

Minutes of the West Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Policing Committee Meeting

Conor Room, City Hall

Wednesday, 2nd November 2016

Political Members	Independent Members
Councillor Brian Heading (Chair)	Claire Canavan (Acting Vice Chair)
Councillor Matt Garrett	Liz Groves
Councillor Stephen Magennis	
PSNI	
Chief Inspector Norman Haslett, PSNI	Inspector Alan Swann, PSNI
Staff Present	
Alan Wardle, Safer City Coordinator	Apologies
Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer	Breige Brownlee (Vice-Chair)
	Alderman Frank McCoubrey
	Eoin McShane
	Lauren Slane

1. Welcome and Routine Matters

- i. The Chair welcomed Members to the Policing Committee Meeting and noted the apologies provided.

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 noted.

3. West Belfast DPCSP Minutes & Matters Arising

- i. The Minutes of the West Belfast DPCSP Policing Committee Meeting held on 24th August, copies of which had previously been circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.
- ii. There were no matters arising from the minutes.
- iii. A Member reiterated his view on Statutory Partners attending the West Belfast DPCSP Policing Committee Meeting. He commented that the Partnership is not legislatively bound to have Statutory Partners attend the Policing Committee Meeting. He further commented that it would be for Members of the Policing Committee to agree or disagree for Statutory Partners to attend the Policing Committee Meeting.

4. Policing Committee Bi-Annual Report

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the Northern Ireland Policing Board had requested that a 6 monthly Bi-Annual Report pro forma for 2016/17 be submitted by 28th October.

- ii. He advised Members that the NIPB had requested information on Members views on the local police process and attitudes. He further advised Members that no guidance had been provided in relation to what level of information needed to be included within this section.
- iii. Following a discussion, Members requested for clarification to be provided from the Policing Board regarding the information to be included within this section of the Bi-Annual Report.

5. Area Commanders Update/Summary

- i. Chief Inspector Haslett provided Members with an update on West Belfast's Performance against the Local Policing Plan up to October 2016. The following key points were noted as being achieved:
 - An decrease of 9.3% in relation to offences committed against older people;
 - An decrease of 11.8% in relation to the outcome rates for crime with a sectarian motivation; and,
 - A decrease of 7% in relation to the number of anti social behaviour incidences.
- ii. He advised Members that there had one incident reported of incivility and eight incidents of failure on duty. He further advised Members that there had been no specific details for West Belfast for the number of victim updates carried out, but commented that for Belfast an increase of 27.2% had been achieved in relation to this target.
- iii. The Chair asked how many off road vehicles had been seized by the PSNI. Chief Inspector Haslett advised Members that since July 2016 20 bikes had been seized and two arrests had been made.

6. Emerging Issues

- i. A Member highlighted his concern regarding an increase of burglaries within the Riverdale area and welcomed the support of West Belfast DPCSP to assist in addressing this issue. He suggested for a mapping exercise to be completed to identify where burglaries are and in doing so allow a targeted approach to be adapted.
- ii. Chief Inspector Haslett advised Members that the majority of burglaries are committed through open windows and doors. He welcomed any support that could be offered to assist the PSNI in addressing burglaries within West Belfast.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that Belfast PCSP's Christmas Safety Event would be hosted on 1st December in Belfast City Hall, from 10.00am-1.00pm. He welcomed all Members to attend.