

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

### Policing Committee Meeting

Conor Room, City Hall  
Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2017

#### Political Members

Councillor Nuala McAllister (Chair)  
Councillor Mary Clarke  
Alderman Patrick Convery  
Alderman Guy Spence

#### Independent Members

Jennifer Cornell (Vice-Chair)  
Michael Murray  
Catherine Patrick  
Gerard O'Reilly

#### PSNI Representatives

Chief Inspector Stephen Burns

Inspector Laura Kelly

#### Staff Present

Richard McLernon, Safer City Coordinator  
Rachel Fulton, Partnership Support Officer

#### Apologies

Councillor Mary Ellen Campbell

### 1. Welcome and Routine Matters

- i. The Chair welcomed members to the meeting, noting 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. No declarations of interest were noted.

### 3. Minutes and Matters Arising

- i. With regards to actions from the previous meeting, the Safer City Coordinator advised that;
  - An email had been sent to injured police officer, to be followed up with an official letter from the DPCSP,
  - Chair and Vice-Chair to check diaries and arrange a date to attend Tennent Street Station to visit injured officer, adding that a date would be circulated and any member would be welcome to attend; and
  - Chief Inspector Burns commented that publicising reports on social media in relation to suspicious vehicles are on-going.
- ii. The minutes of the North Belfast DPCSP Policing Committee held on 25th January, copies of which had previously been circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.

#### 4. Update on Policing

- i. Members were provided with an update on key incidents relating to drugs, domestic abuse, hate crime, burglary, crimes against over 60's, vehicle crime, anti-social behaviour, robbery and significant policing operations. It was noted that robbery was down by 23.4%.
- ii. Chief Inspector Burns also noted the PSNIs use of Social Media and reminded people that this was not the correct way to report incidents or report police attendance.
- iii. A breakdown of call types received by Tennent Street Police Station over a 24 hour period and some 'good news' stories were also provided.

#### Attack on Police Officer in North Belfast

- iv. Chief Inspector Burns advised members that the episode of Crimewatch to request information had been very successful, with a significant amount of information received from the public.
- v. The Chair commented that she was delighted to hear it had been successful.

#### Missing Persons

- vi. Chief Inspector Burns commented that a significant amount of resources is put into dealing with missing vulnerable persons. He further stated that there is a need for better structures around persistent missing people, with many suffering from mental health issues.
- vii. A discussion took place around the issue of power given to those working in residential homes.
- viii. Chief Inspector Burns advised that priority is given to missing persons, however, the issue is around the amount of time in dealing with each situation.
- ix. A member advised of a pilot programme running, where individuals in hospitals are given a mentor. He stated there is scope for this programme to be rolled out further, however funding may be cut.

#### St Patrick's Day

- x. Chief Inspector Burns advised that there were no major incidents to report.
- xi. A Member requested that PSNI provide costings of the St Patrick's Day operation.
- xii. Chief Inspector Burns advised that the PSNI could provide overall costings, but would not be able to provide a breakdown in each individual area.
- xiii. The Safer City Co-ordinator also advised that a report on the operation would be provided at the next meeting.

**5. Members Written Questions**

- i. A member requested a breakdown of Drugs Seizures by PSNI (both through District Officers and Organised Crime Unit etc) over the last 12 months across North Belfast.
- ii. A Member also requested how many searches have taken place following the shooting of a Police officer at Hillview with a semi-automatic firearm.
- iii. The report attached provided answers to questions above.
- iv. A Member thanked the PSNI for providing in-depth detail, particularly in relation to Drug seizures.

**6. Date of Next Meeting**

- v. Members were reminded that the next Policing Committee Meeting would be held on Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> May.

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Policing Committee – Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2017**

**Actions**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Date Due</b>	<b>By Whom</b>
A letter is to be sent to the recently injured PSNI Officer offering the best wishes of the Partnership.	May, 2017	Safer City Coordinator
Chair/Vice Chair to agree date to visit Tennent Street Station and circulate	Next Meeting	Chair/Vice Chair
PSNI to provide overall cost of St Patricks Day operation	May, 2017	PSNI
A report to be provided on St Patricks Day Operation	May, 2017	Safer City Coordinator