

Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Policing Committee

9 Adelaide Street, Room AD1H
Thursday, 26 October, 2017

Political Members

Alderman Guy Spence
Councillor Mary Clarke

Independent Members

Jennifer Cornell (Vice-Chair)
Gerard O'Reilly

Designated Organisations

Chief Inspector Stephen Burns, PSNI
Inspector Kelly Moore
Janet McClinton, PBNI
SC Davy Harbinson, NIFRS
Inspector Paul Noble, PSNI

Gabi Mornhinweg, H&SCT
Harry Bradley, YJA
Malachy McKinney, NIHE
A Wilson, EA

Staff Present

Richard McLernon, Safer City Coordinator
Andy Claydon, Partnership Support Officer

Apologies

Councillor Paul McCusker
Councillor Mary Ellen Campbell
Gerald Solinas
Teena Patrick

1. Welcome and Routine Matters

- i. The Vice Chair, Jennifer Cornell, welcomed Members and Guests, Gary McMichael from BDACT and Kelly Gilliland from PHA and read the apologies received.

2. Declarations of Interest

- i. Jennifer Cornell read the Declaration of Interest.

3. Minutes/Matters Arising

- i. Minutes for the North Belfast DPCSP Policing Committee held on the 30th August, copies of which had previously been circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator recapped on the actions from the last Policing Committee of the North Belfast DPCSP, noting that:

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| Action |
| A letter of support to injured PSNI Officer had been prepared however Members agreed to look into alternative methods of expressing support for North Belfast PSNI officers including those who had been injured – to be discussed with PSNI. |
| PSNI had discovered the owner of Workman’s Gate and confirmed that CCTV cameras were now working – no further action required. |

4. Area Commander’s Update on Policing

- i. CI Stephen Burns delivered an update on PSNI Crime figures, including:
 - 78,524 ‘Calls to Service’ from 1st April ’17 – 30th September ’17
 - 22,616 of these were recorded in North Belfast which is the second highest.
 - 2,851 for ASB (28%)
 - 1,539 for Concern for Safety (15%)
 - 973 for Traffic Incidents (10%)
 - Assault, Criminal Damage and Theft each account for 9% of the calls.
 - Drugs account for only 1% of calls.
- ii. CI Stephen Burns then commented on figures from the local policing plan, noting in particular that although crime figures are down 6.7%, resolutions are also down, which suggests less crime but also less results.
- iii. The number of burglaries recorded (Up 1.5%) are often ‘open door’ burglaries of houses which are not locked. To address this, CI Burns informed the Members of a social media campaign to alert home owners.
- iv. Jenny Cornell commented that up to 40% of burglaries were ‘open door’
- v. CI Burns reported that burglary hotspots were identified and patrolled by Officers.
- vi. CI Burns continued to report on the policing plan figures, including:
 - Drug Offences increased 8.4%
 - Drug seizures down 0.4%
 - Drug arrests increased 19.5%
- vii. Responding to Gerard O’Reilly’s enquiry as to how many of the drug arrests resulted in a court appearance, CI Burns replied by suggesting that cautions are often given for low level drug crimes.

5. AOB

- i. Members discussed a Policing Board request for feedback from PCSP’s on the level of collaboration with PSNI that has taken place within their policing district. Feedback is to be based on the following 3 questions:
 - What collaboration have PSNI undertaken with your PCSP Policing Committee and other designated organisations in order to achieve (the relevant stated objective listed above) within your policing district?

- What views have the Policing Committee Recorded on how well this work was undertaken by PSNI?
 - What difference has this work made within your policing district?
- ii. Members mentioned several examples that could be included in the response from the North DPCSP including, a Repeat Offenders programme and a governance meeting 'creating a culture of lawfulness'.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members that the next dates for returns for respective measures was the 2nd November and 7th December and that he would send a reminder email to Members for possible contributions.

The meeting ended at 17:55