

Minutes of the North Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Private Meeting

9 Adelaide Street, Room AD1H
Thursday, 7th December, 2017

Political Members	Independent Members
Councillor Paul McCusker	Jennifer Cornell (Vice-Chair)
Alderman Guy Spence	Micheal Murray
Designated Organisations	
Harry Bradley, YJA	SC Davy McComiskey, NIFRS
Chief Inspector Stephen Burns, PSNI	Malachy McKinney, NIHE
Gabi Mornhinweg, H&SCT	Alan Wilson, EA
Janet McClinton, PBNI	
Staff Present	Apologies
Richard McLernon, Safer City Coordinator	Councillor Mary Clarke
Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer	Councillor Frank McCoubrey
	Gerard O'Reilly
	Teena Patrick
	Gerald Solinas

1. Welcome and Routine Matters

- i. The Chair welcomed Members to the North Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting.

2. Declaration of Interests

- 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 declarations of interest were made.

3. Minutes/Matters Arising

- i. A Member asked for his name to be amended in the Minutes, as the incorrect name had been recorded.
- ii. A Member requested for a paper to be presented at the next DPCSP Meeting regarding NARCAN, detailing the way forward and how the process would be implemented by the PSNI and PHA. Following a discussion, Members agreed for the Safer City Coordinator and Chief Inspector Stephen Burns to review the process and feed back to Members at the next DPCSP Meeting.
- iii. A Member thanked Council Officers and Statutory Representatives for attending the recent OBA Sessions.
- iv. A Member requested for his apologies to be recorded in the previous DPCSP Meeting Minutes.

- v. A Member requested for further clarification regarding a deputy attending Belfast PCSP Meetings in the absence of the Chair. Members requested for the Safer City Coordinator to review this and provide an update at the next DPCSP Meeting.
- vi. Minutes of the North Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting which was held on 26th October, copies of which had previously been circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.

4. Members North Belfast Priorities and Emerging Issues

H&SCT

- i. A Member confirmed that there had been no key issues for notation. She advised Members that the H&SCT Corporate Plan would be out for consultation in January 2018. Further details of the consultation process would be provided at the next DPCSP Meeting.

PBNI

- i. A Member provided the Partnership with an overview of the Enhanced Combination Orders. She advised Members that it had been piloted in Newtownards/Armagh and had been successful. She further commented that details of it being rolled out in Belfast are still to be confirmed.
- ii. The Member also provided an update on the set up of the Problem Solving and Substance Misuse Courts.

YJA

- i. A Member advised Members that there had been a decrease in the number of referrals to the Youth Justice Agency via the Public Prosecution Service.
- ii. He provided Members with an overview of a play being rolled out which focussed on dangers of 'crime and paramilitary activity'. He invited Members to attend the play. Details of the play to be circulated to Members for information.

NIHE

- i. A Member informed the Partnership that there had been no major hotspots regarding ASB in North Belfast. He commented that the complaints being received regarding ASB had been directly linked to drug activity.
- ii. The Member also provided an update regarding ASB in the Ligoneil area.
- iii. A Member asked if the NIHE had a policy in place that dealt with drug dealing taking place from NIHE property. The Member advised the Partnership of the protocols that the NIHE would enforce regarding the suspicion of drug dealing/drug taking in NIHE property. The Members also provided an overview of the proposal to reduce offers from 3 to 2.

EA

- i. A Member advised the Partnership of the restructuring process that is currently being undertaken within the Education Authority. He informed Members that North Belfast would amalgamate with East Belfast. He commented that the rationale for the amalgamation would allow the EA to deliver services more effectively. He further commented that there would be a total of nine divisions in operation.

- ii. A Member requested for information regarding the restructuring to be forwarded to the Partnership for information.
- iii. Following a discussion regarding youth workers in North Belfast, the Member confirmed the number of youth workers and outreach workers within North Belfast.

NIFRS

- i. A Member provided an update regarding three major incidents for the NIFRS including:
 - Coolmoyn House in Dunmurry;
 - Donegal Street; and,
 - Mallusk.
- ii. He advised Members of the recent Road Safety Events and highlighted their success. He also advised Members on Home Safety, particularly in the run up to Christmas.

DPCSP Members

- i. A Member provided an update regarding funding programmes. She advised Members of funding available from the Red Cross to assist with the delivery of Hate Crime projects. She commented that the funding would not be available to either EU or ROI organisations.
- ii. She also informed Members of a post funded by the Co-Op. She commented that the post holder, Elizabeth Boyd had been employed to help and reach out to people who were victims of feeling alone.
- iii. The Member also advised the Partnership of an app that had been produced regarding sexual and domestic abuse. She commented that the app allowed victims to take a virtual tour of women refuges and complete a questionnaire to allow for self-assessment.
- iv. A Member commented that they had recently attended a consultation event regarding Street Triage. He advised Members that it had been highlighted that anyone under 18 would not be seen by Street Triage but referred to ARC.
- v. Following a discussion, Members agreed for a member of Street Triage to attend a future DPCSP Meeting to provide an update on the services that they provide.

5. North Belfast Drugs and Alcohol Stakeholders Forum

- i. The Safer City Coordinator updated Members on the North Belfast Drugs and Alcohol Stakeholders Forum.
- ii. He requested Members to review and agree the draft Terms of Reference and the proposed Action Plan.
- iii. A Member asked for clarification regarding the costs detailed in the report. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that he did not attend the last Drug and Alcohol Stakeholders Forum. However, he advised Members that figures and outputs were not discussed at the meeting. The Safer City Coordinator, therefore informed Members that the costs detailed in the Action Plan were indicative and were subject to change. The Member highlighted his concern regarding the costs that had been presented at the meeting on the 22nd November.

- iv. The Safer City Coordinator commented that proposals have been invited and are due to be submitted soon and once they have been received, costs and targets can be confirmed.
- v. A Member queried the allocation of £5,000 detailed in the Action Plan against 'One Pill Can Kill Campaign'. The Safer City Coordinator clarified that the £5,000 was for community initiatives generally. She advised Members of a proposal that had been submitted requesting a total of £300 towards the delivery of a One Pill Will Kill billboard at Brougham Street. Following a discussion Members welcomed the proposal and agreed to allocate a total of £300 to the delivery of the project as requested, subject to the appropriate governance.

6. 2017/18 DPCSP Action Plan Update

- i. The Safer City Coordinator updated Members on the progress of the North DPCSP Action Plan.

Consult & Engage

- i. The Safer City Coordinator suggested to Members that under the work stream of Consult and Engage, there would be a possibility to facilitate a youth consultation event. He reminded Members of a previous youth consultation event held in the Lansdowne Court Hotel and the outcomes of the event.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator further suggested to commission a piece of work that would review capacity issues and provision for the youth sector within Lower North Belfast. Members welcomed this and agreed.

Domestic/Sexual Violence

- i. The Safer City Coordinator reminded Members that they had already approved an allocation of £10,000 for a scoping exercise to be completed in relation to domestic and sexual violence. Following a discussion, Members agreed to allocate £2,060 towards the production of domestic violence packs.

Older/Vulnerable People

- i. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members that under the work stream of 'Improve how safe older/vulnerable people feel', he suggested for proposals to be submitted to assist with the delivery of this area. He suggested for proposals to be submitted by 22nd December for review and with a hope for delivery to commence after Christmas.

No Hate Here

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that a quotation exercise is currently opened for submission of proposals to deliver this area of the North Belfast DPCSP Action Plan. A Member highlighted the need for a contingency plan to be developed in case no quotations were submitted for consideration.

Friendship Club

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that a proposal had been submitted for consideration regarding the delivery of the Friendship Club. He advised Members that further detail would be circulated to Members for approval.

Reactionary Fund

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that a total of £6,500 remained in the reactionary fund budget. He requested for Members to agree a total of £5,000 of the remaining budget to be reprofiled into the Drug Dealer Don't Care Campaign. He reminded Members that this would increase the overall contribution to the Campaign by North Belfast DPCSP to £10,000.
- ii. A Member asked if any data had been produced to show the impact of the previous Drug Dealers Don't Care Campaign. The Safer City Coordinator suggested that a presentation is given to Members regarding the impact of the last Campaign. Members welcomed this suggestion.
- iii. Following a discussion, Members did not agree to fund the additional contribution as requested to support the delivery of the Drug Dealers Don't Care Campaign. Members suggested a number of possible key project areas that North Belfast DPCSP could support and Members committed to generate proposals which would utilise the funding. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that proposals for projects to be delivered this financial year needed to be submitted for consideration ASAP.
- iv. Members agreed to facilitate a working group at the start of January to review possible project proposals. Safer City Coordinator agreed to email Members with a suggested date/time for the working group meeting.