

North Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Policing Committee

9 Adelaide Street, Room AD1H
Wednesday, 23rd May 2018

Political Members	Independent Members
Councillor Paul McCusker	Jennifer Cornell (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Mary Ellen Campbell	Gerard O'Reilly
Councillor Mary Clarke	Michael Murray
Alderman Guy Spence	Catherine Patrick
Designated Organisations	
Declan Davey, YJA	Davy McComiskey, NIFRS
Inspector Paul Noble, PSNI	Liam Gunn, NIHE
Gabi Mornhinweg, H&SCT	Alan Wilson, EA
Chief Inspector Kelly Moore	
Staff Present	Apologies
Lorna Somers, Assistant Safer City Unit Manager	Davy Harbinson
Alan Wardle, Safer City Coordinator	Alderman Frank McCoubrey
Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer	

1. Welcome and Routine Matters

- i. The Chair, Councillor Paul McCusker 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. The Safer City Coordinator advised the Partnership that a Member had requested for the Minutes from the previous North Belfast DPCSP Meeting to be amended to reflect a discussion.
- ii. Members noted this request and agreed for the Minutes to be amended as requested.

- iii. Minutes of the North Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting, which was held on 25th April 2018, copies of which had previously been circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.

4. Area Commander's Update on Policing

- i. Chief Inspector Kelly Moore provided Members with an overview on police performance against the Local Policing Plan. Members noted that:
 - Overall crime had decreased by 1.7%;
 - The total number of victim based crime had decreased by 2.8%;
 - The number of violence with injury had decreased by 8%;
 - An increase of 16% had been recorded in relation to sexual offences;
 - An increase of 16.3% had been recorded in relation to the total number of drug offences;
 - An increase of 1.5% had been recorded in relation to the total number of burglaries;
 - An decrease of 5.7% had been recorded in relation to criminal damage; and,
 - A decrease of 20.6% had been recorded in relation to the number of public order offences.
- ii. A Member highlighted his concern with the increase given regarding sexual offences. He queried if the PSNI resources were adequate to deal with these offences.
- iii. Chief Inspector Moore advised Members that although an increase in sexual offences had been noted, that this could be linked to other offences and historic cases being reported to the PSNI.
- iv. The Chair highlighted his concern regarding the ongoing anti-social behaviour within the Marrowbone area.
- v. He commented that in order to address anti-social behaviour issues in the Marrowbone area, effective communication between community representatives, PSNI, Elected Members needs to be established.
- vi. A Member also commented that a level of displacement is linked to the recent anti-social behaviour incidents within North Belfast.
- vii. Councillor Mary Clarke asked if an update could be provided regarding the 'Safe Zone' within Alexander Park. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that this had been a Council led initiative and the Parks department are responsible for overseeing this initiative.
- viii. Alderman Guy Spence highlighted his concern regarding the recent hoax pipe bomb in North Belfast, in particular the time that lapsed until the PSNI arrived at the incident.

- ix. Chief Inspector Moore advised Members that the PSNI's investigations in to this incident are still ongoing. She also advised Members that there had been no link between the two recent hoax incidents.
- x. A Member asked for clarification regarding a press release issued by the PSNI in relation to a recent incident. Chief Inspector Moore advised Members that the timings detailed in the press release had been incorrect and apologised on behalf of the PSNI.

5. Local Policing Plan 2018-2019

- i. The Local Policing Plan 2018-2019 was presented to Members.
- ii. Councillor Mary Ellen Campbell requested for the Local Policing Plan to be amended to reflect some recommendations.
- iii. The Assistant Safer City Manager advised Councillor Campbell, that any amendments being requested should be forwarded to Chief Inspector Moore as the Local Policing Plan's development sits with the Area Commander.

6. Monitoring Against NI Policing Plan

- i. Members were advised of the monitoring reports against the Northern Ireland Policing Plan.
- ii. Members noted the report and the detail provided.

7. Members Written Questions

- i. No written questions were received.

8. Policing Committee Applications

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that a number of policing committee applications had been received and they would be presented at the next North Belfast DPCSP Policing Committee Meeting.