

Minutes of the South Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Private Meeting

Wednesday 28th February, 5.00pm

Conor Room, City Hall

| Political Members | Independent Members |
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| Councillor Jeffrey Dudgeon | Richard Kennedy (Vice Chair) |
| Councillor Donal Lyons | Michael Boyle |
| Councillor Geraldine McAteer | Paul McDonnell |
| Councillor Deirdre Hargey | |
| Statutory Designated Bodies | |
| Chief Inspector Gavin Kirkpatrick, PSNI | Yvonne McKnight, H&SCT |
| Dermot Magorrian, YJA | Melissa Spence, PBNI |
| Paul McCombe, NIHE | |
| Belfast City Council Staff | Apologies |
| Suzanne Gowling, Safer City Coordinator (SCC) | Aleksandra Lojek |
| Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer | Councillor Lee Reynolds |
| Brice Dickson, Northern Ireland Policing Board | |
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1. Welcome & Routine Matters

- i. The Vice Chair welcomed Members to the South Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting and noted the apologies provided.
- ii. The Vice Chair welcomed Brice Dickson from the Northern Ireland Policing Board to the North Belfast DPCSP Meeting.

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 24th January and the Private Meeting held on 31st January, copies of which were previously circulated, were agreed as correct.

4. Chairs Update

- i. No update from the Chair had been provided.

5. Update from Statutory Partners

- i. Chief Inspector Gavin Kirkpatrick (PSNI) provided the Partnership with a detailed overview regarding St. Patrick's Day operations. He advised Members that key statutory bodies had been engaging with local residents, landlords, universities, licensees and transport agencies regarding St. Patrick's Day. He further advised Members that the PSNI will have enhanced policing resources deployed in South Belfast from Thursday 15th March onwards.
- ii. Chief Inspector Gavin Kirkpatrick also provided Members with an overview of other key events that will be happening throughout Belfast on St. Patrick's Day.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update on the Spring Gathering Festival. She also provided Members with an overview regarding Belfast City Council's procedures and operations regarding St. Patrick's Day.
- iv. Following a discussion regarding HMO powers and legislation, the Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the officer responsible for overseeing this work area in Council is Stephen Leonard, Environmental Health Manager (Public, Health and Housing). Members requested for Stephen Leonard to be invited to the April South Belfast DPCSP to provide the Partnership with an overview of HMO powers and the associated legislation.
- v. Melissa Spence (PBNI) advised Members that PBNI staff had liaised with their clients about the risks of getting into trouble over St. Patrick's Day.
- vi. Paul McCombe (NIHE) provided Members with an update regarding their services.
- vii. Following a discussion, Members agreed that once Belfast City Council had released the report on Bonfires that Bonfires are to be included in the South Belfast DPCSP Agenda.
- viii. Yvonne McKnight (H&SCT) provided Members with an update regarding the emergency social work service that will be operational for St. Patrick's Day.

6. Action Plan 2017/18 Progress Report Update

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the Action Plan 2017/18 is almost delivered and confirmed that the under spend for this financial year was currently sitting at approximately £3,000, however as groups declared their final figures it may increase.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator also informed Members that all project evaluation reports would be presented to the Partnership for review once they have been submitted.
- iii. A Member advised the Partnership of a need for Alleygates within the Balmoral area. She asked if any of the under spend could be used for them to visit the Wildflower Alleyway and agreed to forward contact details.
- iv. Another Member asked about the possibility of utilising some of the under spend to remove graffiti. Melissa Spence agreed to liaise with the Member to request the use of the joint Probation Board/Belfast City Council Graffiti Bus in the area.

7. Action Planning 2018/19

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the Action Plan 2018/19 had not been finalised yet.
- ii. She further advised Members that the Action Plan would be available after the next Belfast PCSP Meeting.

8. Date of next meeting

- i. The Chair advised Members that the next South Belfast DPCSP Public Meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st March, Malone House, Barnett's Demesne, 7.00pm-9.00pm.
- ii. Following a discussion, Members agreed to cancel the South Belfast DPCSP Meeting scheduled for 14th March and reschedule the Meeting to the 20th March, 6.00pm. Lavery Room, City Hall.
- iii. The Chair thanked everyone for attending.