

# Minutes of the East Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

## Private Meeting

East Belfast Network Centre, Templemore Avenue, Belfast  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2014

### Political Members

Councillor Adam Newton (Chair)  
Alderman Gavin Robinson  
Councillor Mervyn Jones  
Councillor Niall O'Donngaile

### Independent Members

Ms Lynda Gibson  
Ms Olwen Lyner  
Mr Andrew Moorhead

### Designated Organisations

Chief Inspector Darrin Jones, PSNI  
Gary Ballantyne, NIHE  
Yvonne Cowan, H&SCT

Kenny McEwan, NIFRS  
Pauline Smart, BELB

### Staff Present

Glenn Thomas, Safer City Coordinator  
Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer

### Apologies

Mr Mark Houston  
Jane Lappin, PBNI  
Patricia Muldoon, YJA

## 1. Welcome and Declarations of Interest

- i. The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting and also noted the apologies provided.
- ii. No declarations of interest were declared.

## 2. Minutes of East Belfast DPCSP Policing Committee Meeting

- i. The Minutes of the East Belfast Private Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> January, of which copies were previously circulated, were taken as read.

## 3. Chair's update on work with Belfast PCSP

- i. The Chair provided Members with an update regarding the work of the Belfast PCSP.
- ii. The Chair advised Members that a workshop had been held in the Ulster Hall and following discussions it had been agreed for a need for a more collaborative approach to be adopted by the PCSP and DPCSP's.
- iii. A Member commented that she attended a meeting facilitated by the Criminal Justice Inspection. She advised Members that the purpose of the meeting had been to review of the PCSP and from discussions it had been clear that there had been a disconnection between PCSP and DPCSP's. She suggested that Members attend the next Criminal Justice Inspection Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> April.
- iv. The Safer City Coordinator spoke about the need for better linkage to be made and maintained between the DPCSP and PCSP in order to ensure the ongoing effective and efficient delivery of work.

- v. Following a discussion, Members agreed for the Chair to provide an update on the work of the Belfast PCSP at future DPCSP meetings.

#### **4. Communication Paper**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that Belfast PCSP had appointed LK Communications to develop Communication Strategy.
- ii. He advised Members that each partnership has been asked to nominate 3 x Elected Members, 3 X Independent members and three representatives from our statutory partners to take in part in the first phase of the consultation process. He advised Members that LK Communications are aware of the Purdah and that Members would be extremely busy during this period.
- iii. Following a discussion, Members agreed to invite LK Communications to attend the next East Belfast DPCSP Meeting.

#### **5. Belfast PCSP Drugs Campaign**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update on the Belfast PCSP Drugs Campaign. He advised Members that Crimestoppers have reported an increase in calls since the launch of the campaign. He further commented that a full evaluation will be reported on the campaign and circulated to Members at a future DPCSP Meeting.
- ii. A Member asked in addition to Crimestoppers, what other indicators had been used to measure the impact of the campaign? The Safer City Coordinator commented that evaluations are conducted with local community groups and that information can be obtained from the PSNI.
- iii. Following a discussion regarding the budget annex for the campaign, Members requested for clarification to be provided regarding costs associated with Crimestoppers and Belfast City Council and also any under spends incurred.
- iv. In addition to this information, a Member requested a breakdown regarding the use of the drug bins within East Belfast. A Member also suggested for a drug bin to be located in CRJ.

#### **6. Date of Next Meeting**

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