

West Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Private Meeting

Lavery Room, City Hall
Monday, 22nd October 2018

| Political Members | Independent Members |
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| Councillor Matt Garrett Councillor Brian Heading (Acting Chair) | |
| Statutory Designated Organisations | |
| Harry Bradley, YJA Inspector Uel Boyd, PSNI Mark Cushnahan, NIFRS Inspector Louise Dunne, PSNI | Margaret Marley, NIHE Chief Inspector Kellie McMillan, PSNI Pauline Smart, EA |
| Local Designates | |
| Michael George, CNP Aisling Heath, Falls Council | |
| Staff Present | Apologies |
| Alan Wardle, Safer City Co-Ordinator Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer | Breige Brownlee (Vice-Chair) Councillor Claire Canavan(Chair) Nicola Coogan (PBNI) Paddy Kelly (NIHE) Paula Kerr, Upper Falls CSF Councillor Brian Kingston Inspector Clare McClelland |

1. Welcome and Routine Matters

- i. The Acting Chair welcomed Members to the meeting and noted the apologies provided.

2. Declarations of Interest

- 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 recorded.

3. Minutes & Matters Arising

- i. The Minutes of the West Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting held on 18th September, copies of which had previously been circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update on the actions identified at the last West Belfast DPCSP Meeting.
- iii. Chief Inspector McMillan requested for the Minutes (Item 5 Point x) to be amended to reflect 'the main areas of crime' rather than 'all other'.

4. Chairs Update from PCSP

- i. The Acting Chair provided Members with an update from the Belfast PCSP Meeting held on Monday 10th September.
- ii. He advised Members that a discussion had taken place regarding Alison Allen and her new role within Council.

5. Updates from Statutory Partners

NIHE

- i. Margaret Marley, NIHE advised Members that the level of reporting regarding antisocial behaviour throughout West Belfast had been relatively low.
- ii. She also advised Members that the PSNI are currently investigating an incident that occurred on NIHE land and will provide Members with information on the outcome when it is available.

Education Authority

- iii. Pauline Smart, EA, provided Members with an update regarding an accredited programme that the Education Authority are currently delivering in local schools throughout West Belfast. She advised that the programme focused on lawfulness.
- iv. She also informed Members that the Education Authority are currently reviewing budgets, with the hope that funds will become available to allow for the delivery of diversionary activities.

Youth Justice

- v. Harry Bradley advised that the Youth Justice Agency in partnership with the PSNI are reviewing the Community Resolution Notice (CRN) programme. He advised Members the purpose of the review is to expand the CRN programme to include other offences.
- vi. He further advised Members of the ongoing work between local schools and the Youth Justice Agency.
- vii. He also informed Members that the Youth Justice Agency are currently meeting with other statutory agencies regarding young people at risk of paramilitary style attacks.

NIFRS

- viii. Mark Cushnahan, NIFRS provided statistics on major and secondary fires across North and West Belfast.
- ix. He also advised Members that this month had seen 'zero' attacks on the Fire Service within West Belfast.

PSNI

- x. Chief Inspector Kellie McMillan provided Members with an overview on police performance and noted that:
 - Overall crime had increased by 2%; and,
 - The number of anti-social behaviour (ASB) incidents had decreased by 239, indicating a decrease of 11%.
- xi. Chief Inspector McMillan also advised that PSNI operations had been planned from 28th October - 4th November to cover the Halloween holidays.
- xii. A Member thanked the PSNI for their recent drugs finds within West Belfast.
- xiii. Inspector Louise Dunne provided Members with an overview of the PSNI 101 Service. She commented if Members had any concerns regarding this service, if they could forward them on to for her for follow up/action.
- xiv. Members thanked Inspector Louise Dunne for attending the West Belfast DPCSP Meeting and for the update regarding the PSNI 101 Service.
- xv. A Member invited Inspector Dunne to attend the Community Safety Forums held throughout West Belfast to discuss the PSNI 101 Service. Inspector Dunne welcomed this invitation.
- xvi. A Member advised the Partnership that a seminar focusing on the resilience of community groups and parents who face the pressures of drug dealers would be delivered in the next few weeks. He informed Members that information regarding the seminar would be circulated in due course.

6. 2018/19 Action Plan Update

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update on delivery of the 2018/2019 West Belfast DPCSP Action Plan.
- ii. He advised that a Spend Review Meeting had been held on Monday 15 October, in the Clayton Hotel to review progress against the first full 6 months of the 2018/2019 Belfast PCSP and District Action Plans.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members, that Belfast PCSP authorised resources to allow West Belfast DPCSP to fund:
 - Up to an additional £11,192 for PCSP Small Grants for West Belfast, which scored the necessary 50% and were endorsed by the West Belfast Member Panel on 13 September; and,
 - Up to £19,000 to the Poleglass Community Association at Sally Gardens for the Colin Community Safety Strategy Project. The Letter of Offer was issued on the basis that if any in-year budget review identified underspends the amended, time bound monies would be reissued to this project in the first instance.

- iv. He therefore advised Members that as of 15 October, the budget for the West Belfast DPCSP is detailed as follows:

| (D)PCSP | Budget | Spent | Committed | Planned | Remaining | % Spent/ Committed/ Planned |
|---------------|----------|----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| West | £129,892 | £122,273 | | | £7,619 | 94% |
| Additional | £30,192 | | | | £37,811 | |
| Totals | £160,084 | £122,273 | | | £37,811 | |

- v. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members, that all budget lines in red are Citywide projects yet to commence/committed.
- vi. A Member highlighted his concern regarding the West Belfast DPCSP Budget 2018/19 not being fully utilised, particularly the budget retained by Belfast PCSP for the delivery of Citywide projects. He further commented that a discussion would need to be had regarding Citywide under spends, and where possible to have internal contingencies identified that any potential underspend funding can be utilised.
- vii. Members noted the content of the report provided.

7. Equality Schemes

- i. Members were provided with copies of the Equality Scheme for the West Belfast DPCSP.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator requested Members to approve the contents of the West Belfast District PCSP Equality Scheme.
- iii. Members noted the report and approved the contents of the Equality Scheme for the West Belfast DPCSP.

8. Beat the Burglar Process and Update

- i. The Safer City Coordinator updated Members and provided further details in relation to the processes for distribution and progress of the Beat the Burglar (BTB) Initiative.
- ii. He reminded Members that West Belfast DPCSP had allocated a total of £12,000 to support the delivery of the Beat the Burglar Initiative.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that a new process for the distribution of the Beat the Burglar packs had to be implemented due to the introduction of GDPR.
- iv. He further advised Members that the new distribution process would ensure legal indemnification of the DPCSP/Council against any further risk, both reputational and financial through residents' use of the kits.
- v. He informed Members, the BTB resource is financed through the DPCSPs but will be distributed by the Operational Team's District ASB Officer and the PSNI Crime Prevention Officers as an engagement and confidence tool.

- vi. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that to allow for this new approach, the delivery process had to be recently amended to facilitate this consideration. For the amended distribution process, the following key elements have had to be considered:
- DPCSP's and Council are required to indemnify themselves from future risk, through use of the resource. This has meant that a legal indemnity form has been utilised which must be signed by the householder/recipient in person and not by a third party. The Council's Legal Department has advised that unless somebody is an actual legal attorney of another person, they could not sign up to these liabilities for another person.
 - Those authorised to distribute the kits would preferably do so through the delivery of community based partnership events, which would include information and advice from other services such as Police, NIFRS, NIHE etc.
 - The above considerations have also had to take into account the requirements of GDPR which has dramatically changed the way we record, store and use personal information on an event by event basis.
 - On the rare occasion that an individual resident cannot legitimately attend an event, an ASB or CPO can be tasked to deliver a kit and advise on its use. This would only be carried out in exceptional circumstances, due to the length of time an Officer could potentially spend delivering the resource, therefore having a negative impact on other demands.
- vii. He reminded Members that PCSP projects are delivered following the OBA process and therefore the distribution of these packs should be directed by the DPCSP based on need. He provided Members with an overview of the burglary statistics for West Belfast on a ward basis for year to date compared to previous year to date to assist Members with their decision on a distribution of need.
- viii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members of events which had been requested by individuals or community/voluntary groups that have occurred or been committed. He further commented that ASB officers would liaise with local community groups within West Belfast to review where additional events could take place to allow for the distribution of packs.
- ix. Following a discussion, the Safer City Coordinator asked Members to agree the distribution of the BTB Packs in the following order of priority:
- 1 x Event which have been committed to and dates booked
 - 1 event per area based on the residential burglary statistics in priority order until the packs run out with the exclusion of the areas which have already had a dedicated event/committed event.
- x. A Member advised the Partnership of the Colin Xmas Safety Event on 7th December. He suggested that packs could be distributed at this event.
- xi. A Member also suggested for links to be made with the Affordable Warmth Scheme regarding assisting with the distribution of the Beat the Burglar packs.
- xii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that home security information is also available through Bryson and Crime Prevention Officers.
- xiii. Members agreed and noted the recommendations as discussed.

9. West Belfast Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Report

- i. Members were provided with a report detailing ASB issues and local district hotspots as reported to Belfast City Council.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that future reports would identify actions and the impact of the actions being taken.
- iii. He advised Members that the statistics detailed in the report are Council statistics, not PSNI statistics.
- iv. Chief Inspector McMillan advised Members that there are monthly meetings held with key stakeholders whereby information is shared, however the information is more based on a qualitative discussion.
- v. Members noted the content of the report provided.

10. Emerging Issues

- i. A Member advised that he had attended the Road Safe Road Show last week held in the City Hall. He commented that the message delivered regarding road safety had been one of great importance for young people to stay safe on our roads.
- ii. Following recent road accidents within West Belfast, he welcomed this initiative to be delivered in the local community.

11. Date of Next Meeting

- i. Members were advised that the next meeting of the West DPCSP would be held on Monday, 19th November 2018 at 5.30pm in the Conor Room, City Hall.