

North Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Policing Committee

Conor Room, City Hall
Thursday, 15th November 2018

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

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 22nd October 2018, copies of which had previously been circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.

4. NI Policing Board's Questions

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the NI Policing Board have asked Members to give consideration to the following questions:
 - What views have the Policing Committee recorded on how well this work was undertaken by PSNI?
 - What difference has this work made within your policing district?
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator suggested for Members to identify two areas that they would like to discuss and for any further comments to be forwarded on for inclusion in the final response submitted to NIPB.
- iii. Members confirmed they would discuss:
 - Theme 2 – Protection of People and Communities; and,
 - Theme 3 – Reduction in Offending.

Theme 2 – Protection of People and Communities

- iv. With reference Theme 2, the Chair highlighted the importance of the PSNI engaging with the local community. He commented that increased visibility of the PSNI within the local community would allow for relationships to develop and for confidence in the PSNI to improve.
- v. A Member commented that when the local policing team respond to incidents in the community, its better received.
- vi. The Vice Chair suggested for the PSNI to attend more statutory agency meetings. He commented that this would help build on a better community perception of the PSNI. He also highlighted that there was a need for confidence building between the PSNI and the local community. He further suggested for the PSNI liaise directly with older people/vulnerable adults, not focus on young people.
- vii. Following a discussion regarding policing resources allocated to North Belfast, Members highlighted their concern that police resources in North Belfast are disappearing.
- viii. The Safer City Coordinator asked Members if they were happy with how this information is reported on by the PSNI. Members commented that they were happy with how the information is provided by the PSNI in relation to Theme 2.

Theme 3 – Reduction in Offending

- ix. Members noted that there had been an increase in the number of drug offences throughout North Belfast. However, they also noted that there had been an increase in the number of people reporting drug crime.
- x. Inspector Paul Noble advised Members that there had recently been two arrests made in relation to drug offences. He commented that the PSNI are committed to tackling drug crime and therefore resources are allocated to doing this.
- xi. Members noted the work of the PSNI in relation to tackling drug offences. They welcomed the PSNI drug campaigns, and commented that these campaigns have proved successful in tackling drug crime.

5. Members Written Questions

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that no written questions had been received.

6. Policing Committee Applications

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members one Policing Committee Application had been received.
- ii. He provided Members with an overview of the proposed project and further advised Members that the project would complement the delivery of the ASB quotation.
- iii. He informed Members that the total budget requested was £1,400.
- iv. Following a discussion, Members agreed to support the delivery of the project and the associated budget.

7. Date of Next Meeting

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