

North Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Policing Committee

Conor Room, City Hall
Monday 22nd October, 2018

Political Members	Independent Members
Councillor Ryan Murphy (Chair)	Gerard O'Reilly (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Mary Clarke	Jennifer Cornell
Councillor Paul McCusker	
Alderman Guy Spence	
Designated Organisations	
Mark Cushnahan, NIFRS	Janet McClinton, PBNI
Declan Davey, YJA	Gabi Mornhinweg, H&SCT
Liam Gunn, NIHE	Inspector Paul Noble, PSNI
Inspector Laura Kelly	
Staff Present	Apologies
Alan Wardle, Safer City Coordinator	Harry Bradley, YJA
Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer	Chief Inspector Kelly Moore
	Mark McBride, EA
	Councillor Nuala McAllister
	Catherine Patrick
	Gerald Solinas

1. Welcome and Routine Matters

- i. The Chair, Councillor Ryan Murphy welcomed Members to the North Belfast DPCSP Policing Committee 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 16th August 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 Members that no written questions had been received.

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 6.0%;
 - An increase of 19.6% had been recorded in relation to the total number of drug offences;
 - An increase of 19.5% had been recorded in relation to the total number of racist hate crimes;
 - An decrease of 7.8% had been recorded in relation to a reduction in the total number of burglaries;
 - An decrease of 7.2% had been recorded in relation to the number of crimes against older people; and,
 - An increase of 14.1% had been recorded in relation to the total number of crimes involving domestic motivation.
- ii. He advised Members that the increase in relation the number of hate crimes reported, may be due to an increase in reporting.
- iii. Inspector Paul Noble further advised Members of the recent drugs find in the Glencairn area.
- iv. He informed Members that the PSNI ran a Road Safety Initiative throughout North Belfast during the month of October. He commented that the initiative had been well received by the local community.
- v. He also advised Members that there had been concern regarding arranged fights within North Belfast. Therefore, he advised Members the PSNI would be focussing on the forthcoming Halloween period, specifically in relation to anti-social behaviour.
- vi. The Chair requested for letters to be circulated to schools within North Belfast, highlighting interface areas and urging young people to stay away from these areas.
- vii. A Member also highlighted his concern around the changing culture of young people.
- viii. Following a discussion, Members welcomed for letters to be circulated to local schools.

- ix. A Member also requested for organisations who work directly around interface areas be invited to attend a future DPCSP Meeting to provide an update on their work areas and their role within the local community.
- x. A Member advised of recent ongoing antisocial behaviour in the Newlodge area, particularly Pinkerton Walk/Newlodge Road. He further advised Members that a meeting had been held with the PSNI in relation to the ongoing ASB, but highlighted further engagement between PSNI and the local community is required.
- xi. A Member commented that there seems to be core group of young people who are responsible for the ongoing antisocial behaviour in the Newlodge. He encouraged the PSNI to have resources available in the area, particular the evidence gathering vehicles.

6. Policing Committee Applications

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that no Policing Committee Applications had been received.
- ii. He reminded Members that a total of £4,000 had been allocated to support the delivery of Policing Committee applications. He asked the PSNI to encourage the Neighbourhood Policing Teams to speak to local communities to submit applications.

7. Date of Next Meeting

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