

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

## Policing Committee Meeting

Lavery Room, Belfast City Hall  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017

### Political Members

Alderman Brian Kingston(Chair)  
Councillor Matt Garrett  
Councillor Stephen Magennis

### Independent Members

Claire Canavan(Vice Chair)  
Breige Brownlee  
Liz Groves  
Lauren Slane

### Statutory Designated Organisations

Chief Inspector Kellie McMillen PSNI  
Insp Dan Kelly PSNI

### Staff Present

Alan Wardle, Safer City Coordinator  
Rachel Fulton, Partnership Support Officer

### Apologies

Eoin McShane

### Also Present

Wendy Osbourne NIPB

## 1. Welcome and Routine Matters

- i. The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting of the West Belfast DPCSP Policing Committee.

## 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

- i. The Minutes of the West Belfast DPCSP Policing Committee Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> May, copies of which had previously been circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.
- ii. There were no matters arising from the minutes.
- iii. Due to no quorum, Members noted minutes from 23<sup>rd</sup> August Policing Committee.

## 4. Performance against West Belfast District Policing Plan

- i. Chief Inspector Kellie McMillen updated the Members on the performance against the West Belfast District Policing Plan.
- ii. Members noted that:
  - Overall crime had increased by 3.7%;
  - Incidents of domestic violence had decreased by 5.8%;

- Number of burglaries had decreased by 27.6%;
- Number of burglaries in which older persons are victims had decreased by 40%;
- An increase of 4.4% in relation to the number of anti-social behaviour incidents; and,
- A decrease of 13.5% in relation to the number of drug arrests.

## **5. Performance Against NI Policing Plan**

- i. Chief Inspector McMillen advised of 5 areas that would be a key focus within Policing Plan, namely;
  - 1. Communication and Engagement
  - 2. Burglary
  - 3. Drugs
  - 4. ASB
  - 5. Domestic Abuse
- ii. Members noted the content of report and reiterated the need for positive figures to be publicised in the public domain, in order to build community confidence in policing.
- iii. In response to a question relating to a survey to gauge community confidence in policing within the Colin area, Chief Inspector McMillen advised that the development of the survey was in the early stages and would be brought to the Partnership at a future meeting before publication.
- iv. A Member raised their concerns regarding the ongoing issue of drugs in areas of Blacks Road Park, Blacks Path and Ladybrook and requested joined up activity from PSNI and other agencies on those sites.
- v. Chief Inspector McMillen noted request and advised that PSNI would follow up on the issue.

## **6. Emerging Issues**

- i. A Member raised their concerns around input from statutory agencies on key issues at Private Meetings and stated the need for them to have more of a role and function within the DPCSP.
- ii. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the next West Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting would include an agenda item relating to issue of safeguarding young people in communities.
- iii. It was also agreed that the SCC would request written reports from all statutory agencies around the tabled issue, detailing what they are doing in relation to safeguarding young people in communities and their strategies around ASB.

## **7. Close**

- i. The Chair thanked Members for attending the West Belfast DPCSP Policing Committee Meeting.