

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

## Private Meeting

9 Adelaide Street, Room AD1H  
Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2018

<b>Political Members</b>	<b>Independent Members</b>
Councillor Mary Ellen Campbell	Jennifer Cornell (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Mary Clarke	Michael Murray
Alderman Guy Spence	Catherine Patrick
	Gerard O'Reilly
<b>Designated Organisations</b>	
Harry Bradley, YJA	Davy McComiskey, NIFRS
Laura Kelly, PSNI	Malachy McKinney, NIHE
Gabi Mornhinweg, H&SCT	Paul Noble, PSNI
Janet McClinton, PBNI	Alan Wilson, EA
<b>Staff Present</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
Richard McLernon, Safer City Coordinator	Councillor Paul McCusker
Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer	Councillor Frank McCoubrey
Brice Dickson, Northern Ireland Policing Board	Gerald Solinas
	Chief Inspector Stephen Burns, PSNI

### 1. Welcome and Routine Matters

- i. The Vice Chair, Jennifer Cornell 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. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update on the actions identified at the North Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018.
- ii. The Vice Chair, Jennifer Cornell requested for an update to be provided regarding the Vice Chair representing the Chair at Meetings that he is unable to attend. Following a discussion, Members also requested for clarity to be sought regarding Street Triage Project and the delivery of the proposed project.
- iii. A Member asked what interventions had been delivered throughout North Belfast to address the issue of drug abuse. A Member suggested for a mapping exercise to be

completed to allow for a review of what organisations are currently working in North Belfast delivering interventions relating to drug/alcohol abuse.

- iv. The Vice Chair, Jennifer Cornell requested for an update report on the Drugs and Alcohol Stakeholders Forum held on 21<sup>st</sup> February to be provided at the next DPCSP Meeting.
- v. Minutes of the North Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting which was held on 7<sup>th</sup> December and 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018, copies of which had previously been circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.

#### **4. Members North Belfast Priorities and Emerging Issues**

##### YJA

- i. A Member advised the Partnership of a recent play facilitated by Spanner in the Works on behalf of the Youth Justice Agency. He advised Members that additional funding had been secured to support an additional eight showings of the play before the end of this financial year. He further informed Members that the Youth Justice Agency had made a submission to the West Belfast Drugs Panel.

##### NIHE

- i. A Member advised the Partnership of local hotspots in North Belfast that had been noted by the NIHE, in particular hot spots regarding anti-social behaviour and drugs issues.
- ii. He further advised Members of ongoing anti-social behaviour issues in Tigers Bay and Ligoneil.

##### EA

- i. A Member advised the Partnership of the recent Youth Conference held in Castlewellan. He commented that the feedback received from this Conference will be taken into consideration when planning the North Belfast DPCSP Youth Engagement Conference.
- ii. He further advised Members of the ongoing restructuring process. A member requested for an update to be circulated to Members regarding the new structure of the Education Authority.

##### NIFRS

- i. Dave McComiskey, Station Commander, NIFRS provided Members with an update regarding the recent services provided by the Fire and Rescue Service.

##### DPCSP Members

- i. Alderman Spence highlighted his concern regarding organised fights in North Belfast. He suggested for the Partnership to review any initiatives that could be delivered in the next financial year to address the issue.
- ii. He also advised Members of the positive work ongoing regarding the July bonfires.
- iii. Councillor Campbell, on behalf of North Belfast DPCSP thanked Chief Inspector Stephen Burns for his commitment and work within North Belfast. She asked for the PSNI representatives to note the Partnerships thanks and for them to be passed to Chief Inspector Burns.

- iv. Vice Chair, Jennifer Cornell advised Members of the forth coming Friendship Club Event and welcomed the Partnership to attend. Details of the event were circulated to Members.
- v. Vice Chair, Jennifer Cornell also highlighted her concern of the one year budget allocation to DPCSP's. She commented that due to the budget being allocated on an annual basis, makes it difficult for the Partnership to strategically plan. She also highlighted that the internal processes applied by Council are very stringent. She further commented that due to internal procedures imposed by Council, the Partnership are not in a position to be reactive to when any issues arise.
- vi. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the Partnership are bound by and must adhere to all the financial procedures imposed by Belfast City Council.
- vii. Brice Dickson, Independent Member of Northern Ireland Policing Board, advised the Partnership that 90% of the 2018/19 budget would be made available to the North Belfast DPCSP from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018.
- viii. A Member provided an update regarding the Drugs and Alcohol Stakeholders Meeting she attended. She advised Members that a recommendation from the meeting had been to facilitate a mapping exercise regarding drug and alcohol services available in North Belfast.
- ix. The Safer City Coordinator suggested for a detailed update of the Drugs and Alcohol Stakeholders Meeting to be provided at the next DPCSP Meeting.
- x. The Vice Chair, Jennifer Cornell, suggested for a mapping exercise to be undertaken before the next Drugs and Alcohol Stakeholders Meeting. She further suggested the mapping exercise would highlight the work of the forum and also identify what type of information would be gathered.

## **5. Action Plan Update**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the 'No Hate Here Campaign' would not be delivered this financial year. He reminded Members that a total of £6,000 had been allocated to the delivery of this project.
- ii. He further advised Members that Domestic Violence Scoping Study scheduled to be delivered this financial year would also not be delivered.
- iii. Councillor Campbell asked if this project could not go out to tender. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members this would not be feasible due to the timescales involved. Councillor Campbell suggested that projects are developed in partnership with organisations before June 2018 in order to ensure that projects are delivered effectively and the budget is fully utilised in the next financial year.
- iv. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the Action Plan 2018/19 will be presented differently as it will be directly linked to OBA (Outcome Based Accountability). He advised Members that once the Action Plan had been drafted, it would be circulated to Members for review.
- v. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the total estimated underspend for North Belfast DPCSP is approximately £35,000. Following a discussion regarding how to utilise the identified underspend, Members suggested for the underspend to be reallocated to fund additional CCTV cameras. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members that he would review this suggestion with the Safer City Manager and confirm if this can be delivered.

- vi. In relation to the underspend identified, Alderman Spence suggested for additional workshops to be delivered throughout North Belfast, in particular workshops focusing on community safety.

#### **6. North Belfast DPCSP Action Plan Progress Report**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update on the North Belfast DPCSP Action Plan Progress Report.
- ii. Members noted the content of the report.

#### **7. White City Project**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator reminded Members that this project proposal had been deferred at the last North Belfast DPCSP due to a request for project management costs associated with the delivery of this project to be reviewed and for the project management costs had been reduced by £250.00.
- ii. He asked Members to note that the proposed project was still subject to full due diligence procedures.

#### **8. New Lodge Youth Club**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the project.
- ii. He asked Members to note that the proposed project was still subject to full due diligence procedures.

#### **9. North Belfast Tension Monitoring**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that this project had been awarded to the Interaction Institute for Social Change.

#### **10. Domestic Violence Packs**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the project and advised Members that a total of £2,040 had been allocated to support the delivery of this project
- ii. He asked Members to note that discussions are ongoing around procurement and pack contents in relation to the proposed project.

#### **11. ASB Signage**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update on ASB Signage.
- ii. He asked Members to approve that the Safer City Coordinator agree appropriate locations with the PSNI for the signage and also to agree to allocate up to £10,00 of the identified underspend to be invested in antisocial behaviour signage in appropriate areas of North Belfast.

- iii. A Member asked if installation costs had been included in the £10,000. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the £10,000 had been inclusive of installation costs.
- iv. Members noted the requested and agreed to allocate £10,000 of the underspend towards anti-social behaviour signage.

**12. Star Neighbourhood**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that a Letter of Offer will be issued to Star Neighbourhood on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018.

**13. PIPS Mater Hospital Project**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that a Letter of Offer had not been issued in relation to the delivery of the proposed project. He would advised Members in due course regarding the process of the project.

**14. Forthcoming Meetings**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the next North DPCSP Meeting will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018.