statutory Designated Bodies

Chief Inspector Gaby Moran, PSNI
Mr. Gary Ballantyne, NIHE
Ms. Anita Duff, BELB

Aideen McLaughlin, YJA
Yvonne McKnight, H&SCT

Staff Present

Denise Smith, Safer City Coordinator
Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer

Apologies

Ald. Ruth Patterson
Cllr. Tom Ekin
Cllr. Máirtín Ó Muilleoir
Christine Hunter, PBNI

1. Welcome & Routine Matters

- i. The Chair welcomed the Members to the Private Meeting of the South Belfast DPCSP.
- ii. Apologies were noted for Alderman Ruth Patterson, Cllr. Tom Ekin, Cllr. Martin O'Mulleoir, and Ms Christine Hunter.

2. Declarations of Interest

- i. No declarations of interest were declared.

3. Presentation from LK Communication

- i. Alison Fleming from LK Communications provided Members with an update regarding the development of the Belfast PCSP Communication Strategy.
- ii. She advised Members that the Communication Strategy will help raise awareness and support the functions of the DPCSP. She further advised Members that a communication audit had been conducted with all key stakeholders and that the Communication Strategy would be completed by the following week.
- iii. Alison requested Members of South Belfast DPCSP to assist with the review of the draft Communication Strategy. She commented that if any Members would like to get involved to contact her.
- iv. A Member asked who would be responsible for the coordination of the Communication Strategy. The Safer City Coordinator commented that all information disseminated will be managed by the Community Safety Team.

She also advised Members that the Community Safety Team will work directly with Corporate Comms regarding how information is disseminated.

4. Previous Minutes

- i. The Minutes of the South Belfast DPCSP meeting held on 24th March, copies of which were previously circulated, were taken as read and correct.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update regarding legal highs and the ongoing activities in Gresham Street.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that an update regarding bonfires and boundaries will be provided at the next DPCSP meeting. The Chief Inspector commented that the PSNI are finalising information regarding boundaries and this information will be provided to DPCSP's when available.

5. Chair's Update on Work with Belfast PCSP

- i. The Chair updated Members on the work of the Belfast PCSP.
- ii. She advised Members that Belfast PCSP had been leading on legal highs.
- iii. Inspector Rosie Thompson provided Members with an update on legal highs and the ongoing activities around the Gresham Street area.
- iv. A Member commented that recognition had to be given to the coordinated approach adopted in managing the legal high situation.
- v. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update on Belfast PCSP Drug Awareness Campaign. She advised Members of the footfall of the Campaign.
- vi. Members requested a copy of the Evaluation Report on the Drug Awareness Campaign to be circulated for information.
- vii. The Chair also advised Members that the Safer Belfast Coordination Team had been established. She commented that the SBCT had replaced the Get Home Safe Partnership and the role of the group would be to provide a strategic response to all emerging issues in the city relating to drugs, alcohol and the night time economy.
- viii. Members received a copy of the letter circulated by the Department of Justice in relation to recent Hate Crime incidents.

6. Action Plan 14/15

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the South Belfast DPCSP Action Plan 2014/15.
- ii. A Member asked if areas had been identified in relation to the Focused Area Working.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator commented that there could be a possibility of working with Taughmonagh. She advised Members that a proposal could be submitted by the end of July. She reminded Members that a total budget of £10,000 had been allocated to this.
- iv. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that a budget of £10,000 had been allocated to Hate Crime. She commented that in relation to Hate Crime, there could be the possibility of working directly with South Belfast Roundtable.
- v. The Chief Inspector asked if any work had been done to ensure that all four DPCSP's work collaboratively to avoid duplication of work areas. The Safer City Coordinator commented that each Safer City Coordinator during Purdah met with all Statutory Partners to try to ensure a better more coordinated approach is implemented.
- vi. Following a discussion on the role of Belfast PCSP, the Chief Inspector commented that Belfast PCSP believe their role to be more strategic and the role of the DPCSP's had been more operational.
- vii. A Member commented that it had been unfair for South Belfast DPCSP to resource City Centre. She commented that the resources allocated to City Centre could be used more effectively in local areas. She commented that legal highs and night time economy had been escalated to Belfast PCSP and therefore South Belfast DPCSP should continue to lobby Belfast PCSP to manage City Centre fully.
- viii. Members agreed that the focus of South Belfast DPCSP should be community focused. They further agreed that due to the major focus on City Centre, community focus had been prevented from happening.
- ix. Members noted and agreed South Belfast DPCSP Action Plan 2014/15.

7. South Belfast Project Brief Updates

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the initial project briefs developed for each action in the South Belfast DPCSP Action Plan 2014/15.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator suggested for Members to assist with the development of working groups to assist with adding value to the delivery of projects.

- iii. The Safer City Coordinator requested Members to approve delegate authority to allow for the implementation of the South Belfast Action Plan. She further advised Members, that updates would be provided regarding project delivery and they would be informed of any changes to projects.
- iv. Members congratulated the Safer City Coordinator for her work on the completion of the Action Plan and Project Briefs. Members agreed the Action Plan, Project Briefs and delegated authority.

8. Belfast PCSP Project Brief Update

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that a number of City Wide projects and initiatives had been scheduled by the Belfast PCSP Project Briefs. She commented these initiatives would assist with the promotion and raise awareness of the DPCSP's/PCSP.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members there had been a number of strategic projects developed and a request had been made for each DPCSP to consider financially supporting the projects.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator provided an overview of each of the projects and the detailed the total of funding requested for each project.
- iv. Members noted the paper and agreed to contribute funding towards the following Belfast PCSP City Wide projects:

A City Wide Communications Strategy	£2,000
A City Wide Consultation Strategy	£2,000
ASB, Drugs Campaign	£3,000
Human Trafficking/Anti Slavery	£2,000
Christmas Safety Event	£1,000

9. Emerging Issues

- i. As discussed previously, a Member suggested a need for an emergency meeting to be held to review the situation of young people and the walkway in Lower Ormeau.
- ii. A Member commented that there had been a detached BELB team in the Markets area every Saturday evening. She further commented that the team had discussions with local residents regarding ongoing issues and a need for a coordinated approach to be adopted.
- iii. A Member commented that the Youth Safety Partnership had been set up in the Markets area and the Inner South Youth Forum. She commented that there had been a need to engage with young people and get them involved with both groups.
- iv. A Member commented that there had been a number of Lower Ormeau Housing Providers trying to share information and come together on a more regular basis to try to combat such activities.

- v. The Chair commented that there had been a need identified to have a more approach adopted. All representatives for key statutory organisations confirmed they would be keen to be involved.
- vi. A Member asked if anyone in relation to hate crime incidents, had spoken to the people who had been allegedly committing the intimidation. The Chief Inspector commented that it would be difficult to comment or have discussions without the possibility of incriminating people.
- vii. Following a discussion regarding hate crime, a Member asked if this issue could be addressed through the facilitation of a round table event. The Safer City Coordinator commented that a roundtable event could help facilitate conversations regarding hate crime. However, she advised Members that the role of the DPCSP had been to raise awareness of hate crime and that they were not in a position to lead on this.
- viii. A Member commented that issues around hate and sectarian crime had to be handled with a degree of sensitivity and how issues are tabled need to be managed carefully. She further commented that these issues need to be fed into wider Council and where good practice is applied in one area there is a need to review how the practice can be transported to other areas.
- ix. A Member suggested for each statutory organisation to feed information through to the Safer City Coordinator in relation to what they are doing in relation to specific issues.
- x. A Member suggested that a working group to be convened to address hate crime issues and to involve organisations who deal with hate crime. Members welcomed this suggestion.
- xi. Members requested for a breakdown to be provided regarding the type of issues that young people had been referred to.
- xii. The Chair suggested for the Islamic Community Group to be invited to attend a future DPCSP Meeting. She commented that this would allow the group to become informed of the role of the DPCSP. Members welcomed this suggestion.
- xiii. A Member suggested if the DPCSP had been planning to engage with students this year, for contact to be in August rather than October. Members requested that for the Safer City Coordinator to provide a more focused report and linking with students in August.

10. Date of Next Meeting

- i. Date, venue and time for next South Belfast DPCSP to be agreed and circulated to Members.