

East Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Policing Committee Meeting

**Mount Merrion Parish Church
Monday 30th October, 2017**

Attendees

CI D Moore (PSNI)
Councillor M O'Donnell (Chair)
Councillor C Howard
Councillor A Graham
Councillor D Hargey
Alderman T Sandford
J Currie
L McMaster
D Geddis
G Ballantyne (NIHE)
Y Cowan (H&SCT)

Glenn Thomas, Safer City Coordinator
Alyson Crompton, Safer City Project Officer

Welcome and Routine Matters

- i. The Safer City Coordinator welcomed Members to the Policing Committee Meeting

Declarations of Interest

- i. No declarations of interest noted.

Minutes/Matters Arising

- i. Minutes were agreed as read.

Area Commanders Update

- i. Chief Inspector D Moore advised the Members that Belfast has a new Chief Superintendent John Roberts, who replaces Chris Noble who relocated to a new post in England.
- ii. CI Moore provided Members with an overview of the new format of reporting. He also advised Members that the existing monthly reports would also be provided.
- iii. It was agreed that a copy of the Donaldson – Intelligence report would be provided for a future meeting.
- iv. CI Moore outlined the key incidents that had occurred recently in East Belfast including:
 - Incident in Cantrell Close – Investigation ongoing
 - Interface – youths gathering, police resource nightly

- Hate Crime – damage to cars
 - Burglaries – creeper burglaries 3 arrests.
- v. A Member commented on a problem with Cyclists riding on pavements, DI Moore said that this was sporadic and required education of cyclists many of whom will not cycle on the road. Another Member also remarked on the ongoing issue with young people on bicycles at the interface and the Greenway.
- vi. A Member commented on the Hate Crime incident around a burnt out vehicle and the support provided by statutory agencies. CI Moore advised that when an incident is reported and during the ongoing investigation, the appropriate statutory agencies are notified. An instant referral to victim support is in place and signposting is available. A Member also advised that it is not necessarily the responsibility of the NIHE to signpost.
- vii. A Member commented on the hazard caused by parking on pavements and kerbs on the Ballygowan Road, which is causing problems for pedestrians especially people with prams. Guide dogs or wheelchairs. CI Moore advised that for any legislation around parking across driveways or blocking junctions, that the police have to witness the obstruction taking place before they can act.
- viii. A Member asked about what action the police take when unknown suspicious vehicles are in an area and a vehicle registration is taken and reported to the police? CI Moore checks will be carried out and if the vehicle has been linked to crime action will be taken and you will be contacted.
- ix. A Member asked if there was a report available from the Workshop – Effectiveness of Policing Committees held in June 2016. The Safer City Co-ordinator advised that he will check and report back.

Date of Next Meeting

Members were reminded that the next meeting of the Policing Committee would be on 28th November, to table Policing Committee Applications, venue to be confirmed.