

West Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Private Meeting

Beechlawn Hotel, Belfast
Wednesday, 21st March, 2018

Political Members	Independent Members
Alderman Brian Kingston(Chair)	Liz Groves
Councillor Matt Garrett	
Councillor Brian Heading	
Councillor Stephen Magennis	
Statutory Designated Organisations	
Harry Bradley, YJA	Inspector Alan Swann, PSNI
John McLaughlin, EA	
Local Designates	
Michael George	
Staff Present	
Apologies	
Alan Wardle, Safer City Co-Ordinator	Breige Brownlee
Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer	Chief Inspector Kellie McMillen
Christine Hagen, Project Officer	Michael Donnelly
Paul Cleary, ASB Officer	Paddy Kelly, NIHE
	Nicola Coogan, PBNI
	Davy Harbinson, NIFRS
	Paula Kerr
	Eoin McShane

1. Welcome and Routine Matters

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

2. Declarations of Interest

- 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 noted.

3. Minutes & Matters Arising

- i. The Minutes of the West Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting held on 27th February, copies of which had previously been circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update on the actions points noted at the previous West Belfast DPCSP Meeting.
- iii. The Chair requested an update to be provided regarding the Street Triage project.

- iv. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that he would request an update on the project and provide the Partnership with an overview at the next West Belfast DPCSP Meeting.
- v. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members that the recruitment/appointment of a new West Belfast DPCSP Vice Chair had not yet been agreed and would hope that the Vice Chair will be appointed by the next DPCSP Meeting.

4. Chairs Update

- i. The Chair advised Members that following a letter being sent to the Northern Ireland Policing Board regarding the West Belfast DPCSP 2018/19 budget, a reply had been received and he advised the Partnership that the indicative budget for 2018/19, which he had presented, had been for budgeting purposes and was not the final budget allocation.

5. Updates from Statutory Partners

YJA

- i. A Member advised the Partnership of a recent play supported by the YJA and facilitated by 'Spanner in the Works'. He advised Members that the play had recently been delivered in St Roses School and that the play would be delivered in another six schools throughout West Belfast before the end of the financial year.

EA

- i. A Member advised Members of the recent staff appointments with in the Education Authority.

6. 2018/19 DPCSP Funding Model

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the West Belfast DPCSP Action Plan Spend Update 2017/18.
- ii. He advised Members that the Joint Committee had indicated that the 2018/19 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.
- 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. He 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, he 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 West Belfast DPCSP 2018/19 would be £126,093.
- viii. Therefore, the Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the proposed operational 2018/19 budget for West Belfast DPCSP could be allocated as follows:
 - £41,200 would be ring fenced for citywide projects;
 - £15,000 allocated to the Professional Witness Post;
 - £21,950 allocated to Community Safety Quotation;
 - £20,000 allocated to Tranche 1 and 2 of Small Grants;
 - £4,943 allocated to Policing Committee Grants;
 - £3,000 allocated the costs of WDPCSP in private and public meeting;
 - £10,000 allocated to emerging issues; and,
 - £10,000 allocated to the Community Safety Forums.
- ix. The Safer City Coordinator asked Members to approve:
 - the continued contractual obligations in regard to both the Professional Witness £15,000 and Community Safety Quotation £21,950 projects; and,
 - the total expenditure for 2018/19 Small Grants Tranche 1 and 2 to be £20,000
- x. 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.
- xi. 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.
- xii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the Belfast PCSP Action Plan had been submitted to DoJ and once information regarding final budgets had been received, he would update Members accordingly.
- xiii. Members noted the content of the report and agreed to the budget allocations, as discussed, within the Action Plan.

7. West Belfast DPCSP Action Plan Progress Report

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update on the spend progress with regards to the West Belfast Action Plan 2017/18.
- ii. He advised Members that:

- £90,610.90 of project costs have already been spent and verified
- £54,254.35 of the current budget is committed
- £6,767.86 of the budget is planned and at final stages before delivery.

Total £157,068.73

- iii. He further commented that given the current allocated budget for West Belfast DPCSP being £152,390 and that the Partnership currently had underspends of £2,478.40, the following equation confirms final budget as of the date of this report:

Total original budget	£152,390
Current total spend	£151,633.11
X2 additional St Patricks project	<u>£1,896</u>

Current overspend - £1,139.11

- iv. Members noted the content of the report given.
- v. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with a detailed breakdown of the indicative budget for 2018/19 and an overview of how the proposed budget had been profiled against individual work streams, as follows:
- a. Strategic Objective 1 – Effectiveness
 - i. Administration and Public Meetings - £3,000.
 - b. Strategic Objective 2 – To Improve Community Safety by Tackling Crime and ASB
 - i. Feel Safer - £46,950; and,
 - ii. Alcohol & Drugs - £10,000.
 - c. Strategic Objective 3 – To Support Confidence in Policing in Belfast
 - i. Confidence in Policing - £24,943.
- vi. He also reminded Members that a total of £41,200 of the West Belfast DPCSP 2018/19 Budget had been ring-fenced for Citywide projects.
- vii. Members requested that a breakdown of the £41,200 allocated to Citywide projects be provided at the next DPCSP Meeting.
- viii. Following a discussion regarding the current vacancy of a Vice Chair, Members agreed for the Chair to write to the Joint Committee to clarify if the Partnership can recruit the first reserve candidate for Vice Chair.

8. Date of Next Meeting

- i. The Safer City Co-ordinator advised Members that the next Private Meeting of the West Belfast DPCSP would be held on Monday 30th April, Conor Room, City Hall.