

Minutes of the Belfast Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Private Meeting

Lavery Room, City Hall

Monday 11 March 2019

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

1. Welcome and Apologies

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

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. Belfast PCSP Minutes

- i. The minutes of the Belfast PCSP Private Meeting held on 11th February, copies of which had previously been circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.

4. Chairs Update

- i. The Chair congratulated Michael O'Hara on his recent NVTV radio interview regarding 'Online Violence Against Women'.
- ii. Members requested for the link to the interview to be circulated for information.

5. Update from Designated Members

NIFRS

- i. Group Commander Chris Fee advised that the NIFRS Fire Safety Audit Strategy continues to be focused on Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMO). He also advised Members that NIFRS continue to work in partnership with Belfast City Council Licensing to ensure compliance of licensed premises and places of entertainment.
- ii. The Group Commander also advised Members about the “Your Choice” Programme, which is targeted at young drivers in the 16 to 24 year old age group as well as key significant events for the NIFRS.
- iii. Group Commander Chris Fee reported to Members that the NIFRS had attended a total of 46 major fires and 69 secondary fires during February 2019. He further advised Members that six attacks on firefighters occurred during this period.

YJA

- iv. Patricia Muldoon advised Members that there was no update from Youth Justice Agency on this occasion.

PSNI

- v. Chief Superintendent John Roberts noted the following points within his update:
 - Two men have now been arrested and charged with the murder of Mr Ogle,
 - A paramilitary style attack had taken place last Friday on a young male. He advised four people had been arrested, and investigations are still ongoing;
 - Three suspected drug related deaths occurred in February, and a further three suspected drug related deaths in March so far,
 - A number of serious crimes had occurred in relation to ATM machines being stolen/damaged,
 - A recent emergency at George Best City Airport; and,
 - Forthcoming events, including Holyland operations, St. Patricks Day, Schools Cup Rugby Final.
- vi. A Member asked if the PSNI had seen an increase in the number of attacks on elderly people in their homes and if so, requested that statistics in relation to these crimes be presented at a future meeting.
- vii. Chief Superintendent John Roberts advised that there are statistics available however, these statistics would show all attacks on people over the age of 60.
- viii. In relation to the recent crimes regarding ATM machines, a Member questioned whether manufactures making ATM's could include a device that when tampered with would set an alarm off.
- ix. Chief Superintendent Roberts advised Members that a meeting had been held with Retailers NI regarding recent ATM crime and security of ATMs would be on the agenda.

PBNI

- x. Roisin Muldoon provided Members with an update regarding the ongoing work of the Probation Board.
- xi. She advised Members of the services delivered by PBNI across the Greater Belfast area via a range of teams, generic and specialist.
- xii. Ms. Muldoon informed Members that as of end January 2019, PBNI were responsible for supervising 4,070 individuals subject to orders and licenses.
- xiii. Members were advised that PBNI were delighted to participate on the panel of the recent 'Come Along and Engage with Diversity' event which took place on 26 February 2019 in Belfast City Hall.
- xiv. Ms. Muldoon advised Members that Eithne McIlroy, Assistant Director would be retiring from PBNI.
- xv. A Member requested that a letter to be sent to Ms. McIlroy to thank her for her service to PBNI and Belfast PCSP. Members welcomed this suggestion.

EA

- xvi. Michael Hogg provided Members with an update regarding work being undertaken by the Education Authority.
- xvii. He advised Members that the Education Authority Youth Service (EAYS) had been meeting with the outreach and detached providers that it currently funds to ensure a consistent and co-ordinated approach to the work. Further information would be circulated to key stakeholders when available.
- xviii. Mr Hogg advised Members that EA's Youth Intervention Scheme opened for applications on 5 March, closing on 11 April, 2019 at 4pm. He advised that workshops in relation to providing advice on accessing the funding would be held on:
 - Thu, 14 Mar 19:00 at Finaghy Youth Club, Belfast
 - Wed, 27 Mar 15:00 at Belvoir Youth Centre, Belfast
 - Wed, 27 Mar 19:00 at Hammer Youth Club, Belfast
- xix. Members were advised that a request from the EA had been made in relation to a Belfast PCSP Officer assisting with the assessment panels. Members were advised that the panel would be held in Cookstown in March.
- xx. Members noted the request and agreed for a PCSP Officer to participate in the assessment panel.

NIHE

- xxi. Jennifer Hawthorn provided Members with an update regarding Peace IV programmes.
- xxii. Ms. Hawthorn advised that the NIHE is Belfast City Council's lead partner in delivering two programmes funded by SEUPB from now until the end of 2021.

- xxiii. She commented that the first of these programmes commenced in April 2018 focusing on building cross community area network of children and young people (0—24 years) within the Belfast area. Approximately £400,000 is allocated to build confidence, understand cultural identity and share good practice and encourage meaningful engagement with other communities, for example visiting with cross border communities
- xxiv. Ms. Hawthorn also advised that the second programme of £2.2m, Building Positive relationships, seeks to build 6 adult cross community networks across Belfast interfaces on a phased approach with the aim of building empathy and trust between communities. In addition, she commented that it is anticipated that together with new relationships, building the networks will develop a place shaping action plan for joint implementation. She further commented that it is hoped that the programme will be launched in March 2019.

6. 2018/2019 Belfast PCSP Action Plan – Quarter 3 Progress Report

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the 2018/2019 Belfast PCSP Action Plan, Quarter 3 Progress Report that had been submitted to the Joint Committee in January 2019.
- ii. She advised that Belfast PCSP Action Plan, Quarter 4 Progress Report would be presented to Members in either June or August 2019.
- iii. Members noted the report provided.

7. 2019/2020 Belfast (D)PCSP Funding Model

- i. The Neighbourhood Services Manager advised Members that following the last PCSP Meeting, legal advice had been sought regarding the vote process undertaken regarding the funding options presented, as requested.
- ii. The Neighbourhood Services Manager advised Members that an email from Nigel Grimshaw, Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services, had been circulated to Members. He informed Members that the advice received from Council's Legal Department was for the decision made at the last meeting to be revisited.
- iii. He further advised Members that following the legal advice provided, PCSP Officers consulted directly with each Partnership. The information received collectively from the DPCSPs had been that they understood the need for the delivery of Citywide projects, with the exception of the ASB project. The DPCSPs expressed that projects targeting ASB should be district led.
- iv. The Neighbourhood Services Manager presented to Members details on the 2019/2020 Belfast (D)PCSP Funding Model. He informed Members that there were two options for consideration and that both options had been equality screened.
- v. He advised Members that Option 3 was not being presented for consideration due to equality issues.
- vi. The Neighbourhood Services Manager presented Members with details on Options 1 and 2.

- vii. He advised that the available Operational Budget for projects is £690,325. The following items (contracted projects, meeting costs and PCSP Small Grants) have been subtracted from this total to give a remaining budget of £518,125 for which options are to be considered.

Available Budget for Projects		£690,325		
Ongoing Contracted Projects	This budget will cover the 8 projects with ongoing contracts within the 2019/2020 Action Plan	£141,200		
	Contracted Projects			
	Theme		Aims & Description	Budget
	Effectiveness		Strategic Assessment and Action Plan	5,500
	Feel Safe		Cyber Safety Project	25,000
	Feel Safe - At Home		Home Security Service	30,000
	Feel Safe - Young People		RADAR Project	7,500
	Sexual Violence & Domestic Abuse		Consent Project	19,950
Crisis Support Project		19,950		
Drugs and Alcohol	Stewarding Project	18,300		
City Centre	Sharps Removal Contract	15,000		
Recommended Budget for Meeting Costs	This will cover the costs associated with holding Private, Policing Committee and Public Meetings as well as Member Briefings.	£16,000		
PCSP Small Grants	The PCSP has agreed this budget for all citywide 2019/2020 Small Grants	£15,000		
Remaining Budget to be Allocated		£518,125		

Option 1

- viii. The operational budget of £518,125 will be used to fund the recommended OBA workshop projects (with the exception of the ASB Project as noted above). Each District will benefit from all of the services/projects which are contributed to equally.
- ix. The remaining funds will be split on a proportional basis across the Districts. The split is based on a similar funding model used by the Joint Committee for the PCSPs. This model provides a (30%) basic allocation equally to all DPCSPs and then additional allocations based on (45%) population and (25%) deprivation and has been used by the Belfast PCSP since 2016.
- x. He advised Members that through this model, the District allocations to be invested in PCSP Small Grants, Policing Committee Grants and any local projects, including ASB would be as follows:

North Belfast DPCSP	£103,909
South Belfast DPCSP	£52,410
East Belfast DPCSP	£80,681
West Belfast DPCSP	£92,626

Option 2

- xi. The operational budget of £518,125 will be used to fund those recommended OBA workshop projects which must be delivered on a citywide basis in order to secure best value for money and a consistent standard of service.

Projects Requiring Citywide Delivery		
Theme	Aims & Description	Budget
Feel Safe	Preventative Safeguarding Project	20,000
	Neighbourhood Watch	1,000
Drugs and Alcohol	Drug and Alcohol Local Support Services (referred via PCSP designates)	27,500
City Centre	BCCM/BID led projects	10,000
	Partnership projects to support people with complex needs (SISS/DD)	30,000
Feel Safe - At Home	Christmas Safety Event	7,500
Total		96,000

- xii. The remaining budget will then be split on a proportional basis across the Districts, as detailed above. This would result in the following budgets being allocated to each DPCSP:

North Belfast DPCSP	£123,049
South Belfast DPCSP	£81,093
East Belfast DPCSP	£104,126
West Belfast DPCSP	£113,857

- xiii. He advised if Option 2 was supported, each DPCSP would then be required to confirm whether they wish to receive the additional DPCSP projects and services recommended through the OBA Planning Workshops by contributing financially towards them. The contribution will come from their DPCSP allocation noted above. Members were provided with a list of these projects.

Recommended City Wide Projects		
Theme	Aims & Description	Costs to DPCSPs
Sexual Violence & Domestic Abuse	DV Awareness Raising & Training	£1,875
Feel Safe - Young People	Post Primary School Project	£5,000
Feel Safe - At Home	Community Guardian Project / Lunch Clubs - new project	£3,750
Confidence in Policing	Conversation piece	£5,000
Feel Safer - Hate Crime	Hate Crime and Fear of Hate Crime Recommendations	£7,500
Sub-Total		£23,125

- xiv. However, if a DPCSP decided not to participate in a particular project, the District would not benefit from the associated service delivery in 2019/2020.
- xv. The Neighbourhood Services Manager advised Members that the preferred option would be Option 2. He asked Members to consider the two options presented.

Discussion

- xvi. A Member welcomed the consultations with DPCSPs regarding project delivery and proposed that Members accept Option 2 as the preferred funding allocation model.
- xvii. A Member highlighted his concern regarding the options presented at the Meeting, in comparison to the options that had been presented at the last PCSP Meeting. He noted that at the last Meeting, a democratic vote had been taken and the result should be upheld. He advised Members that he had spoken with the Town Solicitor and would be seeking legal advice outside Council regarding the vote/decision taken. He also advised Members that the party he represents was not happy with the procedures that had been undertaken.
- xviii. A Member commented that she felt that the decision taken at the last PCSP Meeting in relation to the preferred funding model had now been retracted. She commented that there were no clear instructions given to Members regarding voting procedures. She advised Members that she would be making an official complaint under Article 75.
- xix. A Member commented that he felt that there were no equality issues identified at the last PCSP Meeting. He suggested that equality is giving an area what they need and therefore, to ensure this happens, he proposed that Option 2 is accepted as the preferred delivery model.
- xx. A Member asked if both Option 1 and 2 allowed for all OBA obligations to be achieved. The Safer City Coordinator confirmed that both options would satisfy all OBA requirements.
- xxi. Chief Superintendent Roberts commented that he would have hoped that the Conversation Piece Project would not have been an opt in choice for DPSCPs.
- xxii. A Member suggested that the information provided at this Meeting should have been presented last month to avoid any confusion among Members.
- xxiii. The Neighbourhood Services Manager reminded Members that this information was being presented following legal advice and the options had now been equality screened. He added that learning would be taken from the process.
- xxiv. Following further discussion, a Member formerly proposed Option 2.
Proposed: Councillor Matt Garrett
Seconded: Councillor Ryan Murphy

For 9	Against 0	No Vote 4
Cllr Matt Garrett Cllr Claire Canavan Cllr Brian Heading Cllr Ryan Murphy Michael O'Hara Susan Russam John Loughran Anne Louise Toal Carmel McKinney		Cllr John Hussey Ald Jim Rodgers Ald Tommy Sandford Mary Lambe

On a recorded vote, ten Members voted for and zero against, with four no votes, and it was declared carried.

- xxv. The Neighbourhood Service Manager also asked Members to agree that the PCSP:
- would not accept unsolicited proposals; rather that interested parties would be signposted to PCSP Policing Committee Grants or the Community Safety Small Grants as appropriate; and,
 - continues to give delegated authority to the Safer City Assistant Manager to approve the release of the funding for any projects which have completed the DPCSP governance/due diligence processes and this funding will be reported retrospectively at each PCSP meeting.
- xxvi. Members agreed to the recommendations detailed.

8. Neighbourhood Watch 2019/2020

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that following advice received around GDPR, the Department of Justice (DOJ) would now no longer be processing Neighbourhood Watch accreditations or maintaining a central database for Northern Ireland. As a result, Belfast PCSP would now be taking on this role and would therefore be required to issue certificates and ID cards when accrediting new NHW Schemes, or reaccrediting existing schemes.
- ii. Members were asked to approve the purchase of a specialist printer and lanyards using existing underspends from within the 2018/2019 PCSP budget (approx. cost between £1,000 and £1,500) and, confirm final approval for the delivery of Neighbourhood Watch during 2019/2020 at a cost of £1,000.
- iii. Members noted the request and agreed to the budgets outlined above.

9. 2019/2020 (D)PCSP Small Grants

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the 2019/2020 (D)PCSP Small Grants. She reminded Members that it had been agreed at the last Belfast PCSP Meeting that a Member Panel of 5 who would meet on 20th March to ratify the funding recommendations made by Officers for Citywide projects. Members also agreed to maintain the PCSP budget for Small Grants at £15,000.
- ii. She advised that whilst PCSP Members had agreed their budget for 2019/2020 Small Grants, the DPCSPs have not agreed any localised budgets as the Funding Model for the forthcoming year had not yet been agreed.
- iii. She further advised that this effectively meant that none of the DPCSPs are in a position to allocate funding towards Tranche 1 and by the time they would be, the deadline for getting allocated monies out to funded groups (1st April) would be upon us.
- iv. The Safer City Coordinator suggested that that the existing PCSP Members Panel on 20th March was widened to include Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the DPCSPs (or nominated representatives from the DPCSPs).

- v. She advised Members that the suggested method had been discussed with the Council's Central Grants Unit who are content that an adequate level of scrutiny would be achieved through this amended process.
- vi. Members were advised that the Panel would have delegated authority to approve the applications on behalf of each DPCSP. In line with previous procedures, it was recommended that all applications scoring above 50% be considered suitable for funding.
- vii. Members noted the content of the paper provided and agreed to the recommendations.

10. Code of Practice for the Appointment of Independent Members

- i. Members were presented with the Code of Practice for the Appointment of Independent Members.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members of a change to the Code of Practice for the Appointment of Independent Members with regards to how security checks are carried out.
- iii. She requested if Members had any comments in reference to the Code of Practice for the Appointment of Independent Members to forward them before close of play on Friday 15th March.
- iv. Members noted the content of the report provided.

11. Date of Next Meeting

- i. Members were advised that the next meetings of the Belfast PCSP would be confirmed following the Council election in May.
- ii. The Chair thanked all Members and Belfast PCSP Officers for their support and commitment to the work of Belfast PCSP.
- iii. Members congratulated the Chair on the role he had played in relation to Belfast PCSP.