

**Minutes of the South Belfast District Policing and Community Safety
Partnership**

Private Meeting

Monday 24th October 2016, 6.00pm

Wellington Park Hotel, Belfast

Political Members	Independent Members
Councillor Geraldine McAteer (Chair)	Michael Boyle
Councillor Declan Boyle	Richard Kennedy
Councillor Jeffrey Dudgeon	
Councillor McDonough-Brown	
Statutory Designated Bodies	
Gary Ballantyne, NIHE	Dermot Magorrian, YJA
Inspector Jamie Hughes	Station Commander Michael Roberts
Chief Inspector Robert Murdie	
Belfast City Council Staff Present	Apologies
Suzanne Gowling Safer City Coordinator	Aleksandra Lojek-Magdziarz (VC)
Saranne Gallagher Partnership Support Officer	Councillor Deirdre Hargey
Rosie Hamilton, Project Officer	Aidan Hughes
	Christine Hunter, PBNI
	Yvonne McKnight, H&SCT
	Councillor Lee Reynolds
	Paul McDonnell

1. Welcome & Routine Matters

- i. The Chair, welcomed all Members to the Private Meeting of the South Belfast DPCSP and noted the apologies provided.

2. Declarations of Interest

- i. The Chair asked Members to declare any material interests which they may have in relation to any item of business to be considered during the meeting.
- ii. Councillor Declan Boyle declared an interest in Item 9c and Anita Duff, Education Authority declared an interest in Item 9a.

3. Minutes and Matters Arising

- i. The Minutes of the Private Meeting held on 22nd August 2016, copies of which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the actions following the previous South Belfast DPCSP Meeting.
- iii. Station Commander, Michael Roberts confirmed that a report regarding the attendance of the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service at Bonfires would be forwarded to the Safer City Coordinator for circulation to the Partnership.

4. Partner Updates

- i. Dermot Magorrian, Youth Justice Agency provided Members with an overview of the content of the 'No Harm Done' DVD. He advised Members footage could be accessed via YouTube.
- ii. Anita Duff, Education Authority advised Members that a survey regarding young people and their perspectives on policing had commenced. She informed Members that the survey would be specific to South Belfast and a copy of the survey would be circulated to Members for information.
- iii. Station Commander Michael Roberts, NIFRS advised Members that the Eastern Area Command would be holding an annual 999 Open Day at Central Fire Station on Saturday 29th October between 13:00 and 16:00hrs. He informed Members that at the event there would be a series of demonstrations and displays from all 999 responders, including the Fire and Rescue, Police, Ambulance and Coastguard. Station Commander Michael Roberts welcomed Members to attend and to advise local community groups of the event.
- iv. A Member commented that following the recent statement made by Alan McQuillan regarding the legalisation of cannabis, he asked Members what had been the views of the Partnership on this statement. The Chair commented that Alan McQuillan is a private citizen and therefore felt that it would be inappropriate question to be discussed at the South Belfast DPCSP Meeting.
- v. Following a discussion regarding drugs within South Belfast, Members agreed to host a public meeting in January/February 2017 around this theme.

5. 2016/2017 South Belfast DPCSP Action Plan, Quarter 1 Update

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of Quarter 2 delivery of the South Belfast DPCSP's Action Plan 2016-2017.
- ii. She advised Members of a breakdown of progress to date against each project. She further advised Members of a detailed spend and confirmed the amounts not currently committed.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator presented to Members project proposals for spend for delivery as part of the South Belfast DPCSP's Action Plan 2016-2017.

- iv. She advised Members that the following budgets remained within each of the South Belfast DPCSP Action Plan:

South Belfast DPCSP Action Plan Priority	Budget Remaining (Not committed)
South Belfast DPCSP operates effectively	£888.27
People in South Belfast feel safe	£35,214
Vulnerable People in South Belfast feel safe	£150
People in South Belfast Feel Safe – free from the impact of hate crime and fear of hate crime	£40
People in South Belfast Feel Safe – free from the impact of drug and alcohol related offending and antisocial behaviour	£2,741
People in South Belfast have confidence in the criminal justice system, policing and South Belfast DPCSP	£7,282

- v. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that project proposals had been developed to utilise any potential under spends identified.
- vi. The Safer City Manager informed Members that Belfast PCSP had reviewed the budget spend of each of the DPCSP's at their last meeting. She advised Members that Belfast PCSP had some concerns regarding potential under spends by each DPCSP. She further commented that a meeting had been scheduled for the Chair and Vice Chair to meet with Belfast PCSP to discuss budget spend.
- vii. The Chair asked if South Belfast DPCSP would be anticipating an under spend from this year's budget. The Safer City Manager commented that an under spend at this stage from South Belfast DPCSP did not seem likely, but monitoring of the budget would be essential to ensure that no under spend is identified.

6. South Belfast DPCSP'S Equality Scheme and Disability Action Plan

- i. The Safer City Coordinator presented to Members the South Belfast DPCSP's Equality Scheme and Disability Action Plan.
- ii. She asked Members to review the content of both South Belfast DPCSP's Equality Scheme and Disability Action Plan.
- iii. Members noted and agreed on the content of both reports.

7. Chairs Update

- i. The Chair advised Members that she had attended a recent Induction Training Course organised by the Department of Justice and NI Policing Board in Cookstown.

- ii. She requested for the presentations that were delivered at the training to be circulated to the Partnership for information.
- iii. The Chair also advised Members that she attended a further meeting organised by the NI Policing Board and commented that from the meeting it had been evident that a review of how young people are socialising with in open spaces throughout Belfast needed to be conducted.
- iv. The Chair advised Members that the PSNI would be attending the next South Belfast DPCSP Meeting to deliver a presentation on Body Worn Cameras.
- v. The Chair further advised Designate Members that she hoped to meet individually with them over the forthcoming weeks.

8. Emerging Issues

- i. The Safer City Coordinator reassured Members that approximately £35,000 remained to be fully utilised within the South Belfast DPCSP Action Plan.
- ii. She further commented that a number of project proposals had been developed that would utilise £21,500 of the remaining budget.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator presented Members with an overview of the following project proposals and detailed resource implications for each:

Project Proposal	Total Funding Required
Lagan Walkway	£10,000
Students Against Hate Crime	£5,000
Official Police Warning Signage	£2,000
Practical Training for landlords on addressing antisocial behaviour	£3,000
Sandy Row and Market Women's Group	£1,500

- iv. Following a discussion, Members noted and agreed to allocate the funding requested to each project proposals.