

Minutes of the East Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Policing Committee Meeting

1st Floor HR Conference Room, Cecil Ward Building, Belfast

Tuesday, 21st October, 2014

Political Members	Independent Members
Councillor Mervyn Jones	Mr Andrew Moorhead
Councillor Adam Newton	Mr Mark Houston
Alderman Gavin Robinson	
Police Service of Northern Ireland Representatives	
Chief Inspector David Moore	
Staff Present	Apologies
Glenn Thomas, Safer City Coordinator Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer	Councillor Niall O'Donnaghaile Mr Gareth Beacom Mrs Lynda Gibson

1. Welcome and Routine Matters

- i. The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting and noted apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest

- i. No declarations of interest were noted.

3. East Belfast Policing Committee Minutes

- i. The minutes of the East Belfast DPCSP Policing Committee Meetings held on 28th August, copies of which had previously been circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.

4. Policing Committee Applications

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update regarding the detail of an application received in respect of funding through the Policing Committee.
- ii. Chief Inspector David Moore declared an interest in the application and left the meeting.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator advised the Members that one application had been received from the following group for the sum indicated:
 - PSNI East Belfast 5 A Side Primary Schools Competition - £100.00.
- iv. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the application.
- v. A Member commented that if the applicant contacted the Parks and Leisure Department, they may have received support for the delivery of the project without incurring any financial costs.

- vi. Members agreed to fund the requested amount and support the application.

5. Area Commanders Update

- i. The Chief Inspector provided Members with an update on PSNI performance against Local Policing Plan for the period April-June 2014.
- ii. The Chief Inspector advised Members that the overall crime rate had increased by 10.9%.
- iii. The Chief Inspector commented that there had been an decrease of 14 crimes in relation to violent crime with injury and an increase of 47 crimes in relation to violent crime without injury.
- iv. He advised Members that there had been an additional five robberies since August 2014. He commented that the robberies included four commercial robberies where firearms had been used.
- v. The Chief Inspector informed Members that there had been a 6.7% increase in burglaries. He commented that this had accounted for an additional 14 burglaries.
- vi. A Member asked if smart water identification for bicycles had still been available. The Chief Inspector confirmed that the smart water identification technique had been still available.
- vii. The Chief Inspector informed Members that there had been an increase in relation to the number of arrests that had been made regarding drug offences. He commented that there had been 58 arrests made for drug offences this year in comparison to 44 last year.
- viii. The Chief Inspector advised Members of the PSNI training days for drug awareness. He invited Members to attend the training days. Information regarding the training days to be circulated to Members accordingly.
- ix. The Vice Chair thanked Chief Inspector David Moore for his attendance and for the update.

6. Date of Next Meeting

- i. Members requested for the date of the next DPCSP Policing Committee Meeting to be circulated for information.