

Minutes of South Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Policing Committee

Tuesday 24th October 2017, 5:45pm

Lavery Room, Belfast City Hall

Political Members	Independent Members
Councillor Lee Reynolds Councillor Donal Lyons Councillor Geraldine McAteer Councillor Jeffrey Dudgeon Councillor Deirdre Hargey	Richard Kennedy (Vice Chair) Michael Boyle Paul McDonnell Aidan Hughes
Statutory Designated Bodies	
Paul McCombe, NIHE Deirdre Grant, PBNI Anita Duff, EA	Chief Inspector Gavin Kirkpatrick, PSNI Dermot Magorrian, YJA
DOJ Representative	
Brice Dickson	
Belfast City Council Staff	Apologies
Suzanne Gowling, Safer City Coordinator (SCC) Rachel Fulton, Partnership Support Officer	

1. Welcome and Routine Matters

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

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 declared.

3. Minutes/Matters Arising

- i. The Minutes of the Policing Meeting held on 31st Aug 2017, copies of which were previously circulated, were agreed as correct.

4. Performance against the South Belfast District Policing Plan

- i. Chief Inspector Gavin Kirkpatrick updated the Members on the performance against the South Belfast District Policing.
- ii. Members noted that:
 - Overall crime had increased by 0.2%;
 - Burglary had decreased by 14.3%;
 - Number of racist hate crimes had decreased by 11.8%
 - An increase of 11.1% in relation to the number of anti-social behaviour incidents; and,
 - An increase of 13.8% in the number of drug seizures.

- iii. Chief Inspector Kirkpatrick also advised Members that there had been an increase in Homophobic hate crime, which had increased by 13%. He added that the majority of incidents were verbal attacks in streets, bars and food outlets.

5. Performance Against NI Policing Plan

- iv. Members were provided with the newly introduced Northern Ireland Policing Plan Monitoring report and were reminded of the five separate measures that require the PSNI to work in collaboration with PCSPs in order to achieve the following objectives:
 - Increase confidence in policing in areas where it was identified as being lower through initiatives in collaboration with local communities, partner agencies and PCSPs
 - Increase young people’s confidence in policing in areas where it was identified as being lower through initiatives carried out in collaboration with local communities, partner agencies and PCSPs
 - Improve service to the most vulnerable across PSNI policing districts through the implementation of support hubs in collaboration with PCSPs and other partners
 - Demonstrate an effective contribution in addressing anti-social behaviour particularly in areas of high deprivation and hot spot areas in collaboration with PCSPs and relevant others within the community
 - Demonstrate an effective contribution to the elimination of Paramilitarism in Northern Ireland in collaboration with partner agencies, local communities and PCSPs through co-design of programmes and interventions
- v. The SCC commented on the importance of Members becoming familiar with the template layout and the kind of information that needs to be included within the report.
- vi. Members were advised of 5 deadline dates that the SCC is required to report back to NIPB on:

Measure	Reporting Date
2.1.1	5 th of October 2017
2.1.4	5 th of October 2017
3.3.2	2 nd of November 2017
1.1.3	7 th of December 2017
1.1.4	7 th of December 2017

- xix. Members felt it would be useful to get a chance to review detail given the scale and challenge of tackling paramilitarism.
- xx. Members were then asked to identify areas where they felt confidence in policing in South Belfast was lower.
- xxi. A Member stated that confidence is low around Victoria Place area due to numerous issues.
- xxii. Another Member added that they felt confidence was low around the Donegall Pass area.
- xxiii. In response to a request relating to an ASB issue around high rise flats in Great Victoria Street, The SCC stated that she would speak to the South Belfast ASB Officer to investigate.

- xxiv. A Member stated that there will be significant amount of funds going into communities in the future but that it was important to ensure that any gaps would be picked up by South Belfast DPCSP and other agencies.
- xxv. The SCC stated the Partnership could convene a meeting in January and discuss the DPCSP work plan and identify any gaps that there may be. She also advised that there will be a briefing for Members on Fresh Start and would inform Members on a date once confirmed.

6. Date of Next Meeting

- xxvi. Members noted that the next South Belfast DPCSP Policing Committee Meeting would take place on Wed 31 Jan in the Conor Room, City Hall.

7. Close

- i. The Chair thanked the Members for attending.