

Minutes of the South Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Private Meeting

Tuesday 20th March, 2018, 6.00pm

Lavery Room, City Hall, Belfast

Political Members	Independent Members
Councillor Lee Reynolds	Richard Kennedy (Vice Chair)
Councillor Donal Lyons	Paul McDonnell
Councillor Geraldine McAteer	Michael Boyle
Councillor Jeffrey Dudgeon	
Councillor Deirdre Hargey	
Statutory Designated Bodies	
Chief Inspector Gavin Kirkpatrick, PSNI	Paul McCombe, NIHE
Dermot Magorrian, YJA	
Belfast City Council Staff	
Suzanne Gowling, Safer City Coordinator (SCC)	Apologies
Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer	Melissa Spence, PBNI
	Deirdre Grant, PBNI

1. Welcome & Routine Matters

- i. The Chair welcomed Members to the South Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting and noted the apologies provided.

2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

- i. The Chair asked Members 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 conflict were noted.

3. Minutes and Matters Arising

- i. The Minutes of the Public Meeting held on 21st February and the Private Meeting held on 28th February, copies of which were previously circulated, were agreed as correct.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that Stephen Leonard, Environmental Health Manager will attend the next South Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting.

4. Chairs Update

- i. The Chair advised Members that the South Belfast DPCSP Public Meeting scheduled for Wednesday 21st March had been cancelled. The Chair further advised Members that a new date would be confirmed and circulated to Members in due course.

5. Update from Statutory Partners

- i. Paul McCombe (NIHE) provided Members with an update regarding their services. He advised Members of issues surrounding the relocation of the Hillside/Crumlin Road car boot sale to the Hope Street site. He further advised Members that the Hope Street site had been made secure and the NIHE would continue to monitor the situation.
- ii. A number of Members encouraged NIHE to support the local community to use the site in a positive manner if possible.

6. Action Plan 2017/18 Progress Report Update

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update on progress in relation to the delivery of the South Belfast DPCSP Action Plan 2017/18.
- ii. Members noted the content of the report detailed.

7. Funding Model for 2018/19

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the Funding Model 2018/19.
- ii. She 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. She 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.
- v. The Safer City Coordinator further advised that the Belfast PCSP agreed to allocate the remaining operational budget of £458,445 on a proportional basis based on a similar funding model used by the Joint Committee for the PCSPs. This model provides a (30%) basic allocation equally to all DPCSPs and then additional allocations based on (45%) population and (25%) deprivation. This model has been used by the PCSP to allocate DPCSP funding since 2016.
- vi. She commented that the PCSP agreed that each DPCSP is allocated 60% of their overall budget contribution which will provide the DPCSPs with sufficient funding in the interim to progress projects. Further, she advised the Partnership that the PCSP will hold a workshop for all (D)PCSP Members in September to analyse current budget spend and to consider options in relation to reallocation of any significant underspends which have been identified.

- vii. Following a discussion based on the proposals of Belfast PCSP, the Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the indicative budget for South Belfast DPCSP 2018/19 would be £53,482, with a total of £41,000 ring fenced for citywide projects.
- viii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the proposed 2018/19 budget for South Belfast DPCSP could be allocated as follows:
- £41,000 of the £94,682 would be ring fenced for citywide projects;
 - £9,500 allocated to the Hate Crime Fear of Hate Crime Steering Group;
 - £3,000 allocated to South Belfast Guardian Project;
 - £4,000 allocated to the lunch club project;
 - £16,525 allocated to Tranche 1 of Small Grants;
 - £3,000 allocated to the costs of SDPCSP in private, public and in support of Wider University Area and Ballynafeigh PACT;
 - £5,217 invested in projects to help south Belfast be safe over the summer; and,
 - £12,240 allocated to Capacity Support Project in the Wider University Area.
- ix. The Safer City Coordinator asked Members to agree the following:
- All appropriately assessed tranche 1 small grants are funded (£16,525)
 - South Belfast DPCSP agrees to meet current contractual obligations (£16,500);
 - South Belfast DPCSP agrees to maintain the current level of Capacity Support in WUA for 2018/2019 (£12,240);
 - That the £2,500 for police led projects is put with the remaining £2,717 and is invested in projects to help south Belfast be safe over the summer; a total of £5,217; and,
 - That £3,000 are available for meeting costs for PCSP's private and public meetings as well as those for WUA and Ballynafeigh PACT.
- x. The Chair highlighted his concern that crime figures do not play a role in allocating the budgets to (D)PCSPs, Members agreed that the Chair should raise this concern at the meeting with the Joint Committee of Department of Justice and NI Policing Board.
- xi. A Member suggested for a representative from the Criminal Justice Inspectorate to attend a future DPCSP Meeting. Members welcomed this suggestion.
- xii. Members noted the content of the report and agreed to the budget allocations as discussed.

8. Date of next meeting

- i. The Safer City Coordinator suggested for the next South Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting to be held on Wednesday 18th April.
- ii. Members confirmed this date and requested for details of the Meeting to be circulated.
- iii. The Chair thanked everyone for attending.