

# Minutes of South Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

## Private Meeting

Tuesday 31 July, 2018, 1.00pm

Room AD1H, 9 Adelaide, Belfast

<b>Political Members</b>	<b>Independent Members</b>
Councillor Donal Lyons	Richard Kennedy (Vice Chair)
<b>Statutory Designated Bodies</b>	
Anita Duff, EA	Dermot Magorrian, YJA
Deirdre Grant, PBNI	Andy McVeigh, NIFRS
Chief Inspector Gavin Kirkpatrick, PSNI	
<b>Belfast City Council Staff</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
Glenn Thomas, Safer City Coordinator (SCC)	Michael Boyle
Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer	Councillor Jeffrey Dudgeon
	Paul McCombe
	Paul McDonnell
	Yvonne McKnight, H&SCT
	Michael Roberts, NIFRS
	Melissa Spence, PBNI

### **1. Welcome & Routine Matters**

- i. The Vice Chair welcomed Members to the South Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting and noted the apologies provided.

### **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 26<sup>th</sup> June, copies of which were previously circulated, were agreed as correct.

### **4. Chairs Update**

- i. Apologies were noted from the Chair and subsequently no Chair update was provided

### **5. Update from Statutory Partners**

#### **EA**

- i. A Member advised the Partnership of the EA's Summer Intervention Programmes. She commented that the programmes would focus on diversionary activities and engage with young people over the summer period.

## **PBNI**

- i. A Member advised the Partnership of the Supervised Activity Order Scheme being implemented by PBNI.
- ii. Following a discussion, Members welcomed the Coordinator for the Supervised Activity Order Scheme to attend a future DPCSP Meeting.

## **PSNI**

- i. Chief Inspector Gavin Kirkpatrick provided Members with an update on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> July.
- ii. He advised Members that burglary had increased by 6%.
- iii. Chief Inspector Kirkpatrick advised Members of forthcoming events that will require PSNI presence:
  - Pride Parade on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August;
  - Anti-Internment/ Prentice Boys of Derry Parades;
  - Tennent's Vital Music Festival; and,
  - Scheduled Parades, 26<sup>th</sup> August.
- iv. The Vice Chair commented that the usage of crystal meth in Belfast had been highlighted on social media.
- v. Chief Inspector Kirkpatrick advised Members that there had been no traces of crystal meth to date found in Belfast.
- vi. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that an email had been submitted to Council regarding crystal meth and advised Members that (if allowed) he would circulate the email for information.
- vii. A Member asked if there had been an increase in the usage of heroin in Belfast.
- viii. Chief Inspector Kirkpatrick advised Members that out of the 25 drug related deaths in Belfast, 4 of the deaths had been linked to heroin.
- ix. Councillor Lyons highlighted his concern regarding a house being attacked in Erinvale. He requested if the PSNI could increase their presence in this area.
- x. Chief Inspector Kirkpatrick advised Members that the PSNI had been aware of the attack and an increase of PSNI presence had been requested.

## **NIFRS**

- i. Andy McVeigh, NIFRS advised Members that Michael Roberts had moved to a temporary post for six months.
- ii. He provided Members with an update regarding bonfires in South Belfast. He commented that the bonfires in South Belfast were not contentious.

## **6. Action Plan Implementation Update**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that at the last South Belfast DPCSP Partnership Meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> June, it was agreed to convene a Private Meeting at the end of July in order to consider a number of projects that were in the process of being drawn up.
- ii. He provided Members with an in-depth overview of two project proposals and the associated budgets:
  - Growing Older, Growing Safer Project (Lunch Clubs) - £4000
  - Community Guardians Project - £2,965
- iii. He advised Members that both of the aforementioned projects were planned as two-year pieces of work subject to satisfactory evaluation and performance. He further advised that both projects had successfully completed year one.
- iv. Members agreed the project proposals and associated budgets.

## **7. Emerging Issues**

- i. No emerging issues noted.

## **8. Date of next meeting**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that next South Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting would be held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August, 6.00pm, Room AD1H, 9 Adelaide Street.
- ii. The Vice Chair thanked everyone for attending.