

# **East Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership**

## **Policing Committee Meeting**

**East Belfast Network Centre  
Tuesday 30th January, 2018**

### **Attendees**

CI D Moore (PSNI)  
Councillor M O'Donnell (Chair)  
Councillor A Graham  
Alderman T Sandford  
L McMaster  
D Geddis  
M Bryans  
S McMillen  
G Ballantyne (NIHE)  
Y Cowan (H&SCT)  
P Smart (EA)  
J McKenna (PBNI)

Glenn Thomas, Safer City Coordinator  
Andy Claydon, Partnership Support 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. CI Moore provided Members with an overview of recent figures although stressing that a more accurate picture would be provided at year end. Amongst the significant figures were:
  - Overall Crime in the East is down 1.7%
  - ASB up 5.5% but representative of increases across Belfast
  - Increase in domestic crimes of 6% although it was stressed that the figure should decrease due to continuing work.

- Increase of 7.6% in burglaries. 15% of burglaries are reported as attempted burglaries, but the figure is still not good.
- ii. A Member enquired about Drug related deaths, to which CI Moore reported an increase across Belfast with a significant number being deaths in the home due to the increase in the use of prescription drugs in cocktails with alcohol.
- iii. A short discussion took place regarding missing person cases and the intensive resources that each investigation requires, even if the person missing is a serial absconder, the PSNI must investigate to the same degree. Members expressed concern that Social Media was providing a platform for attention seekers who treated be the subject of a missing person investigation as a badge of honour.

### **Emerging Issues**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator asked Members to agree to fund a Policing Committee Grants proposal received from Hanwood Trust for £2,000. The project is for an ASB Diversionary Football Programme (twilight soccer) and as part of the project, provides two workshops on Hate Crime and Racism.
- ii. The Project was proposed by A Graham and seconded by L.McMaster

### **Date of Next Meeting**

Members were reminded that the next meeting of the Policing Committee would be on 20<sup>th</sup> March.