

Minutes of South Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Private Meeting

Thursday 29th January 2015, 2.00pm
Conor Room, City Hall, Belfast

Political Members	Independent Members
Ald. Tom Ekin Cllr. Deirdre Hargey	Paula Bradshaw Trevor Greer Debbie Hammill
Statutory Designated Bodies	
NIHE Representative Anita Duff, BELB Christine Hunter, PBNI Chief Inspector Robert Murdie, PSNI	Yvonne McKnight, H&SCT Aideen McLaughlin, YJA
Staff Present	Apologies
Denise Smith, Safer City Coordinator Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer Suzanne Gowling, Safer City Coordinator	Cllr. Kate Mullan (Chair) Aiden Jennings, NIFRS Niall Kelly (Vice Chair)

1. Welcome & Routine Matters

- i. The Chair welcomed the Members to the Private Meeting of the South Belfast DPCSP.
- ii. Apologies were noted for, Councillor Kate Mullan, Aiden Jennings and Niall Kelly.

2. Declarations of Interest

- i. No declarations of interest were declared.

3. Previous Minutes

- i. The Minutes of the South Belfast DPCSP meeting held on 17th November, copies of which were previously circulated, were taken as read and correct.

4. Action Plan Update/Updated Project Proposals

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that an updated South Belfast DPCSP Action Plan would be circulated to Members for information.

4a. Drugs Campaign Proposal

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the Drugs Campaign proposal and informed Members of how the campaign could directly impact on South Belfast.

- ii. She advised Members that an applicant who had received a small grant from South Belfast DPCSP had returned their award. She suggested that these funds could be reallocated to the Belfast PCSP Drugs Campaign.
- iii. A Member asked what would happen if the funds were not fully exhausted. The Safer City Coordinator commented that any under spends created would be returned to the Department of Justice.
- iv. The Chief Inspector commented that the Drugs Campaign complimented the PSNI's Operation Torus. He further commented that the Drugs Campaign would also build on the work already undertaken in relation to legal highs.
- v. Members noted the proposal and agreed to allocate £5,000 towards the delivery of the Drugs campaign.

4b. Gender Based Violence Proposal

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that under Strategic Objective 2 of the South Belfast DPCSP Action Plan, that the Partnership had agreed to commission/procure localised services to increase the awareness of violent crime and gender based violence. She reminded Members that £10,000 had been allocated towards the delivery of this objective.
- ii. She reminded Members that a total of £3,000 had been allocated to Women's Aid and £5,000 to MapNI for delivering a number of initiatives, in particular the development of their websites to address violence crime and gender based crime.
- iii. She informed Members that a total of £2,000 still remained within the budget line of Strategic Objective 2. She informed Members that since the original funding allocation to each organisation, the number of referrals had significantly increased.
- iv. She suggested that Members agree to allocate £1,000 to each organisation due to the number of increased referrals.
- v. Members noted the project proposal and following a discussion agreed to allocate a further £1,000 to Women's Aid and MapNI.

4c. Student Hubs Proposal

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the Student Hubs Proposal. She reminded Members of the success of the Student Hubs held in 2014.
- ii. She suggested to Members that through the delivery of the Student Hubs again, 4 Hubs would take place in each of the main university campuses.
- iii. She commented that the Student Hubs would proactively and interactively address the topics of alcohol misuse, lad's culture, one punch and no consent.
- iv. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the cost for the facilitation and delivery of the Student Hubs would be a total of £3,500. She commented that to

allow for the Student Hubs to be delivered funding could be reallocated from Focused Area Working.

- v. Members noted the project proposal and agreed to allocate £3,500 from Focused Area Working into the delivery of the Student Hubs.

4d. Walkway Proposal

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update regarding the Walkway Proposal.
- ii. A Member commented that there had been approximately over 250 young people gathering on the walkway. She advised Members of a recent incident whereby a mother had been seriously injured on the walkway and subsequently a person had been arrested for the attack. She further commented that the local residents had identified the lighting surrounding the walkway as a concern.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the walkway had been an issue that crosses boundaries into East Belfast and therefore East Belfast DPCSP had considered providing £1,000 to support to delivery of the proposal.
- iv. A Member asked what the age profile had been of the young people gathering on the walkway. A Member commented that the age profile of the young people varied, but mainly between the ages of 13-19.
- v. Following a discussion regarding the project proposal, the aims and objectives, Members noted the proposal and agreed to allocate £4,815 towards the delivery of the project.

5. PCSP Consultation Update

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the Consultation Exercise conducted by Ineqe.
- ii. He advised Members of the key findings specifically in relation to South Belfast. He commented that the information detailed in the report could assist the Partnership when developing their Transition Plan/Action Plan 2015/16.
- iii. Following a discussion on the findings of the Consultation Report, Members agreed that there needed to be strong focus on increasing the profile of South Belfast DPCSP and where possible to link with existing networks such as Neighbourhood Watch to highlight the role of the Partnership.
- iv. A Member commented that the South Belfast DPCSP Action Plan should not be tailored around funding availability/priorities but it should make reference to working in partnership with other statutory agencies. She suggested for the Partnership to facilitate a meeting to review and discuss possible projects before budgets had been agreed in the Action Plan for 2015/16. Members welcomed this suggestion.
- v. Members noted the report.

6. Performance Management Update

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the Partnership had allocated £2,000 to commission an independent review and evaluation of the effectiveness of the work and projects undertaken by the (D)PCSPs.
- ii. She advised Members that RSM McClure Watters had been appointed to conduct the review. She further informed Members that part of the review involved RSM McClure Watters to facilitate focus groups with each of the Partnerships requiring approximately 30 minutes at the start of the next DPCSP meeting.
- iii. Members noted the report and agreed for RSM McClure Watters to attend the next DPCSP Meeting.

7. PCSP Communique from Joint Committee

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update on the PCSP Communique from the Joint Committee.
- ii. She advised Members that a Communiqué included two key items;
 - Partnerships are required to provide a 9 month Annual Report for the period April – December 2014 which is to be approved by the current Membership and submitted to the Joint Committee by 31st March, 2015.
 - Due to a delay in the recruitment process, it is unlikely that the Partnerships will be reconstituted before late June, 2015 and so PCSPs are asked to review current Action Plans in order to develop a 6 month Transitional Action Plan which will be led by staff in the absence of a Partnership. This is to be submitted to the Joint Committee by 28th February.
- iii. Members highlighted their concern regarding no DPCSP meetings until the new DPCSP is constituted and asked for the Safer City Manager to be made aware of their concerns

8. Date of Next Meeting

- i. Members noted that a South Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting will be held on Thursday 26th February at 6.00pm in the Conor Room, City Hall, Belfast.