

West Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Private Meeting

Lavery Room, City Hall
Tuesday, 27th February, 2018

Political Members	Independent Members
Alderman Brian Kingston(Chair)	
Councillor Matt Garrett	
Councillor Brian Heading	
Councillor Stephen Magennis	
Statutory Designated Organisations	
Harry Bradley, YJA	Inspector Dan Kelly, PSNI
Nicola Coogan, PBNI	Chief Inspector Kellie McMillen
Paddy Kelly, NIHE	
Local Designates	
Staff Present	Apologies
Alan Wardle, Safer City Co-Ordinator	Tommy Boyle, H&SCT
Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer	Breige Brownlee
	Michael Donnelly
	Michael George, CNP
	Liz Groves
	Davy Harbinson, NIFRS
	Paula Kerr
	Dave McComiskey, NIFRS
	Karol McKee
	Eoin McShane
	Lauren Slane

1. Welcome and Routine Matters

- i. The Chair welcomed Members to the West Belfast DPCSP Meeting and noted the apologies provided.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator updated Members on the appointment of an interim Vice Chair. He advised Members that an interim Vice Chair had to be appointed from the remaining Independent Members. He informed Members that he is to contact the Independent Members to review and appoint an interim Vice Chair.

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 29th January, copies of which had previously been circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.
- ii. In relation to actions from the previous meeting the Safer City Coordinator stated that:
 - a. Information regarding the Icelandic Conference would be circulated in due course;
 - b. A press release/statement regarding best practice of the RAPID drug bins would be issued later in the year for West Belfast. However, a Citywide press statement would be issued within the next few weeks;
 - c. Hydra session would be delivered in the next financial year;
 - d. Aisling Heath to attend the March Public Meeting to give an update on her role; and,
 - e. A letter had been sent to the Board regarding West DPCSP's disappointment in the budget reduction for 2018/19, but no response has been received.

4. Chairs Update

- i. The Chair provided Members with an update on the PCSP Meeting held on Monday, 12th March.
- ii. He advised Members that the Street Triage project would not be delivered in this financial year.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the reason the Street Triage project would not be delivered this financial year had been due to issues between the Belfast Trust and CPN's in relation to information sharing protocols.
- iv. Following a discussion, Members requested for an update to be provided at the next West Belfast DPCSP Meeting.
- v. The Chair also advised Members of the forth coming Joint Briefing being held on Wed 7th March.

5. Updates from Statutory Partners

PBNI

- i. A Member advised the Partnership that PBNI had made a submission to the West Belfast Drugs Initiative and are currently awaiting feedback. She further advised Members of the recent appointment of a Business Development post within PBNI and detailed that the post would focus on community resources throughout West Belfast. She also provided Members with an update on the Aspire Project.

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 additional funding had been secured to support an additional six 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 Initiative.

NIHE

- i. A Member advised the Partnership of a recent incident on the Glen Road Travellers site. He commented that there had been a number of caravans/pods completely burnt out and for health/safety reasons the site had now been sealed off. He further commented that the incident had not been reported to the PSNI, NIFRS or NIHE. The Member advised the Partnership that investigations are currently ongoing to try and find the reason for the incidents.
- ii. A Member asked what the associated cost of a pod would be. A Member commented that the cost for a pod would be between £15,000 and £20,000.

PSNI

- i. Inspector Dan Kelly advised Members that following a coordinated approach adopted to tackle antisocial behaviour in the Dunmurry area, the levels of antisocial behaviour had now notably decreased.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the deployment of the SOS Bus in the area had been welcomed by local residents. He also advised Members of the work carried out by the Alcohol Enforcement Officers, Youth Outreach Workers and the Safer Neighbourhood Officers in assisting to tackle antisocial behaviour issues in West Belfast.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members that Belfast City Council would not be putting any resources into West Belfast (Dunmurry) this weekend. He advised Members that a review would be conducted next week to see if resources need to be redeployed into the Dunmurry area.
- iv. The Chair, on behalf of the West Belfast DPCSP, thanked the Safer City Coordinator, staff team and partner organisations for all of the outreach work within the Dunmurry area.
- v. A Member highlighted his concern that it had been brought to his attention by a local resident that the Falls Park Pavilion had been left opened. He requested that Members be notified when events, such as the Falls Park Pavilion being opened outside normal opening hours occur. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the Falls Park Pavilion, on this occasion, had been left opened by the Parks Department and not as part of any DPCSP funded programme and further commented that he had raised this internally.
- vi. A Member advised the Partnership of youths congregating within the Colin area. He commented that the PSNI and Belfast City Council Safer Neighbourhood Officers had been assisting with this over the past few weeks, and that contact had also been made with local youth agencies.
- vii. A Member suggested for the Partnership to receive an update regarding the hotspots within West Belfast. He further commented that in order for the Partnership to be able to link directly with outcome based accountability, a baseline would need to be established, which in turn would allow the Partnership to participate in further strategic discussions.
- viii. A Member asked for an update to be provided regarding St. Patrick's Day and the associated operations.

- ix. Chief Inspector Kellie McMillen provided Members with an overview of the proposed PSNI operations for St. Patrick's Day within West Belfast. She was unable to provide the Partnership with details regarding PSNI operations for the Holylands. She advised Members that she would get an update regarding the Holylands and forward it on to the Safer City Coordinator for circulation to Members.
- x. Chief Inspector Kellie McMillen also advised Members that the PSNI had done a second presentation to the West Belfast Drugs Panel.
- xi. She further advised Members of the recent Road Safety work undertaken by the PSNI. She informed Members of the deployment of a mobile speed unit and the positive impact it had on traffic flow, especially on Blacks Road.
- xii. A Member suggested for the Partnership to possibly support the mobile speed unit initiative.
- xiii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the Partnership would not be able to support the mobile speed unit initiative as it would involve the purchase of a capital item. He further commented that the Partnership may apply to the Assets Recovery Community Scheme to try and secure funding to purchase/support the mobile speed unit initiative. However, he advised Members that he would clarify the DPCSP's position regarding the purchase of capital items and update Members accordingly.

6. West Belfast DPCSP Action Plan 2017/18 Report

- i. The Safer City Coordinator reminded Members of the budget allocated to the 2017/18 West Belfast DPCSP Action Plan totalling £152,390.
- ii. He advised Members that all funding for 2017/18 had been fully utilised. He further advised Members that with the exception of the below projects still to be delivered, there would be no more capacity to deliver any new projects until next year:

- Saints Youth Club (Dunmurry Intervention)	£1,360
- BCC Alcohol Enforcement Officers (Dunmurry)	£1,000
- SOS Bus (Dunmurry)	£1,000
- Footprints Volunteer/staff Training	£1,000
- Colin Schools Project (Policing Committee)	£798.59
- Falls Youth Providers RADAR sessions	£580.00

- iii. The Safer City Coordinator reminded Members of the St. Galls GAA project the DPCSP had previously agreed to support. He advised Members that there had been a request from the club to purchase training shirts which would be worn by the participants at the event on St Patrick's Day and there had also been a request for the DPCSP logo to be put on the shirts in the Irish language. Members noted the request and agreed to the purchase of the training shirts, along with the DPCSP logo on them in the Irish language.

6a. West Belfast DPCSP Action Plan Spend Update 2017/18

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the West Belfast DPCSP Action Plan Spend Update 2017/18.
- ii. Members noted the update and the content of the report.

7. 2018/19 Indicative Budget Report

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the 2018/19 Indicative Budget Report.
- ii. He reminded Members that at the last Private Meeting, he informed Members that a potential 10% budget reduction would be likely for the next financial year, which in turn would make a total budget of £137,151 available to West Belfast DPCSP.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that given the current committed total budget for 2018/19 of £113,450, this potentially leaves £23,701 unallocated. Current indications would suggest that the PCSP would require significant citywide contributions which would subsume most of the West Belfast DPCSP unallocated remaining budget.
- iv. A Member highlighted his concern that Belfast PCSP currently had an underspend within this financial year and it had been proposed that Belfast PCSP be allocated part of West Belfast DPCSP budget for 2018/19. He suggested for an increase to the West DPCSP budget for Community Safety Forums and the amount requested for emerging issues to be approximately £20,000.
- v. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that he would speak to the Safer City Manager regarding the West Belfast DPCSP budget for 2018/19 and update Members accordingly.

8. Emerging Issues

- i. No further emerging issues were discussed.

9. Date of Next Meeting

- i. The Safer City Co-ordinator advised Members that the next Private/Public Meeting of the West Belfast DPCSP would be held on Wednesday, 21st March, 2018 in the Beechlawn Hotel.
- ii. Members were advised that there would be no DPCSP as planned on 29th March, 2018. Members were asked to remove the date from their diary.