

# North Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

## Private Meeting

9 Adelaide Street, Room AD1H  
Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2018

<b>Political Members</b>	<b>Independent Members</b>
Councillor Paul McCusker	Jennifer Cornell (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Mary Ellen Campbell	Gerard O'Reilly
Councillor Mary Clarke	Michael Murray
Alderman Guy Spence	
<b>Designated Organisations</b>	
Declan Davey, YJA	Davy McComiskey, NIFRS
Inspector Paul Noble, PSNI	Liam Gunn, NIHE
Gabi Mornhinweg, H&SCT	Alan Wilson, EA
Chief Inspector Kellie Moore	
<b>Staff Present</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
Alison Allen, Safer City Unit Manager	Davy Harbinson, NIFRS
Richard McLernon, Safer City Coordinator	Janet McClinton, PBNI
Alan Wardle, Safer City Coordinator	Alderman Frank McCoubrey
Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer	Catherine Patrick
	Gerald Solinas
Also present, Brenda Cairns, Criminal Justice Inspectorate	

### 1. Welcome and Routine Matters

- i. The Chair, Paul McCusker welcomed Members to the North Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting.

### 2. Declaration of Interests

- 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 made.

### 3. Minutes/Matters Arising

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update on the actions identified at the North Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that an invitation had been sent to the Director of Belfast Health and Social Care Trust to attend a future DPCSP Meeting.
- iii. He advised Members that an application had been submitted by Stella Maris. He further commented that additional information had been requested from the applicant but no information had been received.

- iv. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that contact had been made with Supporting Communities NI regarding the facilitation of a workshop focusing on capacity issues.
- v. He further advised Members that an overview of final spend would be presented at the next North Belfast DPCSP Meeting.
- vi. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with details on the associated budget (£20,000) allocated to Feel Safe – Complex Needs. He advised Members that this budget will be utilised to assist with the delivery of the Dual Diagnosis Project.
- vii. Minutes of the North Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting, which was held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018, copies of which had previously been circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.

#### **4. BDACT Connections Presentation**

- i. Diane McMullan, Belfast Drug and Alcohol Coordination Team (BDACT) provided Members with an overview on the RAPID Bins.
- ii. She outlined to Members the importance of promoting the removal of all illegal drugs, unused prescription medication and New Psycho Active (NPS) legal highs from communities.
- iii. She also provided Members with an overview of the support available to families and young people suffering from the effects of misuse of illegal drugs, prescription pills or legal highs.
- iv. Diane also highlighted the importance of community and statutory agencies working together to improve the quality of life in the local community.
- v. She informed Members of the locations of the RAPID Bins throughout Belfast, in particular with reference to North Belfast:
  - North Queen Street GP Surgery
  - Grove Health and Wellbeing Centre
  - Glandore GP Surgery
  - CO-OP Oldpark Road
  - Whitewell Pharmacy
  - Tesco City Side has approved a bin
  - Tesco Ballygomartin – in discussions with Manager.
- vi. Councillor Mary Ellen Campbell asked for the exact location of the RAPID Bin at the CO-OP Oldpark Road.
- vii. Diane advised that the location of the RAPID Bin within the store is slightly hidden and that she has requested for the store to relocate it to a place where it will be more visible.
- viii. Diane also advised Members of discussions being held with Asda and Abbeycentre regarding the possibility of a RAPID Bin being located within these facilities.
- ix. Alderman Guy Spence offered the support of Elected Members to provide assistance when perusing new locations for the RAPID Bins.
- x. Jennifer Cornell suggested Iceland (Ballysillan) and Ballysillan Leisure Centre for possible locations for RAPID Bins.

- xi. A Member also suggested that Girdwood Hub could be a possible location for a RAPID Bin. Members requested for contact to be made with Girdwood Hub to review the possibility of a RADID Bin being located there.
- xii. Following a discussion, Members acknowledged that specific interventions relating to drugs needed to be delivered in North Belfast.
- xiii. Members thanked Diane for her attendance at the North Belfast DPCSP Meeting and for her very informative presentation.

## **5. North Belfast Drug and Alcohol Forum**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the North Belfast Drug and Alcohol Forum held on 25<sup>th</sup> April.
- ii. He advised Members that a representative from the Health and Social Care Trust and Gary McMichael, Chief Executive Officer, ASCERT attended the meeting and provided the group with an overview on current emerging issues and overall drug usage at this time. Members requested for a copy of the presentation delivered to be circulated to Members for information.
- iii. Members highlighted their concern regarding the perception that people are unable to access the services they need, primarily due to waiting lists and the de-escalation of services.
- iv. A Member commented that more linkage should be made with the Family Support Units within the North Belfast Advice Clinics.
- v. Following a discussion, the Safer City Coordinator (Alan Wardle) suggested the possibility of the associated budgets profiled within the Action Plan to be amalgamated to allow for the delivery of a more strategic piece of work across North Belfast.
- vi. Councillor Campbell advised the Partnership that local people within North Belfast do not know what the purpose or role of the North Belfast DPCSP is. Councillor Campbell requested for the profile of the North Belfast DPCSP to be highlighted on the PCSP Facebook to allow local people to gain an insight to what the aim and roles of the Partnership are.
- vii. Chief Inspector Kellie Moore suggested for the North Belfast DPCSP Facebook link to be put on to the PSNI Facebook (North Belfast). She commented that their site could be used to signpost people to the North Belfast DPCSP. Members welcomed this suggestion.

## **6. North Belfast Hate Crime Working Group Update**

- i. Jennifer Cornell provided Members with an update regarding the North Belfast Hate Crime Working Group.
- ii. She advised Members that the No Hate Here Initiative had been postponed and the Group would revisit the project next month.
- iii. She further advised Members that an email had been received from Olivia Lucas, Institute for Conflict Research requesting that representatives from local groups could be identified to act on behalf of the Muslim Community.

- iv. Members requested the email be circulated to the Partnership for information.
- v. She also provided Members with an update on the Friendship Club Project. She suggested for North Belfast DPCSP to support this initiative and similar projects in future.
- vi. She further commented that the Friendship Club leaflets are now included in the Northern Ireland Housing Executive Welcome Packs.

## **7. Members North Belfast Priorities and Emerging Issues**

### YJA

- i. A Member advised the Partnership that he had recently attended a meeting regarding anti-social behaviour within the Newlodge area.
- ii. He further advised Members that the YJA would expect a few referrals made to their services following the Easter period.

### NIHE

- i. A Member provided the Partnership with an update on the NIHE.
- ii. He advised Members of ongoing issues within the Newlodge area and how the NIHE are addressing these.

### EA

- i. A Member advised the Partnership that Lyndsey Branniff had recently been appointed as the new Head of Service within the Education Authority.
- ii. He further advised Members of the funding that had been secured by the Education Authority.

### NIFRS

- i. Dave McComiskey, Station Commander, NIFRS provided Members with an update regarding the recent services provided by the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service.

### DPCSP Members

- i. Jennifer Cornell advised Members that the Greater Shankill Community Safety Network had requested North Belfast DPCSP to facilitate a Public Meeting in the Shankill area.
- ii. Following a discussion, Members agreed for the Safer City Coordinator to review this request and advise Members accordingly.
- iii. Jennifer Cornell commented that West Belfast DPCSP membership included Locally Designates. She asked what the role of the Local Designates had been with regards the West Belfast DPCSP.
- iv. Alan Wardle, Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the role of West Belfast DPCSP Locally Designates. He advised Members that the Local Designates had no voting rights but represented a clear link to local issues.

## **8. North Belfast DPCSP Funding Model Update**

- i. The Safer City Co-Ordinator reminded Members that a 10% reduction in the 2018/2019 budget had been anticipated.
- ii. However, he advised Members that confirmation of 2018/2019 budgets had been confirmed and the budget allocated to North Belfast DPCSP had now increased to £138,411.
- iii. Members noted the content of the report.

## **9. 2018/2019 (D)PCSP Action Plan**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the 2018/2019 North Belfast DPCSP Action Plan.
- ii. He suggested for funding in 2018/2019 be allocated, through quotations into youth diversionary projects. Members welcomed this suggestion and agree to the allocation of funds as discussed.

## **10. DPCSP Audit and Governance Arrangements**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the governance arrangements in place for the Belfast (D)PCSP's.
- ii. He asked Members to note the content of the report and support its implementation.
- iii. Members noted the report detailed.

## **11. DPCSP Scheme of Delegated Authority**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator requested Members to approve a delegated authority process to progress spend in relation to the 2018/2019 North Belfast DPCSP Action Plan.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator requested that Members approve delegated authority to the Safer City Coordinator to allow for expenditure, with approvals for the Chair and Vice Chair, up to £1,000 for the remainder of the Partnerships 2018/2019 term.
- iii. He also requested that Members approve delegated authority to the Safer City Coordinator to allow expenditure up to £3,000 with the approval of the Chair, Vice Chair along with the Safer City Manager or the Safer City Assistant Manager for the Partnership's 2018/2019 term.
- iv. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that all project proposals considered under this process are subject to governance checks and due diligence.
- v. Following an in depth discussion, Members agreed to approve delegated authority as requested. However, Members requested all project proposals be emailed for consideration to the full Partnership. It was agreed that Members would be given a set timeframe to forward responses to the Safer City Coordinator with regards project proposals.

## **12. Date of Next Meeting**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the next North DPCSP Meeting will be held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 6.00pm.