

## **East Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership**

### **Policing Committee Meeting**

**East Belfast Network Centre  
Tuesday 20th March, 2018**

#### **Attendees**

CI D Moore (PSNI)  
Councillor M O'Donnell (Chair)  
Councillor A Graham  
Alderman T Sandford  
Councillor S Copeland  
L McMaster  
D Geddis  
M Bryans  
J Currie  
G Ballantyne (NIHE)  
P Smart (EA)  
J McKenna (PBNI)

Glenn Thomas, Safer City Coordinator  
Andy Claydon, Partnership Support Officer

#### **Welcome and Routine Matters**

- i. The Chair welcomed Members to the Policing Committee Meeting

#### **Declarations of Interest**

- i. No declarations of interest noted.

#### **Minutes/Matters Arising**

- i. Minutes were agreed as read.
- ii. Minutes were proposed by D Geddis and seconded by L McMaster

#### **Area Commanders Update**

- i. CI Moore provided Members with an overview of recent crime figures and commented on the following issues:
  - Anti Social Behaviour is a particular concern across the City, with the East showing a rise of 3.7% from last year.
  - The Issue around Connswater has now abated due in part to the good work of several Members. CI Moore suggested that the street teams had been the best

people to deal with most incidents of ASB as the PSNI can only move the problem on.

- Domestic Violence incidents have increased by 8% and the PSNI are responding by operating a 'near' zero-tolerance policy and ensuring to progress cases very quickly.
  - CI Moore reported that many of the burglary figures were for attempted burglaries which may suggest that the messages of how to protect your property are being acted on. Burglary figures do appear to be higher in the East of the City.
  - A positive result in terms of burglaries of older people was reported to Members with a decrease of 8.1%. Despite this, CI Moore commented on reports of scams being prevalent in East Belfast.
  - Drug offences increased by 9.8% with small decreases in both drug related arrests and seizures.
- ii. CI Moore suggested that incidents of good and positive police actions will be provided to Members on a regular basis as is done within the PSNI. The Safer City Coordinator agreed to forward any such information received from CI Moore to the Members.

### **Emerging Issues**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator asked Members to respond to an email they are due to receive from within the Unit to obtain feedback on Partnership effectiveness.
- ii. A Member alerted the Partnership to the Hotel Academy, which was to present an employment opportunity for local unemployed people.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

Members were reminded that the next meeting of the Policing Committee would be on 29<sup>th</sup> May in the Network Centre.