

# West Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

## Private Meeting

9 Adelaide Street, Room AD1H  
Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2017

| <b>Political Members</b>                   | <b>Independent Members</b>  |
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| Alderman Brian Kingston (Chair)            | Claire Canavan (Vice-Chair) |
| Councillor Stephen Magennis                | Breige Brownlee             |
| Councillor Matt Garrett                    |                             |
| Councillor Brian Heading                   |                             |
| <b>Statutory Designated Organisations</b>  |                             |
| Inspector Alan Swann, PSNI                 | John McLaughlin, EA         |
| Nicola Coogan, PBNI                        | Tommy Boyle, H&SCT          |
| Harry Bradley, YJA                         | David McComiskey, NIFRS     |
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| <b>Local Designates</b>                    |                             |
| Michael George, CNP                        |                             |
| Paula Kerr, CRJI                           |                             |
| <b>Staff Present</b>                       |                             |
| Denise Smith, Safer City Co-Ordinator      | <b>Apologies</b>            |
| Rachel Fulton, Partnership Support Officer | Liz Groves                  |
|  | Eoin McShane                |

### 1. Welcome and Routine Matters

- i. In the initial absence of The Chair, The Vice-Chair welcomed Members to the 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 Conflicts of Interest were declared.

### 3. DEAL Programme Presentation

(Colm Fanning and Sean Devine presented in relation to this item.)

- i. Sean Devine provided Members with background into the project, detailing a lack of youth services and outreach provision in the Colin and Lenadoon area. He added that the Lenadoon Neighbourhood Youth Providers Forum (LNYPF) have a yearning and commitment to address many of the needs of the young people and communities through the management of this project.
- ii. Mr Devine added they want to break the cycle of repeated lack of engagement in generations of young people, from the Lenadoon Neighbourhood, who are being lost to the justice system and neglected by the education system.
- iii. Colm Fanning outlined the aims of the programme, namely;
  1. To build and sustain positive and professional working relationships.
  2. To target, identify and deliver needs based provision for young people.

3. To build a safer and vibrant neighbourhood for all.
- iv. Members were advised of a four staged model:
  1. Diversionary activities- in the first instance to provide a platform for meeting young people at risk.
  2. Engagement- a conscious effort to engage those who are not currently part of the programme or any continual youth provision.
  3. Leadership- Working with all service providers across the area a coordinator would work to enhance the overall leadership and youth participation of each organisation across the area.
  4. Accreditation – a range of programmes that would offer certification opportunities.
- v. Members were advised that the organisation request funding for three key areas:
  1. Provision of key staff on part time basis to support the development of model
  2. Funding for robust evidence based report on project delivery
  3. Identification of strong working model that can be rolled out across city
- vi. Mr Fanning stated that there is a need to provide long term solutions and would envisage the overall delivery costs totalling £300,000, but asked Members to fund the initial pilot of the programme equating to £6,000.
- vii. Mr Devine and Mr Fanning thanked Members for the opportunity to present to the Partnership and welcomed any questions.
- viii. A Member welcomed the project proposal, stating a need for more provision for young people within Colin and Lenadoon area.
- ix. Another Member highlighted their support for the project and commented that if the project proves to be successful, it needs to be rolled out citywide to deal with the same issues.
- x. After a lengthy discussion around the long term plan for the project, Mr Devine and Mr Fanning left the room.
- xi. Members then considered the benefits of funding £6,000 to the organisation to kick start the programme.
- xii. It was then agreed that the Partnership would fund the full £6,000 which would come from the West Belfast Youth Forum pot within the Action Plan.

#### **4. Minutes & Matters Arising**

- i. The minutes of the Private Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> June, copies of which had previously been circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.  
Proposed: Councillor Stephen Magennis  
Seconded: Claire Canavan
- ii. The minutes of the Private Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, copies of which had previously been circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.  
Proposed: Breige Brownlee  
Seconded: Claire Canavan

## **5. Members approvals from August Meeting**

- i. The SCC advised that there were outstanding documents that needed to be approved from the last August meeting, as a quorum had not been met.

### Annual Report 2016/17

- ii. The Safer City Co-ordinator asked Members to note the content of the report and asked if they wished for any changes to be made.
- iii. Members approved content of the report.

### Equality Scheme 2017

- iv. Members noted information within the report and approved its content.

## **6. Chairs Update**

- i. The Chair advised Members of a presentation that had been given at the Principle PCSP Meeting on Sept 11<sup>th</sup> from Domestic Violence Partnership.
- ii. Members were also informed of a discussion on a Street Triage Project, to which the SCC advised that there was a report to be provided later in the meeting.

## **7. Updates from Statutory Partners**

### PSNI

- i. Inspector Alan Swann advised Members of a new strategy in relation to Domestic Violence, with a team based in Grosvenor Road leading on how to best respond to the issue.

### H&SCT

- ii. Tommy Boyle informed Members that Family Support Hubs annual report card were complete and he would send to SCC for circulation to Members.

### PBNI

- iii. Nicola Coogan drew Members attention to the threat that had been made towards PBNI staff, highlighting the impact it would have on services within West Belfast.
- iv. Members condemned such threats and it was agreed that the West Belfast DPCSP would issue a statement in support of PBNI staff, condemning the threats that were made and the negative impact it would have on services.
- v. Ms Coogan also informed Members of the ASPIRE project that would be going live from 20<sup>th</sup> October.

### YJA

- vi. Harry Bradley condemned threats made to PBNI staff and commented that YJA staff are often mistaken as Probation Officers. He added that YJA continue to carry out duties, however, they are mindful of the threat and risk posed.

## NIFRS

- vii. David McComiskey informed Members that their current focus was Halloween. He stated that staff were doing a lot of educational work in schools around fireworks.
- viii. Mr McComiskey also advised that staff were encouraging children to tell their parents where to apply for fireworks licenses to get legal and quality marked fireworks.
- ix. Members were also advised of a small increase in attacks on Fire crews within North and West Belfast.

## EA

- x. John McLaughlin advised Members of three appointments due to be made for Youth Workers within West Belfast.

## Local Designated Member

- xi. In relation to Graffiti, Michael George advised that there had been an increase of incidents within the Colin Area and asked if removal work could be done.
- xii. The SCC advised Mr George to send further detailed information through in order to address issue.

## **8. Small Grants Tranche 2 2017/18**

- i. The SCC drew Members attention to three projects that met the agreed threshold of 50 in tranche 2.
- ii. Members were asked to note that a grant of £4588 was awarded to BEAM, £4620.20 was awarded to Footprints Women's centre and £5000 was awarded to the Poleglass Community Association.
- iii. Members were then asked to re-allocate £6,955.80 from within the 2017-18 West DPCSP Action Plan in order to support successful applications, which would come from the ASB budget.
- iv. Members agreed to reallocate £6,955.80 to support the aforementioned projects.
- v. A Member raised his concerns around the small grants process, commenting that there were three projects who did not meet the threshold, however, he advised that the Members Panel felt they were worthy of being funded.
- vi. The SCC advised Members that three applications scored under the agreed baseline score of 50. She further advised that the Safer City Manager had reviewed the applications but could not change the scores given, based on advice from the Central Grants Unit.
- vii. A Member stated that he wanted to challenge the accuracy and process of grant funding, adding that a Members Panel need to have authority to make decisions. He further stated that there is a need for clarification on role of a Members Panel and clarification on the ratification process.
- viii. The SCC agreed to liaise with The Safer City Manager in relation to the Members concerns and would provide an update as soon as possible.

## **9. Street Triage Proposal**

- i. The SCC informed Members of a new Street Triage Initiative that would comprise 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 on the role of the team and informed of the benefits of such a model. The SCC added that West Belfast DPCSP have an opportunity to support such an initiative and asked Members to agree £10,000 funding in principle.
- iii. The SCC suggested that the £10,000 could come from Drug and Alcohol Budget within the 2017/18 Action Plan.
- iv. Members agreed in principle to fund £10,000 towards the Street Triage Initiative.

## **10. West Belfast Drugs and Alcohol Panel**

- i. The SCC drew Members attention to a terms of reference document for a community led panel of inquiry into drug related deaths. She added that a project brief was currently being developed and Officers were awaiting clarification around safeguarding issues.
- ii. The SCC stated that there was potential funding of £8,000 from Public Health Agency, but this had yet to be confirmed. In order to advance the project, the SCC requested that Members provide delegated authority to the Chair, Vice-Chair and Senior Officers to ensure all due diligence is completed and presented at the PCSP Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> October for approval.
- iii. Members agreed to provide delegated authority to Chair, Vice-Chair and Senior Officers to complete due diligence processes.
- iv. Members also agreed in principle to fund the initiative from the West Belfast DPCSP Action Plan, even if PHA funding did not materialise.  
Proposed: Councillor Matt Garrett  
Seconded: Councillor Stephen Magennis

## **11. Date of Next Meeting**

- i. The Safer City Co-ordinator advised Members that the next Private Meeting of the West Belfast DPCSP would be held on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 in the Lavery Room, City Hall.