

Minutes of the West Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Policing Committee Meeting

Conor Room, Belfast City Hall
Monday 29th January 2018

Political Members

Alderman Brian Kingston(Chair)
Councillor Matt Garrett
Councillor Brian Heading

Independent Members

Claire Canavan(Vice Chair)
Breige Brownlee
Eoin McShane

Statutory Designated Organisations

Chief Inspector Kellie McMillen PSNI
Insp Alan Swann PSNI

Staff Present

Alan Wardle, Safer City Coordinator
Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer

Apologies

Councillor Stephen Magennis

1. Welcome and Routine Matters

- i. The Chair welcomed Members to the Meeting of the West Belfast DPCSP Policing Committee.

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. West Belfast DPCSP Minutes & Matters Arising

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update of the actions detailed in the last West Belfast DPCSP Policing Committee Meeting held on 26th October.
- ii. The Minutes of the West Belfast DPCSP Policing Committee Meeting held on 26th October, copies of which had previously been circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.
- iii. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

4. Performance against West Belfast District Policing Plan

- i. Chief Inspector Kellie McMillen updated the Members on the performance against the West Belfast District Policing Plan.
- ii. Members noted that:
 - Overall crime had decreased by 2.2%;
 - Incidents of domestic violence had decreased by 2.9%;
 - Number of burglaries had decreased by 15.6%;

- Number of burglaries in which older persons are victims had decreased by 13.8%;
 - An increase of 5.2% in relation to the number of anti-social behaviour incidents; and,
 - A decrease of 1.7% in relation to the number of drug arrests.
- iii. A Member asked what type of drugs had been seized. Chief Inspector Kellie McMillen advised Members that the main type of drug being sized was cannabis. She further advised Members that Detective Superintendent Bobby Singleton could provide further details regarding high level drug seizures/dealing if the Partnership requested this detail.
- iv. A Member asked if information could be provided regarding discretionary measures imposed following drug seizures and also for an overview of how many were reported to the PPS. Chief Inspector Kellie McMillen advised Members that she could review this information and provide an update at the next DPCSP Meeting.
- v. Chief Inspector Kellie McMillen provided Members with an update on car crime. Members noted:
- Of 22 vehicles recovered in West Belfast 12 were stolen vehicles;
 - Of 12 vehicles stolen/recovered only 2 were stolen from West Belfast;
 - 10 Vehicles were reported stolen in Belfast, 7 were recovered in West Belfast; and,
 - 49 Reports of criminal damage to vehicle across Belfast, of those 15 (30.6%) were in West Belfast.

7. Close

- i. The Chair thanked Members for attending the West Belfast DPCSP Policing Committee Meeting.