

North Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Policing Committee

9 Adelaide Street, Room AD1H
Thursday, 16th August 2018

Political Members	Independent Members
Councillor Ryan Murphy (Chair)	Gerard O'Reilly
Councillor Mary Clarke	Michael Murray
Alderman Frank McCoubrey	
Designated Organisations	
Declan Davey, YJA	Gabi Mornhinweg, H&SCT
Liam Gunn, NIHE	Chief Inspector Kelly Moore
Davy McComiskey, NIFRS	Inspector Paul Noble, PSNI
Staff Present	
Alan Wardle, Safer City Coordinator	Jennifer Cornell (Vice-Chair)
Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer	Councillor Paul McCusker
	Catherine Patrick
	Gerald Solinas

1. Welcome and Routine Matters

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that Councillor Ryan Murphy had been appointed the new Chair of North Belfast DPCSP.
- ii. The Chair, Councillor Ryan Murphy welcomed Members to the North Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting and noted the apologies provided.

2. Declaration of Interests

- 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 made.

3. Minutes/Matters Arising

- i. Minutes of the North Belfast DPCSP Policing Committee Meeting, which was held on 23rd May 2018, copies of which had previously been circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.

4. Members Written Questions

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised the Partnership that an Independent Member had submitted written questions for response by the Area Commander.
- ii. He provided Members with an overview of the questions and the answers provided.
- iii. Members noted the content of the report and the details provided in the questions and answers.

5. Area Commander's Update on Policing

- i. Inspector Paul Noble provided Members with an overview on police performance against the Local Policing Plan. Members noted that:
 - Overall crime had increased by 5.9%;
 - An increase of 28.6% had been recorded in relation to the total number of drug offences;
 - An increase of 6.7% had been recorded in relation to the total number of racist hate crimes;
 - An decrease of 7.2% had been recorded in relation to a reduction in the total number of burglaries;
 - An decrease of 15.5% had been recorded in relation to the number of crimes against older people; and,
 - An increase of 3.9% had been recorded in relation to the total number of crimes involving domestic motivation.
- ii. He advised Members that no major issues had been reported during the day/evening of the 8th August (Unwanted Bonfires).
- iii. Alderman McCoubrey highlighted his concern regarding the recent drug related deaths in the Shankill area. He also commented that the misuse of cocaine is also a growing area of concern.
- iv. Chief Inspector Kelly Moore commented that the misuse of polydrugs and alcohol was a major concern for the PSNI within the Shankill area.
- v. Following a discussion, Chief Inspector Kelly Moore suggested for colleagues from the Organised Crime Branch to attend a future North Belfast DPCSP Meeting. Members welcomed this suggestion.

6. Policing Committee Applications

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with details in relation to recently requested funding through Policing Committee Grants

- ii. He advised Members that two organisations; Dean Clarke Foundation and Alexandra Body Builders had been awarded Grants, under the previously agreed due diligence process, for £1,000 and £1,088 respectively for summer intervention work with young people.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator further advised Members that a new application from Greater Shankill ACT had also been received for a schools project dealing with road safety in the Greater Shankill area. He advised Members that the project seeks a £1,500 contribution toward a project estimated to cost £1,690.74 and has been peer reviewed, with due diligence and governance applied.
- iv. Members noted the content of the report and agreed to support the projects as detailed:

- Dean Clarke Foundation	£1,000
- Alexandra Body Builders	£1,088
- Greater Shankill ACT	£1,500

7. Local Policing Review Consultation

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that PSNI, led by Assistant Chief Constable Alan Todd, would be undertaking a public consultation between September and October 2018.
- ii. He further advised Members that Belfast PCSP would host a (D)PCSP Member only consultation workshop at 7pm on Monday 10 September in City Hall and light refreshments will be available from 6.35pm.
- iii. In addition to this consultation, he informed Members that the DPCSPs had been asked to consider hosting a public consultation event in their area as their September/October Public Meetings.
- iv. Chief Inspector Kelly Moore welcomed Members to attend this event.
- v. Members noted the report and agreed to facilitate a public consultation event following their Private Meeting in September.

8. Effectiveness Presentation

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the presentation about The Effectiveness of Policing Committees, by Ulster University.
- ii. Members noted the report and details provided.

9. Date of Next Meeting

- i. Date and venue of the next Policing Committee Meeting to be circulated to Members in due course.