

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

## Private Meeting

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October, 5pm  
Lavery Room, Belfast City Hall

| <b>Political Members</b>                       | <b>Independent Members</b>              |
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| Councillor Lee Reynolds                        | Richard Kennedy (Vice Chair)            |
| Councillor Donal Lyons                         | Michael Boyle                           |
| Councillor Geraldine McAteer                   | Paul McDonnell                          |
| Councillor Jeffrey Dudgeon                     | Aidan Hughes                            |
| Councillor Deirdre Hargey                      | Aleksandra Lojek                        |
| <b>Statutory Designated Bodies</b>             |                                         |
| Paul McCombe, NIHE                             | Chief Inspector Gavin Kirkpatrick, PSNI |
| Deirdre Grant, PBNI                            | Dermot Magorrian, YJA                   |
| Anita Duff, EA                                 |                                         |
| <b>NI Policing Board Member Representative</b> |                                         |
| Brice Dickson                                  |                                         |
| <b>Belfast City Council Staff</b>              | <b>Apologies</b>                        |
| Suzanne Gowling, Safer City Coordinator (SCC)  |                                         |
| Rachel Fulton, Partnership Support Officer     |                                         |

### **1. Welcome & Routine Matters**

- i. The Chair welcomed Members to the South Belfast DPCSP Private and Policing Committee Meeting.
- ii. The Chair then welcomed Brice Dickson, Independent Member of the Northern Ireland Policing Board to the meeting.

### **2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

- i. The Chair asked Members to declare any material interests which they may have in relation to any item of business to be considered during the meeting.
- ii. Aleksandra Lojek declared an interest in the Hate Crime Paper as she currently works as a hate crime advocate. The Member was advised that since it wasn't a material interest at this time there was no need for her to leave the room.

### **3. Minutes and Matters Arising**

- i. The Minutes of the Private Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017, copies of which were previously circulated, were agreed as correct.
- ii. The SCC provided an update on outstanding actions from the previous Private Meeting stating the following:
  1. A meeting had taken place with Yvonne McKnight in relation to safeguarding proposal.
  2. Patrick Cunningham, BCC will present at November Meeting in relation to event management and minimising impact on residents.
  3. No further information had been provided from BDACT or Methodist College regarding an Independent Speaker.

4. RADAR Public Meeting plans were ongoing.

#### **4. Modern Slavery in South Belfast**

- i. The SCC provided a report to Members regarding human trafficking and modern slavery and advised on the launch of a new modern slavery awareness campaign.
- ii. Members noted the contents of the report and watched a newly developed awareness raising video for the campaign. Members were advised that it would be promoted on the PCSP's Facebook page from 19 October.
- iii. In relation to Modern Slavery, Chief Inspector Gavin Kirkpatrick advised Members of a low volume of incidents with very high impact. He stated that 308 screening assessments had taken place in the last financial year, with 34 potential victims identified.
- iv. Chief Inspector Kirkpatrick also commented that the main issue within Belfast would be sexual exploitation, with 10 arrests and 27 searches carried out within the last year.

#### **5. Hate Crime Fear of Hate Crime**

- i. The SCC highlighted that Hate Crime had been a priority within South Belfast for a number of years, but stated that local stakeholders were now looking for a more coherent and citywide approach to the issue.
- ii. Members were advised that North, South and East Belfast have addressed Hate Crime within their action plans. The SCC added that the hate crime and fear of hate crime steering groups had met in September to discuss North Belfast DPCSP's no hate here project and to consider its citywide roll out.
- iii. The SCC stated that the group will meet again on 10am on Thursday 7 December 2017 in meeting room AD1K, 9 Adelaide to share their current activities and to consider if any projects would be more effective citywide.
- iv. Members were asked to consider sending two Members to attend the meeting on 7 December to share current practice that is addressing hate crime and fear of hate crime across Belfast and to support request of escalating the need for a coordinated Belfast wide approach to Hate Crime to the Belfast PCSP.
- v. Members agreed to send two Members to meeting on 7 December and supported the escalation of a coordinated Belfast wide approach towards Hate Crime to the Belfast PCSP.

#### **6. Business Planning Process**

- i. The SCC outlined the proposed OBA planning process and advised that 5 OBA Planning Workshops had been organised to address 5 different policing and community safety topics that are relevant across the whole city and which clearly relate to the (D) PCSPs statutory functions.
- ii. The SCC stated the importance of participation from South Belfast Members and requested at least 1 representative at each workshop.
- iii. Members noted the dates of each workshop as:

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| 25 October  | Building Confidence in Policing & Embedding a Culture of Lawfulness   |
| 2 November  | Feeling Safer                                                         |
| 15 November | Drugs and Alcohol                                                     |
| 22 November | Antisocial Behaviour                                                  |
| 29 November | Sexual Violence, including rape, sexual assault and domestic violence |

## **7. Action Plan Update**

- i. Members were advised to review its action plan financial allocations for 2017/2018 and agree the re-profiled budget as per page 2 of the Action Plan 2017/2018 Update in Paper 10b.
- ii. Members noted the content and agreed to re-profiled budget.
- iii. The SCC also asked Members to consider the recommendations outlined in 4.1 of the report, namely;
  1. To Identify Members to form a task group to progress the consultation and engagement project in the Inner South Belfast NRP area
  2. To commence the Adults at Risk of Harm Project as soon as possible
  3. To decide whether to increase the allocation to citywide drug and alcohol projects or to seek proposals for training for young leaders from local groups
  4. To consider the proposals received to address antisocial behaviour on the Lagan Walkway and Broadway
  5. That the Safer City Coordinator should seek project proposals up to the value of £2,750 and that Members would convene a special meeting in December to agree proposals from unallocated monies

### Inner South Belfast NRP

- iv. In relation to this item, Councillor Deirdre Hargey volunteered to progress the consultation and engagement project alongside the Safer City Coordinator.

### Adults at Risk of Harm Project

- v. Members were advised that the adults at risk of harm project had been advertised on two separate occasions with no responses.
- vi. The SCC informed Members that a third organisation had indicated their interested in delivering the project if the opportunity was made available. The SCC added that it would be recommended that South Belfast DPCSP authorise the SCC to complete the necessary internal process to appoint the contractor and initiate the project as soon as possible.
- vii. After a lengthy discussion Members agreed to commence the Adult at Risk of Harm project on the basis that an update presentation to the Partnership would be given in February 2018.

### Increase allocation to citywide drug and alcohol projects/proposals for training young leaders

- viii. Members agreed to discuss this recommendation under Item 8.

### Lagan Walkway and Broadway Proposals

- ix. Members were provided with a project proposal that had been received from Greater Village Regeneration Trust in relation to Broadway.
- x. Members noted that the project would consist of a clean-up in McDonald's carpark and a series of workshops to develop a visual art piece.
- xi. Anita Duff asked for more information around facilitation fees for the Youth Worker involved, to which the SCC stated she would contact her directly with clarification on the matter.
- xii. After a brief discussion, Members agreed to fund GVRT £2,000 to deliver project, subject to clarification about the role of the EA local youth worker.
- xiii. A Member commented on her disappointment at a lack of suitable proposals around the Lagan Walkway and requested that the SCC re-engage with youth organisations to develop a project.
- xiv. The SCC, Dermot Magorrian, YJA, Anita Duff, EA will meet then liaise with the Lagan Walkway youth providers group

#### Unallocated Resources

- xv. Members were asked to consider giving permission to the Safer City Coordinator to seek project proposals from community partners that would improve community safety and confidence in policing so that any unallocated resources can be invested.
- xvi. The SCC stated in the first instance that the groups which applied for small grants but were unsuccessful are contacted and offered specific support, but that other local groups are made aware of the opportunity.
- xvii. Members were informed that the maximum amount of funding per project would be £2,750 and organisations would be limited to one proposal each. The SCC added that a special meeting to consider any proposals may need to take place in December to allow projects to commence in January.
- xviii. Members agreed to allow the SCC to seek project proposals for underspends within the Action Plan and to convene a special meeting in December for authorisation to commence projects in January.

#### **8. Street Triage Initiative**

- i. The SCC informed Members of a new Street Triage Initiative that would be delivered in Partnership with PHA, PSNI and NIAS. The initiative comprises of a team in the Belfast area consisting two police officers, a community psychiatric nurse and a paramedic who would be available to respond to people in emotional crises.
- ii. Members were given an outline of the role of the team and informed of the benefits of such a model. The SCC added that South Belfast DPCSP has an opportunity to support such an initiative and asked Members to agree funding in principle.
- iii. After discussion, Members agreed in principle to support the Street Triage Initiative, subject to more detail about the project being provided before final approvals are given. Members also requested that an interim evaluation be completed at the end of the first year.

- iv. Members agreed in principle to reallocate the training for young leader's project to the support for citywide projects to address drugs and alcohol to allocate £7,800 towards the Street Triage Initiative.

**9. Date of next meeting**

- i. The Chair advised Members that the next South Belfast DPCSP's Private Meeting will be held at 5pm, on Thursday 30 October in the Conor Room, City Hall.
- ii. The Chair thanked everyone for attending.