

**Minutes of the South Belfast District Policing and Community Safety  
Partnership**

**Private Meeting**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2016, 6.00pm  
Conor Room, City Hall, Belfast**

**Political Members**

Councillor Declan Boyle (Chair)  
Councillor Jeffrey Dudgeon  
Councillor Deirdre Hargey  
Councillor Emmett McDonough-Brown

**Independent Members**

Aleksandra Lojek-Magdziarz (Vice Chair)  
Michael Boyle  
Aidan Hughes  
Richard Kennedy  
Paul McDonnell

**Statutory Designated Bodies**

Harry Bradley YJA  
Anita Duff EA  
Inspector Jamie Hughes  
Christine Hunter PBNI

Yvonne McKnight H&SCT  
Alison Methven NIHE  
Station Commander Michael Roberts NIFRS

**Staff Present**

Suzanne Gowling, Safer City Coordinator  
Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer

**Apologies**

Councillor Geraldine McAteer  
Gary Ballantyne NIHE  
Dermot Magorrian YJA  
Chief Inspector Robert Murdie PSNI

**1. Welcome & Routine Matters**

- i. The Chair welcomed the Members to the South Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting and noted the apologies provided.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

- i. The Chair asked Members to declare any material interests which they may have in relation to any item of business to be considered during the meeting.
- ii. Anita Duff, EA declared an interest in relation to an item on the agenda.
- iii. No further declarations of interest were noted.

**3. Minutes and Matters Arising**

- i. The Minutes of the Private Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, copies of which were previously circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the response received from Jim Ferguson in relation to alley gates.
- iii. A Member was furnished with a copy of the response.

- iv. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the Chair had agreed the content of the letter to be forwarded to Paula Bradshaw MLA and Christopher Stalford MLA to congratulate them both on their recent election as MLAs. She advised Members that a letter would be forwarded to both in due course.

#### **4. Election of Vice Chair**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that Aleksandra Lojek-Magdziarz had been re-elected as the Vice Chair of South Belfast DPCSP.

#### **5. South Belfast DPCSP Action Plan 2016/17**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the final 2016/2017 South Belfast DPCSP Action Plan.
- ii. She advised Members that the Action Plan reflected the budget reallocations as agreed at the last Partnership Meeting.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator further commented that the performance measures detailed within the Action Plan are aligned with other (D)PCSPs.
- iv. Members agreed the final 2016/2017 South Belfast DPCSP Action Plan including the budget of £109,208.

#### **6. Draft Annual Report 2015/2016**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator presented Members with the Draft 2015/2016 Annual Report.
- ii. She advised Members that the report included general information about activities that had been delivered by South Belfast DPCSP with key partners to improve policing and community safety across South Belfast.
- iii. She requested if Members had any comments or amendments to the report to forward for inclusion.
- iv. Members agreed the Draft 2015/2016 Annual Report, subject to the inclusion of the Chair's Report.

#### **7. Future Meeting Structure and Schedules**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that following a discussion held at the last South Belfast DPCSP Meeting, she had reviewed future DPCSP meeting structures and schedules.
- ii. She advised Members that any changes to the DPCSP meeting structures and schedules still had to meet statutory requirements and be compliant with both the Code and the Act.

- iii. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with a suggested meeting schedule until March 2017.
- iv. Members suggested that the Policing Committee and Private Meetings would be held bi monthly and Public Meetings held alongside these every quarter.
- v. Following a discussion, Members agreed to pilot bi monthly meetings as discussed.

## **8. Chairs Update**

- i. Members received an update in relation to the following areas:
  - Begging for Change Campaign; and,
  - Walking on Eggshells Campaign.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that Belfast PCSP would be launching the Youth Justice Agency DVD about the impact of burglary on victims in due course. She further commented that the DVD could be presented at the next South Belfast DPCSP Meeting.

## **9. Emerging Issues**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that South Belfast DPCSP had committed to consult and engage with the community to help improve policing and community safety in the district.
- ii. Anita Duff, Education Authority Northern Ireland declared an interest and left the meeting.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members that a proposal had been received from the Education Authority to facilitate a process of consultation and engagement with young people from across South Belfast which would inform South Belfast DPCSP's approach to working with young people to the end of its term in March 2019.
- iv. She advised that for this consultation process to be attractive to young people it is suggested that £2,000 is made available to South Belfast Area Project.
- v. Members noted the report and agreed to the funding requested.
- vi. A Member asked that the PSNI provide an overview of policing and community safety issues over the summer at the August DPCSP meeting.
- vii. A Member had asked if the PSNI could provide an update in relation to the recent assaults/muggings that happened near Hope Street. Inspector Jamie Hughes advised the Member that he could not comment on specific incidents within a meeting without context. He agreed to have a separate conversation with the Member after the meeting.

## **10. Date of Next Meeting**

- i. Members noted that the next South Belfast DPCSP Meeting would be held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August.