

Minutes of South Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Private Meeting

Monday 26th June, 2018, 12.30pm

Lavery Room, City Hall, Belfast

Political Members	Independent Members
Councillor Jeffrey Dudgeon	Richard Kennedy (Vice Chair)
Councillor Donal Lyons	
Councillor Geraldine McAteer	Michael Boyle
Statutory Designated Bodies	
Anita Duff, EA	Paul McCombe, NIHE
Chief Inspector Gavin Kirkpatrick, PSNI	
Belfast City Council Staff	Apologies
Suzanne Gowling, Safer City Coordinator (SCC)	Paul McDonnell
Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer	Melissa Spence, PBNI
	Yvonne McKnight, H&SCT

1. Welcome & Routine Matters

- i. The Vice Chair welcomed Members to the South Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting and noted the apologies provided.
- ii. Members congratulated Councillor Deirdre Hargey on her appointment of Lord Mayor of Belfast and Councillor Emmett McDonough Brown on his appointment as Deputy Lord Mayor of Belfast. Members thanked both Councillors for their commitment to South Belfast DPCSP.

2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

- i. The Chair asked Members 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 conflict were noted.

3. Minutes and Matters Arising

- i. The Minutes of the Private Meeting held on 30th May, copies of which were previously circulated, were agreed as correct.
- ii. A Member highlighted his concern regarding an increase in the levels of antisocial behaviour between Dunmurray and Lisburn Road. He requested for any supplement information to be provided from Lisburn Road PSNI Station.

4. Chairs Update

- i. The Vice Chair provided Members with an update on the Department of Justice Meeting held recently in Dungannon.
- ii. Members were advised that the Meeting focused on the effectiveness of the Policing Committee and the monitoring of police performance.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that a Joint Briefing will be held in the forthcoming months and the focus of the briefing will be to review the role of the judiciary. Details of the Joint Briefing will be circulated in due course.

5. Update from Statutory Partners

NIHE

- i. No update provided, NIHE had nothing to be reported at the DPCSP Meeting.

EA

- i. A Member advised of the EA's youth engagement programmes that would run during the summer period.

PSNI

- i. Chief Inspector Gavin Kirkpatrick advised Members that in relation to overall crime, a 9% increase had been recorded.
- ii. He also advised Members that an increase had been recorded in relation to burglaries and antisocial behaviour.
- iii. A Member asked how many arrests had been made during the Belsonic Festival.
- iv. Chief Inspector Gavin Kirkpatrick confirmed that nine arrests had been made during the Belsonic Festival.
- v. He further advised Members that a full review of the annual programme of events, including Belsonic would be held.
- vi. A Member asked what the PSNI's policy had been regarding flags.
- vii. Chief Inspector Gavin Kirkpatrick advised Members that the PSNI would only intervene and remove flags if there is a breach of the peace.
- viii. Following an in-depth conversation regarding flags, Members agreed to hold a meeting to discuss them. Members were advised that the discussion would need to be pitched at an institutional level so members could find out what each relevant organisation could or could not, would or would not, do in relation to flags. Members agreed to be realistic in their expectations regarding the outcome of the meeting.

6. WUA Capacity Support Project Update

- i. The Safer City Coordinator updated Members on the progress in relation to the delivery of the 2018/2019 WUA Capacity Support Project.
- ii. Following a discussion, she recommended that Members agree to:
 - To confirm the WUA small working group; and,
 - For the working group to meet with South Belfast Partnership Board and the Chair of PACT on a quarterly basis.
- iii. Richard Kennedy and Micheal Boyle confirmed that they participate in the working group.
- iv. Chief Inspector Gavin Kirkpatrick advised Members that Inspector Jamie Hughes had now moved to Operational Planning and therefore he would attend the working groups in the interim period.

7. Response to Unsolicited Proposals

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with a report providing a recommending that unsolicited proposals are declined and potential applicants signposted to the Policing and Community Safety Small Grants.
- ii. She advised Members that the Belfast PCSP Meeting held on 11th June, Members agreed not to receive unsolicited proposals. However, Members reserve the right to commission services in response to identified need.
- iii. Following a discussion, Members agreed to decline unsolicited proposals and to signposted them to the Policing and Community Safety Small Grants.

8. 2017/2018 Draft Annual Report

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with a draft South Belfast 2017/18 Annual Report.
- ii. She asked Members to:
 - note the information provided regarding the South Belfast DPCSP Annual Report for the period 1st April 2017 – 31st March 2018;
 - agree for the Annual Reports to be circulated to Council and the Joint Committee; and,
 - agree to the publication of the South DPCSP Annual Reports on the Council website
- iii. Members approved the report and the content detailed.

9. Action Plan Implementation Update

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the 2018/2019 Belfast PCSP Action Plan has been submitted to the Joint Committee of the DOJ and NIPB.
- ii. She also provided Members with an update on projects specific to the South Belfast DPCSP and requested permission to progress these through to delivery once all associated governance has been satisfied.
- iii. Following a discussion, the Safer City Coordinator recommended that Members confirm final approval for the Police Led Project as detailed in the Project Description provided.
- iv. Members agreed to support the Police Led Projects and associated budget of £2,500.
- v. She also requested for Members to agree one of the two options detailed below:
 - **Option 1** - To hold an additional meeting in July on a date tbc.
 - **Option 2** – To form a sub-group with delegated authority to agree final approval with regard to projects tabled over the July period. The group will meet on a date to be confirmed.
- vi. Members agreed to hold an additional meeting in July. Details of the Meeting to be confirmed and circulated to Members.

10. ASB Update

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with a South Belfast update on Belfast City Council ASB issues and local district hotspots.
- ii. Members were advised that future ASB reports presented to the Partnership would focus on South Belfast and would not include City Centre statistics.
- iii. Members noted the content of the report provided.

11. Emerging Issues

- i. No emerging issues noted.

12. Date of next meeting

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the August South Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting would be held on Wednesday 29th August, 5.00pm, Lavery Room, City Hall.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that details of the additional Meeting to be held in July will be circulated in due course.
- iii. The Vice Chair thanked everyone for attending.