

Minutes of the Belfast Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Private Meeting

Lavery Room, City Hall
Monday 14th January 2019

Political Members	Independent Members
Councillor Brian Heading (Chair) Councillor Emmett McDonough-Brown Councillor Claire Canavan Councillor Matt Garrett Councillor John Hussey Councillor JJ Magee Alderman Jim Rodgers Alderman Tommy Sandford	John MacVicar (Vice Chair) Debbie Hammill Mary Lambe Carmel McKinney Michael O'Hara Susan Russam
Designated Organisations	
Chris Fee, NIFRS Michael Hogg, EA Patricia Muldoon, YJA	Roisin Muldoon, PBNI Chief Superintendent John Roberts, PSNI
Staff Present	Apologies
Ryan Black, Neighbourhood Services Manager Lorna Somers, Safer City Assistant Manager Suzanne Gowling, Safer City Coordinator Katharine McCrum, Partnership Support Officer	Councillor Ryan Murphy Anne-Louise Toal Bryan Nelson, H&SCT Jennifer Hawthorne, NIHE

1. Welcome and Apologies

- i. The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting and noted the apologies provided. The Chair advised that Ryan Black, Neighbourhood Services Manager, was attending the meeting and asked Members to introduce themselves. Mr Black explained that his role included area management of North Belfast and thematic work including the management of the Community Safety Unit.

2. Declarations of Interest

- i. The Chair advised Members that they were required to declare any material interests that they may have in relation to any items on the agenda.
- ii. No declarations of interest were noted.

3. Presentation on Policing and Community Safety in the City Centre

(Geraldine Duggan, Clare Maguire and Gareth Neill from Belfast City Centre Management (BCCM), attended in relation to this item)

- i. Geraldine Duggan outlined projects undertaken by BCCM, advising that each sought to make Belfast City Centre a safe, clean, accessible and attractive environment which would support the business community, its workforce and customers.

- ii. Information was provided on the following initiatives:
 - Purple Flag
 - City Centre Beat Scheme
 - Retail Crime Watch
 - Night-time Volunteers
 - Protect Your Business Seminars
 - Emergency Planning Work / Belfast Resilience
- iii. Clare Maguire outlined areas of possible future collaboration that the PCSP may wish to consider supporting;
 - Extending the City Centre Beat scheme to include all 3 BID areas
 - Expanding and digitalising the Retail Crime Watch Scheme
 - Delivering training to Night-time Volunteers
 - Delivering Protect Your Business Seminars
- iv. She also noted additional 'asks' of other services;
 - Belfast Trust - reduce waiting times for drug substitution programs
 - Belfast City Council – develop a CCTV strategy
- v. Chief Superintendent John Roberts advised that he would be keen to have a discussion regarding the extension of the City Centre Beat.
- vi. In response to a query as to what financial contribution these collaborations would require, Geraldine Duggan advised that this could be worked out and relayed to Members.
- vii. A Member queried the number of volunteers working within the City Centre and Parks. Ms. Duggan explained that there were 600 volunteers within the Street Pastors, 200 of which were working per night, mostly in East and West Belfast. She also gave details of the Community Rescue Service across Northern Ireland and the SOS Bus which operates within the City.
- viii. A Member asked if there were any plans to regenerate the upper end of the Castle Street area which appeared to have been neglected in recent work. Gareth Neill advised that the lack of an Executive Office had stalled regeneration plans, as this area had initially been included in the work surrounding the new University of Ulster campus but as a result, this did not happen.
- ix. The Chair thanked the delegation from BCCM and they retired from the meeting.

4. Belfast PCSP Minutes

- i. The minutes of the Belfast PCSP Special Private Meeting held on 22nd November, copies of which had previously been circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.
- ii. A Member asked for an update on the request that the Council's Legal Department provide further details about the advice provided in relation to funding of the Lenadoon Fireworks Project. The Safer City Coordinator advised that the response was still being drafted and so was not yet available. She added that once received, PCSP Members would receive a copy and the matter would be formally referred to the Joint Committee as previously requested.

- iii. A Member noted the importance of completing actions on a timely basis. The Safer City Assistant Manager noted that this was not actionable by PCSP staff but would remain on the list of actions until resolved.

5. Chairs Update

- i. The Chair welcomed Members back after the Christmas holidays and wished them a happy New Year.

6. Update from Designated Members

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that she had been meeting with Designated Members as part of the planning process, and the opportunity to share important information at meetings was noted. She thanked the agencies for providing written reports and invited each to provide an update to the meeting.

NIFRS

- ii. Group Commander Chris Fee advised that the NIFRS was busy with a number of significant events of note. He commented upon an increase in industrial bins at commercial premises being set alight which was drawing on resources and causing major inconvenience to residents. He advised that work was ongoing with community representatives and university staff.
- iii. A Member questioned whether it was a waste collection issue, and if so, could the Council assist. The Safer City Coordinator agreed to raise the issue with staff in Waste Management.

YJA

- iv. Patricia Muldoon outlined the Youth Justice Agency's extension of Community Resolution Notices (CRNs) from those involved in drug/alcohol issues to any offence deemed suitable.
- v. She also commented upon concerns in Falls Park and other public places regarding youths gathering and possible collaborative work to address the issue.
- vi. Ms. Muldoon provided an update on the Banjaxed Play which was commissioned by YJA, and advised that they had commissioned another play from Spanner in the Works Theatre Company 'Strung Out' following 3 people in custody. It was agreed that an invitation to a stakeholder event on 7th February in the Lyric Theatre would be circulated to Chairs and Vice-Chairs via email. She noted that 8 performances had been paid for by YJA, with further possible once feedback had been received.

PSNI

- vii. Chief Superintendent John Roberts noted the following points within his update:
 - 6 suspected drug related deaths in Belfast during December
 - A security operation on Old Golf Course Road related to an improvised weapon where the PSNI are thought to be the target. Significant disruption was caused
 - ASB in Falls park on 5th January where the PSNI came under attack
 - A number of issues in Dermot Hill Parade
 - A murder on 4th December on the Glen Road. The investigation is ongoing with 1,100 lines of enquiry and 3 arrests made.

- viii. A Member noted the large number of crimes reported on within the update and asked for an update on a robbery at an ATM in East Belfast.
- ix. Chief Superintendent Roberts advised that this was an ongoing investigation. With regards to crime he advised that crime figures were in fact falling and clearances were up.

PBNI

- x. Roisin Muldoon advised that some services within Belfast had been restructured with community services now being delivered within areas rather than by a centralised team, and that these area representatives would be the staff who would represent PBNI at DPCSP meetings.
- xi. She also provided an update on Enhanced Combination Orders which are an alternative to short sentences not yet delivered in Belfast but it was hoped that these would be rolled out soon.
- xii. A Member questioned if work was done to build long term employability through community service. Ms. Muldoon advised that while the unemployment rate was high amongst clients, there were other significant issues which needed to be addressed first, such as mental health, drug and alcohol issues and homelessness.

EA

- xiii. Michael Hogg noted concerns from youth providers about the perception that young people congregating in public spaces was automatically referred to as ASB. He added that youth services were working well in East Belfast, despite media reports, however a bigger piece of work was needed on the reporting and recording of incidents, alongside a more effective approach. He noted that services were picking up young people in the Glen Road area not in schools.
- xiv. Members were advised that the Education Authority Youth Service (EAYS) had provided £146,000 of additional funding for 22 controlled youth units across the city.
- xv. A Member asked for an update on the Connswater Ballymac Resource Centre. Mr Hogg advised that EA were looking at potential viability as part of wider regeneration and that they would hope to house the East Belfast Area Project at this location.
- xvi. Members discussed the lack of youth service provision during holiday periods while commending the outreach work provided. Mr. Hogg noted that youth services had originally been embedded in the education service, which included holiday timetables, however they were working to change this model. He added that the extended provision scheme would allow for outreach and detached focused work over anti-social hours.
- xvii. A Member asked that arranged fights in South Belfast were considered when looking at statutory youth provision.
- xviii. The Safer City Coordinator thanked everyone for their input and stated that conversations would be embedded into planning of the 2019/20 Action Plan to offer connectivity and enhancement.

7. **2018/2019 Belfast PCSP Action Plan Implementation**

Project Approval

- i. Members were presented with 6 project description documents for projects within the 2018/2019 Action Plan.

Project Name	Action Plan Theme	Budget
Cyber Safety Project	Feel Safer	£29,950 over 2 years
No Place for Hate	Feel Safer Hate Crime	£600
Hate Crime Strategic Review	Feel Safer Hate Crime	£2,900
Stewarding Project	Drugs and Alcohol	£29,950 over 2 years
Sharps Contract	Drugs and Alcohol	£3,500
Feel Good February	Drugs and Alcohol	£2,455

- ii. In addition, Members were asked to fund the costs of delegates who wished to attend the Women's Aid Conference, 'Why Doesn't She Just Leave?' at a cost of £40 per person.
- iii. A Member questioned how the Cyber Safety project differed from those funded through the Small Grants process, and whether DPCSPs who were contributing to the costs of Citywide projects had been informed of the extended timescale for delivery into 2020.
- iv. The Safer City Assistant Manager advised that DPCSPs had not been asked to approve extended timescales for delivery, but all quotations were issued with terms and conditions detailing that funding past year 1 was subject to successful delivery and available funding. She noted that multi-annual funding for projects was being put in place in order to assist the PCSP with business planning and monitoring, to assist with the move to more strategic projects, as well as to mitigate the impact of the forthcoming election which was likely to slow down the approval process, and therefore project delivery.
- v. The Safer City Assistant Manager also outlined the process undertaken when a quotation exercise was not successful, adding that the decision to reissue was not done so half-heartedly. It was confirmed that the Small Grants projects focused on primary aged pupils while this project would focus on all other audiences.
- vi. The Member suggested that the extension of project timescales should be replicated across the Partnerships in order to prevent breaks in service.
- vii. In response to a query as to why the Cyber Safety Project had not been scored on 14th January as planned, the Safer City Assistant Manager advised that the Business Support representative was unwell, however the quotation submissions would now be scored on 15th January.
- viii. Members discussed the Stewarding Project and confirmed that it was important that the project was not seen as Belfast PCSP paying for training so that individuals can

secure paid employment. The Safer City Assistant Manager clarified that the interview at the end of the training was an offer from the successful contractor and was not part of the PCSP funding. Rather, the project objective is to build the capacity of community volunteers to be able to manage their events more safely. Following further discussion it was agreed that this aspect of the project would be removed and the company would be asked to focus on the delivery of the training as requested within the quotation specification.

- ix. As part of this discussion, the Safer City Assistant Manager outlined the quotation process used by the PCSP which was that of Belfast City Council.
- x. Following this amendment, Members approved funding for the 6 projects as listed above, as well as costs associated with attendance at the 'Why Doesn't She Just Leave?' Conference.
- xi. A Member pointed out that the Times Bar mentioned in project 7F, Feel Good February, had now closed. The Safer City Coordinator advised that she would refer this to the Officer concerned.

8. Residents Survey

- i. The Safer City Assistant Manager explained that the Northern Ireland Policing Board had offered the Belfast PCSP £14,000 of additional funds which was to be used on new projects to help improve confidence in policing. The request to fund a statistically robust Residents Survey to identify policing and community safety priorities was put to the Chair and Vice-Chair however the Vice-Chair felt that it would be more appropriate for the full Partnership to consider the request, given the size of the budget.
- ii. In response to a query as to whether Members could have input into the questions, the Safer City Coordinator advised that this would not be possible but that questions would be taken from regional questionnaires using the same language as the Belfast Agenda. She explained that the survey would be issued in partnership with the Council's Resident's Survey with the support of the Council's NISRA statistician. The Safer City Assistant Manager suggested that the final questions could be circulated to Members for information.
- iii. Members approved to the allocation of the additional NIPB funding (£14,000) plus £6,000 from underspends providing a total of £20,000 for the Residents Survey.

9. 2018/2019 Belfast (D)PCSP Spend Approvals Update

- i. Members were provided with details of the projects approved by each of the (D)PCSPs and asked to provide retrospective approval of this funding.

Date approved by North DPCSP	Project Name	Theme	Budget
28/03/2018	Small Grant - All Nations Ministries	Confidence in Policing	£2,180
	Small Grant - Royal York Hist Society	Confidence in Policing	£4,995
23/05/2018	ASB Youth Engagement and Diversion	Anti-Social Behaviour	£35,000
	Alcohol and Drugs (Quotation)	Alcohol and Drugs	£9,000
	Greater Shankill Community Safety Network	Consult and Engage	£700

21/06/2018	Home Security Service	Feel Safe - At Home	£10,000
	Christmas Safety Event	Feel Safe - At Home	£1,700
	Road Safe Roadshow	Feel Safe - Young People	£1,600
	Lower Shankill and Tigers Bay PACT	Consult and Engage	£1,400
16/08/2018	North Belfast Alternatives Youth Engagement	Anti-Social Behaviour	£1,280
	Promotion of Domestic Violence Helpline	Feel Safe – Prev. Safeguarding	£600
	Adult Child to Parent Violence Awareness	Feel Safe – Prev. Safeguarding	£100
	Anonymous Voter Registration Promotion	Feel Safe – Prev. Safeguarding	£37
	Crimestoppers Project	Feel Safe – Prev. Safeguarding	£60
	RADAR Project	Feel Safe - Young People	£1,500
	Bodybuilders Youth Summer Project PC01	Confidence in Policing	£1,088
	Dean Clarke Summer Intervention PC02	Confidence in Policing	£1,000
	Greater Shankill ACT	Confidence in Policing	£1,500
	Public Meeting 20th Sept	Effectiveness	tbc
20/09/2018	Hate Crime (No Hate Here) (Quotation)	Feel Safe - Hate Crime	£10,403
	Evaluation of Youth Engagement/ Diversionary Activities	Anti-Social Behaviour	£3,770
	Small Grant - Shankill Utd	Confidence in Policing	£3,245
	Small Grant - Streetbeat Youth Project	Confidence in Policing	£2,532
	Small Grant - BEAM Cyber Safe	Confidence in Policing	£4,436
	Banjaxed! Project	Feel Safe – Prev. Safeguarding	£3,000
22/10/18	Neighbourhood Alert	Feel Safe – Prev. Safeguarding	£5,990.00
	Cyber Safety Project	Feel Safe	£4,000.00
	Schools Project	Feel Safe - Young People	£1,000.00
	Suicide and Mental Health Initiative (SAMHI)	Consult and Engage	£732.00
	Domestic & Sexual Violence awareness sessions	Sexual Violence & Dom Abuse	£3,521
15/11/18	Consent Project	Feel Safe – Prev. Safeguarding	£2,000.00
	Safer Belfast Website	Feel Safe – Prev. Safeguarding	£5,990.00
	Transient Youth Inc YES	Anti-Social Behaviour	£1,000.00
	Contribution to Crisis Support	Sexual Violence & Dom Abuse	£2,500
	Newlodge Youth Club - PC Grant	Confidence in Policing	£1,400
Approved			£129,259
Budget			£138,441
Remaining			£9,182
Current % approved			93%

Date approved by South DPCSP	Project Name	Theme	Budget
20/03/2018	Small Grant - GVRT	Confidence in Policing	£5,000
	Small Grant - Dreamscheme	Confidence in Policing	£5,000
	Small Grant - Ballynafeigh CDA	Confidence in Policing	£1,660
	Small Grant - Southcity Resource&Devel Centre	Confidence in Policing	£4,865
30/05/2018	WUA Capacity Support Project	Consult and Engage	£12,240
26/06/2018	Home Security Service	Feel Safe - At Home	£10,000
	Christmas Safety Event	Feel Safe - At Home	£1,700

	Road Safe Roadshow	Feel Safe - Young People	£1,600
31/07/2018	Guardians Project	Feel Safe - At Home	£2,965
	Growing Older, Growing Safer (Lunch Clubs)	Feel Safe - At Home	£4,000
29/11/18	Promotion of Domestic Violence Helpline	Feel Safe – Prev. Safeguarding	£600
	Adult Child to Parent Violence Awareness	Feel Safe – Prev. Safeguarding	£100
	Anonymous Voter Registration Promotion	Feel Safe – Prev. Safeguarding	£37
	Crimestoppers Project	Feel Safe – Prev. Safeguarding	£60
	RADAR Project	Feel Safe - Young People	£1,500
25/09/2018	Small Grant - BEAM	Confidence in Policing	£4,436
	Small Grant - GVRT	Confidence in Policing	£5,000
	Small Grant - Dreamscheme	Confidence in Policing	£5,000
	Small Grant - Empire Residents	Confidence in Policing	£4,655
	Small Grant - LORAG	Confidence in Policing	£3,168
	Small Grant - Irish FA Foundation	Confidence in Policing	£5,000
	Hate Crime and Fear of Hate Crime Project	Feel Safe - Hate Crime	£4,510
29/10/18	Banjaxed! Project	Feel Safe – Prev. Safeguarding	£3,000
	Neighbourhood Alert	Feel Safe – Prev. Safeguarding	£5,990
	Cyber Safety Project	Feel Safe	£4,000
	Schools Project	Feel Safe - Young People	£1,000
	Consent Project	Feel Safe – Prev. Safeguarding	£2,000.00
	Safer Belfast Website	Feel Safe – Prev. Safeguarding	£5,990.00
	Transient Youth Inc YES	Anti-Social Behaviour	£1,000.00
Approved			£106,076
Budget (includes £15,022 of additional funds allocated to Small Grants)			£114,441
Remaining			£8,365
Current % approved			93%

Date approved by East DPCSP	Project Name	Theme	Budget
20/03/2018	Small Grant - Ballymac Friendship Club	Confidence in Policing	£5,000
	Small Grant - Dreamscheme	Confidence in Policing	£5,000
	Small Grant - Cregagh Community Assoc.	Confidence in Policing	£1,140
	Small Grant - St Mathews Football Club	Confidence in Policing	£3,850
	Small Grant - Cregagh Wanderers FC	Confidence in Policing	£3,020
	Small Grant - Charter NI	Confidence in Policing	£3,500
	Race Relations Coordinator	Feel Safe - Hate Crime	£10,000
29/05/2018	Charter NI Cross Community Dialogue	Confidence in Policing	£1,332
	Youth Outreach and Diversionary Project	Anti-Social Behaviour	£20,000
28/06/2018	Home Security Service	Feel Safe - At Home	£10,000
	Christmas Safety Event	Feel Safe - At Home	£1,700
	Road Safe Roadshow	Feel Safe - Young People	£1,600
28/06/2018	Short Strand Summer Fun Project	Confidence in Policing	£2,000
28/08/18	Promotion of Domestic Violence Helpline	Feel Safe - Prev. Safeguarding	£600
	Adult Child to Parent Violence Awareness	Feel Safe - Prev. Safeguarding	£100
	Anonymous Voter Registration Promotion	Feel Safe - Prev. Safeguarding	£37

	Crimestoppers Project	Feel Safe - Prev. Safeguarding	£60
	RADAR Project	Feel Safe - Young People	£1,500
12/09/2018	Small Grant - BEAM	Confidence in Policing	£4,436
	Small Grant - Dreamscheme	Confidence in Policing	£5,000
	Small Grant - Cregagh Wanderers FC	Confidence in Policing	£2,940
	Small Grant - St Mathews FC	Confidence in Policing	£4,300
30/10/18	Small Grant - Hanwood Centre	Confidence in Policing	£5,000
	Banjaxed! Project	Feel Safe - Prev. Safeguarding	£3,000
	Neighbourhood Alert	Feel Safe - Prev. Safeguarding	£5,990.00
	Cyber Safety Project	Feel Safe	£4,000.00
	Schools Project	Feel Safe - Young People	£1,000.00
	Consent Project	Feel Safe – Prev. Safeguarding	£2,000.00
	Safer Belfast Website	Feel Safe – Prev. Safeguarding	£5,990.00
	Transient Youth Inc YES	Anti-Social Behaviour	£1,000.00
Approved			£115,095
Budget (includes £3,508 of additional funds allocated to Small Grants)			£124,349
Remaining			£9,254
Current % approved			93%

Date approved by West DPCSP	Project Name	Theme	Budget
21/03/2018	Falls CC - Community Safety Coordinator	Consult and Engage	£21,950
	Falls CC - Professional Witness	Consult and Engage	£15,000
30/04/2018	Small Grant - Colin N'hood Partnership	Confidence in Policing	£1,990
	Small Grant - Féile An Phobail	Confidence in Policing	£4,550
	Small Grant - Roden St. Community Dev Assoc.	Confidence in Policing	£4,900
	Small Grant - Ulster Wildlife Trust	Confidence in Policing	£4,996.50
	Colin/Upper Falls Community Safety Coordination	Consult and Engage	£10,000
25/06/2018	Home Security Service	Feel Safe - At Home	£10,000
	Christmas Safety Event	Feel Safe - At Home	£1,700
	Road Safe Roadshow	Feel Safe - Young People	£1,600
25/6/2018	Blackmountain/Moyard Intervention AP01	Anti-Social Behaviour	£2,090
	Colin Youth Engagement Diversionary AP02	Anti-Social Behaviour	£800
	Falls Residents Bonfire Awareness AP03	Anti-Social Behaviour	£1,060
	USRC Whiterock Ballymurphy Springhill Diversionary	Anti-Social Behaviour	£2,500
	Willowbank Bonfire Diversionary AP05	Anti-Social Behaviour	£2,917.50
	Mount Eagles Lagmore Youth Mini Soccer Tournament	Anti-Social Behaviour	£855
28/8/2018	Promotion of Domestic Violence Helpline	Feel Safe - Prev. Safeguarding	£600
	Adult Child to Parent Violence Awareness	Feel Safe - Prev. Safeguarding	£100
	Anonymous Voter Registration Promotion	Feel Safe - Prev. Safeguarding	£37
	Crimestoppers Project	Feel Safe - Prev. Safeguarding	£60
	RADAR Project	Feel Safe - Young People	£1,500
	Colin Road Safety Primary Schools Project PC1	Confidence in Policing	£318

	Holy Trinity Safety Project PC2	Confidence in Policing	£984
	Primary Six 5-a-side World Cup Football Tournament	Confidence in Policing	£381.00
24/09/2018	Small Grant - BEAM	Confidence in Policing	£4,436
	Small Grant - Footprints Women's Centre	Confidence in Policing	£4,786
	Small Grant - Polegalss CA	Confidence in Policing	£5,000
	Small Grant - St Pauls ABC	Confidence in Policing	£4,430
	Small Grant - Mount Eagles CA	Confidence in Policing	£3,180
	Banjaxed! Project	Feel Safe - Preventative Safeguarding	£3,000
22/10/18	Neighbourhood Alert	Feel Safe - Preventative Safeguarding	£5,990.00
	Cyber Safety Project	Feel Safe	£4,000.00
	Schools Project	Feel Safe - Young People	£1,000.00
5/10/18	Additional Colin/Upper Falls Community Safety Coordinator	Consult and Engage	£19,000.00
22/10/18	Lenadoon Halloween Fireworks Project	Anti-Social Behaviour	£2,000.00
	Consent Project	Feel Safe – Prev. Safeguarding	£2,000.00
	Safer Belfast Website	Feel Safe – Prev. Safeguarding	£5,990.00
	Transient Youth Inc YES	Anti-Social Behaviour	£1,000.00
Approved			£154,701
Budget (inc. £30,192 of additional funds allocated to Small Grants, Consult/Engage and ASB)			£160,084
Remaining			£5,383
Current % approved			97%

- ii. Members noted and approved the (D)PCSP projects as outlined above.

10. 2018/2019 Belfast (D)PCSP Action Plan/Budget Updates

- i. The Safer City Assistant Manager advised Members that summary Action Plan Updates for each (D)PCSP providing progress against each project were contained within the papers. She noted that 95% of the total (D)PCSP Budget for 2018/2019 was now committed, planned or spent.
- ii. Members were asked to provide delegated authority to the Safer City Assistant Manager to move any emerging underspends to absorb the £50,722 of overspends which were approved in October, 2018.
- iii. Members noted the contents of the report and approved the delegated authority as requested.

11. 2019/2020 Belfast (D)PCSP Action Planning

- i. Members were reminded of the dates for the (D)PCSP OBA Planning Workshops and encouraged to attend those that were of particular interest to them.

Topic	Date – 7pm start
Building Confidence in Policing & Embedding a Culture of Lawfulness	Monday 21 January

Feeling Safer	Tuesday 22 January
Drugs and Alcohol	Monday 28 January
Antisocial Behaviour	Tuesday 29 January
Sexual Violence, including rape, sexual assault and domestic violence	Wednesday 30 January

12. 2019/2020 PCSP Small Grants Update

- i. The Safer City Assistant Manager advised Members that PCSP Summer Small Grants for 2019/2020 closed on 11th January and that a panel of 5 Members were required in order to approve the grants that will be funded.
- ii. The following Members agreed to meet between 19th-21st March
 - Councillor John Hussey
 - Alderman Jim Rodgers
 - Michael O'Hara
 - John MacVicar
 - Patricia Muldoon
- iii. Members also agreed to allocate £15,000 towards PCSP Small Grants for the 2019/2020 financial year.

13. NVTV Interview Invite – Increasing levels of online violence towards women

- i. Members were advised that Northern Vision TV had approached the PCSP Office to ascertain whether a PCSP Member would be willing to take part in an interview regarding online violence against women. It was noted that any volunteer would be fully briefed on the work undertaken by the PCSP in this area.
- ii. Michael O'Hara volunteered to take part in the interview.

14. (D)PCSP Joint Briefing – Public Protection Branch

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the Public Protection Branch within the PSNI wished to provide Members with a briefing on their work. She advised that the PCSP had a budget in order to host the event but Members may wish to consider delaying the date until after the election in May.
- ii. It was noted that Public Protection Arrangements were multi-agency and so it would be important to include other key agencies (PBNI, Prison Service, H&SCT). The Safer City Coordinator agreed to arrange this.
- iii. Members agreed to hold the briefing after the election and approved the associated costs.

15. ARCS Update

- i. The Safer City Assistant Manager reminded Members that PCSP staff had been asked to supervise projects which had been successful in the receiving funding

through the DOJs ARCS programme. She added that there had been a delay in approval of these but that 3 projects within Belfast had now been confirmed as successful.

- ii. Members were further advised that staff met with DOJ representatives to reiterate the lack of capacity within the team to take on additional work without the previously requested resources. It has been confirmed that if Belfast PCSP were to refuse to act as supervisor, an alternative would be found and groups would not lose out on funding.
- iii. Members were asked to support the decision to decline the role of project supervisor for the 3 projects given the current level of work being undertaken by the PCSP team, as well as recent staffing issues.
- iv. Members agreed to this course of action.

16. Date of Next Meeting

- i. Members were advised that the next meetings of the Belfast DPCSP would be;
 - Belfast PCSP Private and Policing Committee Meeting, Monday 11th February, 5.30pm
 - Belfast PCSP Private Meeting, Monday 11th March, 5.30pm