

# Minutes of the West Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

## Policing Committee Meeting

Belfast Metropolitan College, E3 Building Springvale Campus

Monday, 20th March 2017

<b>Political Members</b>	<b>Independent Members</b>
Councillor Brian Heading (Chair)	Breige Brownlee (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Matt Garrett	Claire Canavan
Councillor Stephen Magennis	
<b>PSNI</b>	
Superintendent Norman Haslett, PSNI	Inspector Alan Swann, PSNI
Chief Inspector Kelly McMillen, PSNI	
<b>Staff Present</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
Denise Smith, Safer City Coordinator	Liz Groves
Rachel Fulton, Partnership Support Officer	

### 1. Welcome and Routine Matters

- i. The Chair welcomed Members to the Policing Committee Meeting and noted the apologies provided.

### 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 noted.

### 3. West Belfast DPCSP Minutes & Matters Arising

- iii. The Minutes of the West Belfast DPCSP Policing Committee Meeting held on 20 January 2017, copies of which had previously been circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.  
Proposed: Councillor Magennis  
Seconded: Claire Canavan
- iv. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update on the actions required from the previous meetings:

PSNI to provide a breakdown analysis of all burglary types for the last quarter	Date of Next Meeting	PSNI
PSNI to look into providing figures in regard to cases progressing to convictions and resulting in sentencing	Date of Next Meeting	PSNI
PSNI to provide update in regard to the attack on a 72 year old on Black's Road	Date of Next Meeting	PSNI

- v. Chief Inspector Kelly McMillen provided a breakdown of burglary types. She highlighted to members the spike in domestic burglaries within the Andersonstown area, increasing from 3-11.
- vi. Chief Inspector McMillen stated that there has been a number of social media appeals in relation to burglaries and advised members to be mindful regarding these incidents.
- vii. A member raised his concerns regarding the spike in incidents within the Andersonstown area and stated that if the partnership could do anything to help combat this, then it should do so.
- viii. Inspector Swann informed members that up to 40% of burglaries in Belfast are a result of residents leaving window and doors open. He further commented that there were numerous advertisement campaigns to try and deter this from happening.
- ix. A Member welcomed a decrease in incidents in the Falls Park and requested if a breakdown on the number of incidents leading to arrests and charges could be provided.
- x. Chief Inspector Kelly McMillen advised that some figures could be provided, however, obtaining reports providing information leading to arrests could prove difficult.
- xi. After a lengthy discussion on burglaries, a member suggested that the partnership look at areas of good practice. He alluded to advertisement boards being used within the Carrick area to alert communities of various incidents occurring.
- xii. Chief Inspector McMillen agreed to try and obtain advertising board as a pilot within West Belfast.
- xiii. Chief Inspector McMillen further agreed to try and obtain information from PPS in relation to burglaries leading to arrests and charges, which would be brought back to a meeting in May.
- xiv. Chief Inspector McMillen also updated members on incident involving a 72 year old male on Blacks Road, detailing the PSNI investigation around the case.
- xv. A member thanked Chief Inspector McMillen for her detailed update in relation to the case.

#### **4. Area Commanders Update/Summary**

- i. Chief Inspector Kelly McMillen provided Members with an update on West Belfast's Performance against the Local Policing Plan up to 09 March 2017. The following key points were noted as being achieved:
  - A decrease of 4.7% in relation to offences committed against older people;
  - A decrease of 11.8% in relation to number of burglaries involving older people;
  - A decrease of 5.4% in relation to the outcome rates for crime with a sectarian motivation; and,
  - A decrease of 10.2% in relation to the number of anti-social behaviour incidences.
- ii. She advised Members that figures in relation to victim updates was down by 7% and stated that officers may not be ticking correct boxes on system. Furthermore, she provided specific figures in relation to February's performance with 192 victims within 10 days given a call back, with 14 not receiving an update.

- iii. Chief Inspector McMillen advised that the number of drug seizures was down 3.2% and was an area for concern. She commented that drugs is a major issue citywide and that the PSNI are doing a lot of work in relation to this.

**6. Date of Next Meeting**

- i. Members noted that the next West Belfast DPCSP Policing Committee Meeting would be held on Wednesday 24th May, Conor Room, City Hall.