

Minutes of the Belfast Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Private Meeting

Lavery Room, City Hall
Monday 5 August 2019

Political Members	Independent Members
Councillor Micheal Donnelly (Chair)	John MacVicar (Vice Chair)
Councillor Claire Canavan	Debbie Hammill
Councillor Fred Cobain	Mary Lambe
Councillor Steven Corr	Michael O'Hara
Councillor Michelle Kelly	Susan Russam
Councillor Brian Smyth	
Councillor Carl Whyte	
Designated Organisations	
Chris Fee, NIFRS	Roisin Muldoon, PBNI
Jennifer Hawthorn, NIHE	Bryan Nelson, H&SCT
Patricia Muldoon, YJA	Chief Superintendent John Roberts, PSNI
Staff Present	Apologies
Lorna Somers, Safer City Assistant Manager	Councillor Emmet McDonagh-Brown
Katharine McCrum, Safer City Coordinator	Carmel McKinney
Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer	Alderman Tommy Sandford
	Anne-Louise Toal

1. Welcome and Apologies

- i. The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting, asked Members to introduce themselves, 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 17th June, copies of which had previously been circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.
- ii. The Safer City Assistant Manager provided Members with the following update on actions from the previous meeting;

Action Agreed	Progress to Date
Circulate information on the Transforming Justice Seminar, Substance Misuse Court presentation pack and possibly provide a future presentation on the Substance Misuse Court.	Presentation Pack requested from DOJ re Transforming Justice Seminar. November (D)PCSP Public Meetings to be themed on the Restorative Practice work of Probation Board NI (PBNI)/Youth Justice Agency (YJA).
Circulate Alcohol and Drugs CRN figures by District and a report on the Schools Programme.	Information re Schools Programme included in August papers (Update YJA Item 6a). YJA unable to provide alcohol and drugs statistics for the Community Resolution Notices (CRNs) as they have not been externally validated yet.
Information on Belfast City Council (BCC) Handyman Service to be circulated to Members.	Circulated with August papers on 29/07/19.
Map of PCSP City Centre area to be circulated to Members.	Circulated with August papers on 29/07/19.
ASB (Anti-Social Behaviour) Report – Further information on substance misuse and needle reports recorded in North Belfast to be provided.	Council's Community Safety Unit alongside Police, Extern and The Welcome Organisation meet regularly to share information on Hotspot areas. The result of these discussions mean a more targeted approach to areas where Sharps and other drug paraphernalia could be discovered. This has led to an increase in sharps finds, particularly in secluded and hard to reach areas which are not easily accessible to members of the public. Some of the areas fall just outside the border of the City Centre Police and into North Belfast Policing area and as a result are categorised as being discovered in the North DPCSP area.
ASB Report – Provide Members with clarity regarding Belfast City Council's Policy around the installation of CCTV in play parks.	<p>Council has CCTV infrastructure at a number of its parks and open spaces across the city, however, this has been installed as a result of a robust business case articulating the potential benefits of the CCTV vs cost and the Council must at all times balance an individual's right to privacy against those potential benefits before CCTV can be installed legally. Additionally, Council budgets are under significant pressure at present.</p> <p>The CCTV installed at Avoniel, Loop Park etc. was part of the funding bid to the Big Lottery for the Connswater Community Greenway Project and did not come at a cost to Council.</p>
ASB Report - Further information regarding the timeline for the repair to the play park gates at Loop River to be provided.	Update requested from Parks.
Neighbourhood Services Manager to respond to letter from a Member regarding the Lenadoon Fireworks Project and legal advice is to be recirculated to the Member.	Copy of legal advice reissued to Member on 19/06/19. Letter to Neighbourhood Services Manager currently with Council's Legal Unit for response.

4. Confirmation of Vice Chair

- i. Members were advised that John MacVicar would remain the PCSP Vice-Chair until the reconstitution of the PCSPs.

5. Chairs Update

- i. The Chair advised Members that the Department of Justice 'Ending the Harm' public awareness campaign on paramilitary style attacks relaunched today, 5th August.
- ii. He advised Members that the campaign is part of the Executive Action Plan to Tackle Paramilitary Activity, Criminality and Organised Crime which is aimed at highlighting the devastating impact of so-called 'paramilitary style attacks' on victims, their families, local communities and wider society.

6. Update from Designated Members

PBNI

- i. Roisin Muldoon provided Members with an update regarding the recent evaluation undertaken in relation to Enhanced Combination Orders.
- ii. She advised Members that the aim of the Enhanced Combination Order is to divert offenders from short-term custodial sentences by offering sentencers an existing community option in a more intensive package with a focus on rehabilitation, reparation, restorative practice and desistance.
- iii. She informed Members that PBNI works closely with partners including the PSNI, the Courts, Barnardos, NIACRO, Victim Support and Community Restorative Organisations (CRJI and NI Alternatives) to deliver the Enhanced Combination Order. To date approximately 400 people have been sentenced to an Enhanced Combination Order, from the commencement of the pilot in October 2015.
- iv. Ms. Muldoon commented that PBNI have been working closely with the Department of Justice in an effort to secure the necessary funding in order to roll Enhanced Combination Orders (ECOs) out across all of Northern Ireland. At present the disposal is only available in the Court divisions of Armagh, South Down & Ards (from 1 October 2015) and from 1 October 2018 the Enhanced Combination Order was expanded into the North West in the Court Divisions of Strabane, Derry/Londonderry and Limavady.
- v. In addition, Members were also advised that the PBNI Corporate Plan consultation had commenced and Criminal Justice Inspection Northern Ireland (CJINI) would be carrying out an inspection of governance, strategy, delivery and outcomes for Probation during the months ahead.

NIFRS

- vi. Group Commander Chris Fee advised Members that the 11th July had been the quietest for the NIFRS in ten years.

- vii. He advised Members that as a result of this there had been no attacks on the Fire Service and no damage to property caused by bonfires. He commended the work of the undertaken by Belfast City Council, Members and the local community.
- viii. Members were advised that there had been a reduction of 120% in secondary fires during July 2019.
- ix. He further advised Members of new legislation in relation to Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMO's) and the transfer of responsibility from NIHE to Belfast City Council. He further advised that a Memorandum of Understanding is currently being developed to ensure that all partners use a standardised approach.
- x. The Chair thanked the NIFRS for the service they provided over the 11th July and commended all involved in ensuring that the night had been incident free.

YJA

- xi. Patricia Muldoon advised Members that the Youth Justice Agency had delivered 121 workshops across 16 schools with approximately 5,000 young people in attendance during the period September 2018 to April 2019. She advised Members that the focus of the workshops included internet safety, no harm done, drugs and alcohol, resilience. She further commented that the Youth Justice Agency are currently consulting with schools with regards to programmes that may be delivered next year.
- xii. Ms. Muldoon provided Members with an update on the Community Resolution Notice (CRN) Pilot. She provided Members with an overview of what the CRN pilot involved.
- xiii. She advised Members that for the period 1 Feb 2019 - 30 June 2019, 272 CRN's had been issued across Northern Ireland, of which 74% had been in relation to Drugs and Alcohol and 26% issued for other offences. She advised Members that the statistics provided had not been externally verified.
- xiv. The Chair commented that he believed the use of Community Resolution Notice (CRN's) was proving successful and welcomed the use of CRN's in West Belfast.

PSNI

- xv. Chief Superintendent Roberts provided an update on the following points within his update:
 - Drugs find in North Belfast; PSNI seized a quantity of suspected class A drugs and arrested a man following a search in a property in North Belfast on Thursday 25th July;
 - Shooting incident in West Belfast; 3 arrests made and investigation ongoing;
 - Road Traffic Collision (RTC) on Whiterock Road, Saturday 3rd August; One male charged and has appeared in Court; and,
 - PSNI have received a request to investigate trespassing with regards to the bonfire at Avoniel Leisure Centre.
- xvi. He also advised Members of upcoming events that the PSNI would be engaged in. He commented that by the PSNI engaging in a number of large events in the City, it does abstract PSNI from core business.
- xvii. Chief Superintendent Roberts advised Members that the PSNI had previously facilitated a tour of Musgrave Custody Suite to which PCSP Members were invited

to attend. He welcomed the opportunity to do the tour again and extend the invitation to all DPCSP Members.

- xviii. Members welcomed the invitation and agreed for a date/time to be confirmed and the invitation circulated to all DPCSP Members.

H&SCT

- xix. Bryan Nelson advised Members of a lecture focusing on 'Age of Loneliness' being held in St Mary's, Falls Road on Tuesday 6th August. He welcomed all Members to attend.

NIHE

- xx. Jennifer Hawthorne advised that the NIHE had launched its Chronic Homelessness Plan. She commented that the link to the consultation would be forwarded to Members for information.
- xxi. Members were also advised that NIHE Offices located on Great Victoria Street would be moving to May Street/Adelaide Street at the end of August.
- xxii. Ms. Hawthorne commented that although there had been bonfires located on NIHE land this year, the period had been quiet and all clear ups had been completed.

Members

- xxiii. A Member asked in relation to the drug issue being presented in the City Centre, what the PCSP could do to help address the issue.
- xxiv. The Safer City Assistant Manager advised that the PCSP deliver a number of projects that deal with the issue and provided details on the PCSP's Sharps Contract, and Dual Diagnosis and SISS projects.
- xxv. Jennifer Hawthorne also advised Members that there are a number of drug addiction services available through NIHE. She commented that additional information regarding floating support services could be provided if required by Members.
- xxvi. The Safer City Assistant Manager informed Members that a Citywide Drug and Alcohol project proposal would be presented to the Partnership in September/October for consideration. She added that the total funding allocated to this project is £27,500.
- xxvii. Chief Superintendent Roberts advised Members that there had been 942 drug offences recorded in the City Centre for the period April – August 2019. He commented that he felt the PCSP could be doing more in and around the City Centre to address the ongoing drug issue. He also noted that there is an issue of displacement occurring whereby drug taking/dealing is moving from the City Centre to the Lagan Tow Path/Stranmillis area.
- xxviii. The Vice Chair also commented that there had been a notable increase in drug paraphernalia including unused needles from needle exchange kits being dumped in the Shankill/Woodvale area. He highlighted his concern whereby a young person may be exposed to the discarded needles and seriously injured.

7. 2019/2020 Belfast (D)PCSP Action Plan Implementation

- i. The Safer City Coordinator presented to Members a project proposal for the delivery of the Primary School Road Safety Project. She advised Members that the project proposal would be delivered from within the Preventative Safeguarding theme at a cost of £29,950 over 2 years, £20,000 of which will be delivered during 2019/2020.
- ii. She further advised Members that the PSNI would help to identify and prioritise primary schools which would benefit from the project.
- iii. A Member commented that he felt the Education Authority should be the led partner in relation to the delivery of the Primary School Road Safety Project. He also highlighted his concerns whereby not all schools would be able to benefit from the project.
- iv. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the focus of the project proposal had been road safety rather than educational. She further commented that the project had already been piloted as a project delivered by the North Belfast DPCSP.
- v. A Member asked if the Education Authority had been consulted in relation the project proposal.
- vi. The Safer City Assistant Manager commented that her understanding had been that the Education Authority had not been involved in the project. She added that the North Belfast DPCSP had supported the initiative previously through a Policing Committee grant application.
- vii. A Member raised concerns about how the project had been presented and noted that it had originally been developed and delivered by ACT under the name 'Kill Your Speed, Not Your Child'. She further commented that the Education Authority had not been involved in the delivery of the project. She asked if the project was being presented as a new project or as an ACT initiative and highlighted her concern whereby an initiative developed and delivered by a community group was now being presented as a Council project. She also asked if there had been meetings held between Council and ACT to develop the project.
- viii. The Safer City Assistant Manager commented that the initial project was referred to within the papers but acknowledged that there was no reference to ACT, however the history of the project was contained within the extended internal documents. She added that there was no intent from the staff team to hide this information from Members.
- ix. The Member asked if the funding of £29,500 being requested to support the delivery of the project would be given to directly to ACT.
- x. The Safer City Assistant Manager advised that this would not be possible as the Belfast PCSP was required to operate within procurement guidelines and therefore, due to the amount of money involved, a quotation process would be required. She advised Members that she would ask the relevant Safer City Coordinator to review these procedures ahead of issuing the quotation exercise.
- xi. The Member questioned what message was being sent by this course of action, given the work conducted by ACT to date. She asked if ACT had been aware of the project proposal being presented to the PCSP Partnership.

- xii. The Safer City Assistant Manager undertook to provide further information about what conversations had taken place, and added that ACT would be one of the organisations that the quotation would be circulated to.
- xiii. The Safer City Assistant Manager asked Members to note the letter included at item 10 from the Northern Ireland Policing Board. She explained that following an audit exercise, a letter had been issued to all PCSPs highlighting a number of observations regarding procurement with a reminder that all procurement should be carried out in an open, transparent, fair and equitable manner, with evidence of the process retained.
- xiv. The Safer City Assistant Manager explained that if more than one organisation could provide a service or deliver a project, then a procurement exercise must be completed.
- xv. The Member reiterated her belief that Council was taking a project that had been developed by a community group, and in doing so was not giving credit to this group and the work they undertook, thus allowing the project to be perceived as being developed by a statutory agency.
- xvi. A Member asked how many schools in North Belfast would benefit from the project and how many signs would be provided.
- xvii. The Safer City Coordinator commented that the project would be delivered on a Citywide basis and that the number of schools that would benefit from the project could not be provided at this stage, as the level of demand/need is unknown. She added that each school could also have a different requirement in terms of signage.
- xviii. A Member suggested that if four signs were allocated per school, information in relation to how many schools could benefit could be provided.
- xix. The Safer City Assistant Manager reiterated that it was not possible to know that at this stage as this information would be detailed within the quotation responses.
- xx. Chief Superintendent Roberts commented that the PSNI could deliver information sessions to all local primary schools. He further commented that all schools could not benefit from the project due to budget availability. He also requested for guidance to be provided by the Partnership in identifying schools that would benefit from the project.
- xxi. A Member asked what had been the rationale for the project being delivered in the first place.
- xxii. A Member informed the Partnership that the rationale for the ACT project had been a child being injured whilst being taken to school. Following the incident, discussions had been held with the school regarding road safety and subsequently the road signs initiative was developed.
- xxiii. A Member commented that he felt that it would be unfair to pre select schools who would benefit from the project. He also commented that he felt that if the PCSP funded the project, the PCSP had ownership of the project. He further commented that he felt this should be an initiative delivered and maintained by the Education Authority.
- xxiv. A Member highlighted her concern regarding the governance and accountability, and how the decision to progress had been made. She commented that ACT had

developed an opportunity to work with schools, specifically in relation to educating young people traveling to school and had validated the project.

- xxv. She also stated that the project should be delivered within proper procurement guidelines. She also commented that there may be property rights developed in relation to this initiative and asked for clarity regarding what the ask was from ACT.
- xxvi. Following this discussion, Members agreed to defer a decision regarding the project proposal and requested that further information on what conversations had taken place with ACT be presented at the next PCSP Meeting.

8. 2019/2020 Belfast Action Plan Progress

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the progress to date in relation to the Belfast Action Plan, specifically in relation to project delivery and spend for Belfast PCSP, North, South, East and West Belfast DPCSPs.

PCSP Project Delivery

Theme	Project	Budget	Spent	Committed (GRNd)	Approved/ Anticipated	Balance Remaining	Status
Effectiveness	(D)PCSP Meetings & Briefings - PCSP	£4,000		£173		£3,827	2x Private Meetings (June and August) 1x Policing Committee Meeting (August)
	Strategic Assessment and Action Plan	£5,500			£5,500	£0	Meetings ongoing with contractor, residents survey results to be analysed in August
Feel Safe	Preventative Safeguarding	£20,000				£20,000	1x proposal to PCSP for approval in August (£20,000)
	Cyber Safety	£25,000		£1,090	£23,910	£0	Year 2 of 2 year project, delivery ongoing
Feel Safe - At Home	Home Security Service	£30,000		£4,645	£25,355	£0	Year 2 of 3 year tender project, delivery ongoing
	Neighbourhood Watch	£1,000			£1,000	£0	Meetings to review procedures and update manual are complete. Meetings to commence in September
	Christmas Safety Event	£7,500			£7,500	£0	Project approved and scheduled. Delivery to commence in September/October for event on 5th December
Feel Safe - Young People	RADAR Project	£7,500	£1,035	£1,255	£5,210	£0	Year 2 of 2 year funding agreement, delivery ongoing
Sexual Violence & Domestic Abuse	Consent Project	£19,950		£4,886	£15,064	£0	Year 2 of 2 year project, delivery ongoing
	Crisis Support Project	£19,950			£19,950	£0	Year 2 of 2 year project, delivery ongoing
Drug & Alcohol	Stewarding Project	£18,300		£6,370	£11,930	£0	Year 2 of 2 year project, delivery ongoing
	Drug and Alcohol Support Services	£27,500				£27,500	Project to be developed and brought to Members for approval in September/October
City Centre	Supporting Complex Needs (SISS/Dual Diagnosis)	£30,000			£30,000	£0	Project approved and awaiting Director Sign Off
	Sharps Removal Contract	£15,000	£4,051	£954	£9,995	£0	Year 1 of 3 year tender, delivery ongoing
	Improving Community Safety in the City Centre	£10,000				£10,000	Project to be developed and brought to Members for approval in September/October
Confidence in Policing	PCSP Small Grants - PCSP	£15,000				£15,000	No applications were successful in Tranche 1. Tranche 2 to be scored in mid-August. Member panel in early September
		£256,200	£5,086	£19,373	£155,414	£76,327	

North DPCSP Project Delivery

Theme	Project	Budget	Spent	Committed (GRNd)	Approved / Anticipated	Balance Remaining	Status
Consult and Engage	PACT Resources Project (£5K)	£5,000	£0			£5,000	PACT Resources Project to be presented to Members for final approval at their August meeting
	PACT meeting support (£2K)	£2,000	£360			£1,640	June Meeting approved costs for Shankill Community Safety Network and Lower Shankill PACT approved April - June Project description to be drafted and presented to Members for approval at their September meeting
Effectiveness	(D)PCSP Meetings & other mtgs - North	£3,000		£5		£2,995	Project to be drafted and presented to Members for approval at their August meeting
Feel Safe - At Home	Vulnerable people feel safer - North	£3,750			£3,747	£3	Quotation awarded in July to CM Works. Delivery to commence in coming weeks
Feel Safe - Young People	Post Primary School Project - North	£5,000				£5,000	Not progressing. Members to consider alternative options for this budget at their August meeting
Feel Safe - Hate Crime	Addressing hate crime/fear of hate crime - North	£7,500				£7,500	Project to be drafted and presented to Members for approval at their August meeting
Sexual Violence & Dom. Abuse	DV Awareness Raising and Training - North	£1,875				£1,875	Project to be drafted and presented to Members for approval at their August meeting
Antisocial Behaviour	Working to prevent ASB - North	£30,924				£30,924	Model to be drafted and presented to Members for approval at their August meeting
Confidence in Policing	Conversation Piece - North	£5,000			£5,000	£0	A quotation was let in July with submissions due to be scored in early August
	PCSP Small Grants	£42,000	£17,518		£4,380	£20,102	6 applications were successful in Tranche 1 at a cost of £21,880. Tranche 2 submissions (9) to be scored in mid-August ahead of Member panel in early September
	- Mindskills Training	£3,750	£3,000		£750		
	- Belfast Orangefest	£5,000	£4,000		£1,000		
	- Star Neighbourhood	£4,630	£3,704		£926		
	- ROC	£4,568	£3,654		£914		
	- Trans Pride NI	£230	£184		£46		
	- Shankill United FC	£3,720	£2,976		£744		
Policing Committee Grants - North	£20,000					£20,000	No applications have been successful as yet, 1 was unsuccessful but work continues with group. 6 other groups have registered an interest in the funding
		£126,049	£17,518	£5	£13,127	£93,399	

South DPCSP Project Delivery

Theme	Project	Budget	Spent	Committed (GRNd)	Approved / Anticipated	Balance Remaining	Status
Consult and Engage	Support community safety - WUA Capacity Support	£11,619				£11,619	Quotation awarded in July to Forward South Partnership. Delivery to commence in early August
Effectiveness	(D)PCSP Meetings & other mtgs - South	£3,000	£169	£8		£2,823	1x Private Meeting (June) 1x Policing Committee Meeting (June). PACT meeting held in May
Feel Safe - At Home	Vulnerable people feel safer - South	£3,750			£3,747	£3	Quotation awarded in July to CM Works. Delivery to commence in coming weeks
Feel Safe - Young People	Post Primary School Project - South	£5,000				£5,000	Not progressing. Members to consider alternative options for this budget at their August meeting
Feel Safe - Hate Crime	Addressing hate crime and the fear of hate crime - South	£7,500				£7,500	Project to be drafted and presented to Members for approval at their August meeting
Sexual Violence & Domestic Abuse	DV Awareness Raising and Training - South	£1,875				£1,875	Project to be drafted and presented to Members for approval at their August meeting
Confidence in Policing	Conversation Piece - South	£5,000				£5,000	A quotation was let in July with submissions due to be scored in early August
	PCSP Small Grants - South	£36,349	£18,087		£8,262	£10,000	6 applications were successful in Tranche 1 at a cost of £26,349. Tranche 2 submissions (9) to be scored in mid-August ahead of Member panel in early September
	- South Belfast Alternatives	£4,950	£3,960		£990		
	- Dreamscheme NI	£5,000	£4,000		£1,000		
	- Belfast Orangefest	£5,000	£4,000		£1,000		
	- Nigerian Community	£2,765	£2,212		£553		
	- Greater Village Regeneration	£4,894	£3,915		£979		
	- LORAG	£3,740			£3,740		
	Policing Committee Grants - South	£10,000			£2,000	£8,000	1 application has been funded, 1 was unsuccessful but work continues with group, and 2 other groups have registered an interest in the funding
- GVRT Squad Project				£2,000			
		£84,093	£18,256	£8	£14,009	£51,820	

East Belfast DPCSP Project Delivery

Theme	Project	Budget	Spent		Approved / Anticipated	Balance Remaining	Status
Effectiveness	(D)PCSP Meetings & other mtgs - East	£3,000			£697	£2,303	1x Private Meeting (June) 1x Policing Committee Meeting (June). Tension Monitoring meetings held in June and July and scheduled throughout the year. 3 PACT meetings have been held; Lisnasharagh - June, Titanic-June, Ormiston - July
Feel Safe - At Home	Vulnerable people feel safer - East	£3,750			£3,747	£3	Quotation awarded in July to CM Works. Delivery to commence in coming weeks
Feel Safe - Young People	Post Primary School Project - East	£5,000				£5,000	Not progressing. Members to consider alternative options for this budget at their August meeting
Feel Safe - Hate Crime	Addressing hate crime and the fear of hate crime - East	£7,500				£7,500	Project to be drafted and presented to Members for approval at their August meeting
Sexual Violence & Dom.Abuse	DV Awareness Raising and Training - East	£1,875				£1,875	Project to be drafted and presented to Members for approval at their August meeting
Antisocial Behaviour	Working to prevent ASB - East	£20,000				£20,000	Workshop being held in August with Members in order to shape project delivery
Confidence in Policing	Conversation Piece - East	£5,000				£5,000	A quotation was let in July with submissions due to be scored in early August
	PCSP Small Grants - East	£47,490	£21,992		£5,498	£20,000	6 applications were successful in Tranche 1 at a cost of £27,490. Tranche 2 submissions (5) to be scored in mid-August ahead of Member panel in early September
	- Dreamscheme NI	£5,000	£4,000		£1,000		
	- Belfast Orangefest Ltd	£5,000	£4,000		£1,000		
	- Protestant Boys East Belfast	£5,000	£4,000		£1,000		
	- St Matthews Football Club	£4,450	£3,560		£890		
	- Cregagh Wanderers Ltd	£3,040	£2,432		£608		
	- Glentoran Academy	£5,000	£4,000		£1,000		
	Policing Committee Grants - East	£13,511		£1,600	£1,900	£10,011	2 applications have been funded, 2 have been scored awaiting peer review, and 1 further application is expected in the coming weeks
	- Short Strand Community Forum Family Day	£2,000		£1,600	£400		
- EBCDA Far-Right Extremism Workshops	£1,500			£1,500			
		£107,126	£21,992	£1,600	£11,842	£71,692	

West Belfast DPCSP Project Delivery

Theme	Project	Budget	Spent	Committed (GRNd)	Approved / Anticipated	Balance Remaining	Status
Consult and Engage	(Community Safety Strategy) Interim Project	£8,750	£7,000	£347	£0	£1,403	West Belfast DPCSP funding commitment has been met Interim project ongoing with funding from NIHE, West DPCSP to monitor performance
	West Belfast Network Support Project (Community Safety Strategy)	£15,000	£0			£15,000	Initial approval in June Meeting Project Description to be presented to Members for final approval at their August meeting
	West Belfast Professional Witness Project (Community Safety Strategy)	£38,750	£0			£38,750	Initial approval in June Meeting Enhanced Project Description to be presented to Members for final approval at their August meeting
	Evaluation - West Belfast Professional Witness	£7,500	£0			£7,500	Project Description to be presented to Members for approval at their August meeting
Effectiveness	(D)PCSP Meetings & other mtgs - West	£3,000		£103		£2,897	1x Private Meeting (June) 1x Policing Committee Meeting (June)
Sexual Violence & Domestic Abuse	DV Awareness Raising and Training	£1,875				£1,875	Project to be drafted and presented to Members for approval at their August meeting
Confidence in Policing	Conversation Piece - West	£5,000				£5,000	A quotation was let in July with submissions due to be scored in early August
	PCSP Small Grants - West	£36,982	£21,845		£5,461	£9,676	6 applications were successful in Tranche 1 at a cost of £27,306. Tranche 2 submissions (4) to be scored in mid-August ahead of Member panel in early September
	- Gleann Amateur Boxing	£3,940	£3,152		£788		
	- Ulster Wildlife	£4,875	£3,900		£975		
	- Footprints Womens Centre	£4,801	£3,840		£961		
	- Belfast Orangefest	£5,000	£4,000		£1,000		
	- Colin Neighbourhood	£3,690	£2,952		£738		
- Feile An Phobail	£5,000	£4,000		£1,000			
		£116,857	£28,845	£450	£5,461	£82,101	

- ii. The Safer City Coordinator also provided Members with the Quarter 1 Progress Report for the period 1 April – 30 June, 2019.
- iii. Members were asked to note the DPCSP Action Plans/Budget Updates; agree retrospective approval of the funding approved for DPCSP projects as detailed in each of the DPCSP updates provided and also note the contents of Quarter 1 Progress Report for the period 1st April – 30th June, 2019.
- iv. Members noted the reports and agreed retrospective approval of the funding detailed.

9. PCSP Small Grants Tranche 2

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update on PCSP Small Grants Tranche 2.
- ii. Members were advised that a total of 28 applications had been received for the 2019/2020 Tranche 2 across all areas of the city, geographically broken down as:
 - 9 - North Belfast
 - 9 - South Belfast
 - 5 - East Belfast
 - 4 - West Belfast
 - 1 - PCSP (for project activity that takes place in more than one area of the City)
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members that the above breakdown would be subject to final confirmation at the point of scoring the applications which is scheduled to take place in mid-August.
- iv. She advised Members of the processes undertaken for the approval of Tranche 1 (D)PCSP Small Grants, and asked Members to agree that this amended process would be used from this point forward when approving PCSP Small Grants;
 - Central Grants Unit perform an eligibility check on all applications then make available to the Safer City Coordinator lead for Small Grants;
 - 3 Safer City Coordinators (SCC's) meet to score each application;
 - A Members Panel of (D)PCSP Members, including the Chairs and Vice-Chairs or nominated representatives, meet to ratify a sample of scores assigned by the SCC's for each area of the City (highest and lowest score from each); and,
 - Those applications which score over 50 are recommended for funding.
- v. In response to a query as to why the process from applying for a grant to receiving confirmation of funding was so long, the Safer City Coordinator noted that undertaking each of the governance steps took time, and this was one of the reasons that the request to move to the amended process was being made.
- vi. Members noted the request and agreed to the recommendations, including the reallocation of an anticipated £10,240 under spend within the Small Grants budget to Preventative Safeguarding.

10. (D)PCSP Audit and Governance Arrangements

- i. The Safer City Assistant Manager advised Members that the Chief Executive of the NI Policing Board (NIPB) had written to all Councils highlighting a number of general

observations of poor procurement practices that were found during the NIPB's verification audits relating to 2017-2018 expenditure. A copy of the letter had been circulated to Members for notation.

- ii. Members were advised that the observations were not specific to verification audits at Belfast City Council and were not specific to Belfast PCSP.
- iii. In response to a query, the Safer City Assistant Manager clarified that the audit had been completed with no issues of non-compliance noted.
- iv. The Safer City Assistant Manager also informed Members that Belfast City Council's Internal Audit Programme would be conducting a review of (D)PCSP procedures and expenditure for the 2018-2019 financial year during July/August 2019 as per the conditions of our Funding Agreement with Joint Committee.
- v. The Safer City Assistant Manager also advised Members that PCSP officers are aware of the impact governance procedures have on community organisations.
- vi. A Member retracted their previous comment regarding the length of time taken to process grants, given the level of scrutiny involved in administering PCSP funding.

11. Belfast City Council/PCSP Residents Survey 2019

- i. Members were reminded that the Belfast PCSP part funded a Residents Survey during 2018/2019 in order to get obtain statistics relating to policing and community safety priorities on a North, South, East and West Belfast basis.
- ii. Members were advised that the key findings of the Resident's Survey were now available for review.
- iii. The Safer City Assistant Manager suggested for the key findings to be presented at the next Joint Briefing alongside the work of the Public Protection Unit.
- iv. A Member suggested that future Joint Briefings be held in local community facilities.
- v. Following a discussion about the pros and cons of this suggestion, Members agreed to host a Joint Briefing on Monday 9th September following the PCSP Private Meeting at a venue to be confirmed.
- vi. The Safer City Assistant Manager also advised Members that the DPCSPs would be hosting public meetings during September to review Police Performance during the previous year and to discuss Hate Crime. In November, public meetings will be themed on restorative practices with the Probation Board and Youth Justice Agency.

12. 2018/2019 (D)PCSP Annual Reports

- i. Members were presented with Belfast (D)PCSP Annual Reports for 1st April 2018 – 31st March 2019.
- ii. Members were asked to:
 - a. Agree the Belfast (D)PCSP Annual Reports for 1st April 2018 – 31st March 2019;

- b. Agree for the Annual Reports to be circulated to Council and the Joint Committee; and,
 - c. Agree to the publication of the (D)PCSP Annual Reports on the Council website.
- iii. A Member asked for clarification regarding the attendance of Members at DPCSP Public Meetings detailed in the South DPCSP Annual Report.
- iv. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the attendance figures detailed in the South DPCSP Annual Report would be reviewed and amended if required.
- v. Concerns were raised at the lack of public meetings held in some areas, and in turn how this impacted on community involvement.
- vi. It was agreed that each DPCSP should facilitate a public meeting quarterly.
- vii. The Safer City Assistant Manager agreed that the number of meetings had reduced, and provided an explanation for this, including a change in the format of PCSP meetings. She assured Members that public meetings were planned in each area for September and November 2019 and January and February 2020.

13. Date of Next Meeting

- i. Members were advised that the next meeting of the Belfast PCSP would be held on Monday 9th September 2019.
- ii. Members were also reminded that a Joint Briefing would be held on Monday 9th September following the conclusion of the PCSP Private Meeting.