

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

**Policing Committee**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2016, 5.00pm**

**Conor Room, City Hall, Belfast**

<b>Political Members</b>	<b>Independent Members</b>
Councillor Geraldine McAteer (Chair)	Michael Boyle
Councillor Declan Boyle	Richard Kennedy
Councillor Jeffrey Dudgeon	Paul McDonnell
<b>Statutory Designated Bodies</b>	
Inspector Jamie Hughes	Jennifer McCann, MLA
Amanda Mulholland, Policing Board	
<b>Belfast City Council Staff Present</b>	
Suzanne Gowling Safer City Coordinator	<b>Apologies</b>
Saranne Gallagher Partnership Support Officer	Councillor Deirdre Hargey
	Aleksandra Lojek-Magdziarz (VC)
	Aidan Hughes
	Councillor McDonough-Brown
	Chief Inspector Robert Murdie

**1. Welcome & Routine Matters**

- i. The Chair, welcomed all Members to the Policing Committee Meeting of the South Belfast DPCSP.
- ii. The Chair further welcomed Amanda Mulholland, Northern Ireland Policing Board and Jennifer McCann, MLA to the Policing Committee Meeting of the South Belfast DPCSP.
- iii. The Chair thanked Councillor Declan Boyle for his Chairmanship and leadership role over the last year.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

- i. Members were asked to declare any material interests which they may have in relation to any item of business to be considered during the meeting.
- ii. No declarations of interest were declared.

**3. Training Session (Amanda Mulholland, NI Policing Board)**

- i. Amanda Mulholland, NI Policing Board thanked South Belfast DPCSP for the opportunity to attend the Policing Committee.
- ii. Amanda provided Members with an overview of the NI Policing Boards Partnership Committee.
- iii. Amanda welcomed Members to comment on their experiences of working with the Partnership Committee. She highlighted that it had been noted by the Board that there had been no exchange of good practice between (D)PCSP'S.

- iv. Councillor Declan Boyle commented that the DPCSP are made aware of the total number of crimes and the total number of arrests had now been relayed to the DPCSP. He commented that the information had been welcomed by Members.
- v. The Chair commented that the South Belfast DPCSP Policing Committee had a clear understanding of their role in relation to monitoring police performance. She further commented that Members were confident to challenge reports and statistics presented at DPCSP Meetings.
- vi. Amanda highlighted the role of designated organisations. She commented that although designated organisations have no legislative role to play in the Policing Committee, that a more collaborative approach would be welcomed.
- vii. Jennifer McCann, MLA advised Members that the NI Policing Board had discussed facilitating thematic public meetings in partnership with (D)PCSP's. She commented that this would allow for better engagement with local communities and also with (D)PCSP's.
- viii. Amanda informed Members that the report template (D)PCSP's currently use to submit a updates to the Policing Board, will be reviewed and a new template will be forwarded to (D)PCSP's in due course. She advised Members that the new template will allow for information to be captured with regards the role of designate organisations within the Policing Committee.
- ix. Amanda further informed Members that the Policing Board will be requesting for all (D)PCSP's to identify the three top community priorities. She advised Members that formal notification for this request would be circulated to (D)PCSP's in due course.
- x. Councillor Declan Boyle asked could further information be requested from the PSNI in addition to the Area Commanders report already presented to the Policing Committee? And if so, what the timeframe would be for additional information to be provided to the Policing Committee. Amanda advised Councillor Boyle that it depended on the relation that Members had with the PSNI whether the PSNI would provide additional information.
- xi. Following a discussion regarding statutory organisations and their role on the DPCSP, the Safer City Coordinator commented that it would be beneficial for Members to have access to information regarding the work areas of each statutory partner. She further commented that the development of a regional framework would be welcomed as this would allow for the development of base line information for South Belfast.
- xii. The Chair thanked Amanda for her attendance at the South Belfast Policing Committee Meeting and welcomed the opportunity for the Partnership to work with Policing Board.

#### **4. Minutes and Matters Arising**

- i. The Minutes of the Policing Committee Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016, copies of which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.

Proposed: Councillor Declan Boyle

Seconded: Paul McDonnell

#### **4. Progress against the South Belfast District Policing Plan**

- i. Inspector Jamie Hughes updated the Members on the performance against the South Belfast District Policing Plan from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 – 15 August 2016. Members noted that:
  - Overall crime had decreased by 12.6%;
  - Outcome rate for burglary had decreased by 36.5% (a total of 190 less incidents in comparison to the previous year)
  - Number of offences against older people had decreased by 25.5%;
  - An increase of 8.7% in relation to the number of anti social behaviour incidents (include St. Patricks Day);
  - An increase of 29.7% in relation to the number of allegations of failure in duty; and,
  - A decrease of 0.2% in the number of drug seizures.
- ii. A Member why there had been an increase from the previous in relation to the number of allegations of failure in duty?
- iii. Inspector Jamie Hughes advised Members that he would need to review this statistic and provide an update for the increase at the next DPCSP Meeting.

#### **5. Question and Discussion**

- i. No further questions/discussion took place.

#### **6. Close**

- i. The Chair thanked the Members for attending.
- ii. Members noted that the next South Belfast DPCSP Policing Committee Meeting would be held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October, 5.00pm in the Conor Room, Belfast City Hall.