

North Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Policing Committee

9 Adelaide Street, Room AD1H
Wednesday, 28th March, 2018

Political Members	Independent Members
Councillor Paul McCusker	Gerald Solinas
Councillor Mary Ellen Campbell	Michael Murray
Councillor Mary Clarke	
Designated Organisations	
Declan Davey, YJA	Janet McClinton, PBNI
Inspector Laura Kelly, PSNI	Davy McComiskey, NIFRS
Gabi Mornhinweg, H&SCT	Malachy McKinney, NIHE
Chief Inspector Kellie Moore	Alan Wilson, EA
Staff Present	Apologies
Richard McLernon, Safer City Coordinator	Jennifer Cornell (Vice-Chair)
Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer	Councillor Frank McCoubrey
Brice Dickson, Northern Ireland Policing Board	Harry Bradley, YJA

1. Welcome and Routine Matters

- i. The Chair, Paul McCusker 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 21st February 2018.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the attendance of the Vice Chair representing the Chair at various Meetings has still to be confirmed. He advised Members that further clarification has been requested from legal.
- iii. He provided Members with an update regarding the Street Triage Project.
- iv. Following a discussion, Members agreed for a letter to be sent to the Belfast H&SCT regarding the Street Triage project.

- v. The Safer City Coordinator confirmed an update from the recently facilitated the Drugs and Alcohol Forum would be circulated to Members in due course.
- vi. A Member advised the Partnership that the restructuring process of the Education Authority had been put on hold. He commented that he would advised Members accordingly when further information is available.
- vii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that any underspends identified at this stage of the financial year cannot be reprofiled into new projects due to time commitments.
- viii. Councillor Mary Ellen Campbell highlighted her disappointment regarding underspends identified by North Belfast DPCSP not being able to be reprofiled for the delivery of new projects. She further queried the capacity within North Belfast DPCSP to utilise their budget entirely. She advised Members that she intended to speak to the Safer City Manager regarding capacity issues and the inability to reallocate underspends to new projects.
- ix. A Member suggested for the Partnership to develop contingency plans that can be applied when an underspend is identified during 2018/19.
- x. Micheal Murray advised an application had been submitted by Stella Maris to North Belfast DPCSP for funding. He further commented that no information regarding the application had been forwarded to the organisation. The Safer City Coordinator commented that he would review the application and provide an update directly to Michael Murray.
- xi. Following a discussion, Members agreed to facilitate a workshop to look at the issue of capacity and funding amongst community groups in North Belfast.
- xii. Minutes of the North Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting, which was held on 21st February 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 that no referrals had been made the Youth Justice following ongoing incidents of ASB in the New Lodge area.

NIHE

- i. A Member advised the Partnership that he would temporarily changing to a new role with the NIHE. He informed Members that Liam Gunn would be attending future North Belfast DPCSP Meetings.

EA

- i. A Member advised the Partnership of the recent outcomes of the Youth Conference. He informed Members of a summer intervention programme focusing on mental health.

NIFRS

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

- ii. He advised Members that there had been a spike in the number of attacks on fire engines, however the attacks did not have a direct impact on service delivery.

5. 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. Following a discussion, Members requested for an overview to be provided regarding final spend for North Belfast DPCSP 2017/18 and for financial spend for each DPCSP to be provided for the period 2017/18.
- iii. Members noted the content of the report.

6. 2018/19 (D) PCSP Funding Model

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the 2018/19 (D)PCSP Funding Model.
- ii. He advised Members that the Joint Committee had indicated that the 2018/2019 funding allocation to Belfast PCSP for its administration and operational costs will be reduced by 10% in comparison to the 2017/2018 year.
- iii. He further commented that this indication would mean that the Belfast PCSP letter of offer should be for approximately £788,110 of which £531,919 would be ring fenced for project costs. This indication would mean that the operational budget for projects would be reduced from £633,743 to £531,919, a reduction of £101,824.
- iv. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members that Belfast PCSP agreed to ring-fence £193,474 of its budget to the PCSP for strategic projects and towards the development of a number of Citywide projects/initiatives which would have a local focus. (2017/2018 budget less 10%). Further, it had been agreed to ring fence £41,200 of each area budget to deliver citywide projects with a district focus.

7. 2018/19 Draft (D)PCSP Action Plan

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the 2018/19 (D)PCSP Funding Model.
- ii. He further asked Members to note that the PCSP agreed the amalgamated Action Plan for 2018/19; and asked Members to note and approve the North Belfast Action Plan as follows:
 - £41,200 would be ring fenced for citywide projects;
 - £8,000 allocated to support Partnership working;
 - £3,838 allocated to the costs of NDPCSP in private and public meeting;
 - £3,000 allocated to the Hate Crime Initiatives;
 - £5,000 allocated to No Hate Here;
 - £8,000 allocated to the Scoping Study/Training;
 - £1,000 allocated to drug bins;
 - £3,000 allocated to drugs continuation initiatives;
 - £5,000 allocated to research in North Belfast;
 - £10,000 allocated to Youth Diversionary Service;
 - £10,000 allocated to Youth Outreach Programme;
 - £20,000 allocated to PCSP Small Grants; and,

- £5,000 allocated to Policing Committee Grants/Police Led Projects.
- ii. Following an in depth discussion, a Member highlighted his concern over the level of bureaucracy in the DPCSP's. He commented that funding should be allocated to frontline services, which would assist with confidence growing in the local community.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that a workshop had been scheduled for September whereby DPCSP's can review funding spent within Quarter 1 and 2, and if required request additional funding for expenditure in Quarter 3 and 4.
- iv. Members noted the content of the report and agreed to the budget allocations as discussed in Item 7 Point ii above.

8. Date of Next Meeting

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the next North DPCSP Meeting will be held on 25th April 2018.