

North Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Private Meeting

Room AD1H, 9 Adelaide
Tuesday, 12th March 2019

Political Members	Independent Members
Councillor Ryan Murphy (Chair)	Gerard O'Reilly (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Mary Clarke	Jennifer Cornell
	Catherine Patrick
Designated Organisations	
Alan Cunningham, NIFRS	Janet McClinton, PBNI
Inspector Laura Kelly	Gabi Mornhinweg, H&SCT
Dermot Magorrian, YJA	Inspector Paul Noble, PSNI
Mark McBride, EA	
Staff Present	Apologies
Suzanne Gowling, Safer City Coordinator	Liam Gunn, NIHE
Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer	Chief Inspector Kelly Moore
	Gerald Solinas

1. Welcome and Routine Matters

- i. The Chair, Councillor Ryan Murphy welcomed Members to the North Belfast DPCSP Private 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 Private Meeting, which was held on Monday 11th February 2019, 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 following the last North Belfast DPCSP Meeting.

4. Chairs Update from PCSP

- i. The Chair provided Members with an update from the PCSP Private Meeting held on Monday 11 March 2019.
- ii. He advised Members at the last PCSP Meeting the Action Plan for 2019/20 and the associated budgets for each DPCSP had been agreed.

- iii. He also advised Members that the Chair and Vice Chair would attend the Small Grants Panel on Wednesday 20th March to review applications submitted.
- iv. The Chair advised Members that a request had been made to the Partnership to support the attendance of a local group of 12 young people to attend a one night residential at Todd's Leap. He advised Members that the cost associated with this would be approximately £120.00 per person.
- v. A Member asked if details had been provided in relation to who the young people were, how the young people were identified, where the young people are from, what are the aspirations of the young people attending the residential and what was the structure of the residential.
- vi. The Chair agreed that further information regarding the group and details of the residential should be provided.
- vii. Inspector Laura Kelly commented that the PSNI would welcome the opportunity to attend the residential.
- viii. A Member asked if other local groups were approached to attend the residential.
- ix. The Safer City Coordinator suggested for Members to forward details for other groups to be contacted regarding the residential.
- x. The Chair advised Members that there is approximately £7,000.00 of an underspend in the North Belfast DPCSP 2018/2019 budget.
- xi. The PSNI suggested to utilise the underspend identified, North Belfast DPCSP could purchase 'duty phones'. Inspector Laura Kelly advised Members of the purpose and benefits of the duty phones. Members welcomed this suggestion.
- xii. A Member also suggested for addition youth hours could be provided to utilise the underspend. Members welcomed this suggestion and requested Ardoyne Youth Enterprise be contacted to discuss.

5. Belfast PCSP 2019/2020 Action Plan – North Belfast DPCSP

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the Belfast PCSP 2019/20 Action Plan – North Belfast DPCSP.
- ii. She advised Members that the North Belfast DPCSP 2019/2020 budget is currently £123,049.
- iii. Members were advised that Belfast PCSP had agreed on the Citywide projects for 2019/2020 and were asked to consider how best to pull service delivery into North Belfast specifically in relation to the following:

Policing Committee Grants	Up to £2K for groups to respond to local policing and community safety issues; rolling programme for a timely response which is likely to include positive use of time activities.
DSVA Awareness	Provide information/training sessions to local groups to raise awareness of domestic and sexual violence and abuse, and be confident in reporting any

Raising and Training £1,875	concerns. Sessions will also provide signposting to localised support services
Post Primary School Project £5,000	Provide a coordinating resource to develop a universal policing and community safety programme in schools across the city; particularly building on the work of YJA
Feel Safer Project £3,750	Support local groups of adults at risk of harm to feel safer and have confidence in PCSP Member organisations
Conversation Piece £5,000	Support local groups of young people to explore confidence in policing and embedding a “culture of lawfulness”
Hate Crime Projects £7,500	To implement the recommendations of a review of hate crime and fear of hate crime projects across Belfast
ASB Project	Coordinate with local services to source and deliver consistent outreach youth work and enhanced services at key dates, particularly school holiday Local small scale activities to divert young people should tensions arise Support youth workers to provide a consistent approach to young people across the city

- iv. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that if North Belfast DPCSP supports all citywide projects, a total of £23,000 would be required to support the delivery.
- v. A Member asked if £23,000 would be the full amount for the year being requested from North Belfast DPCSP to support the delivery of citywide projects. Members were advised yes, unless a underspend was identified.
- vi. Members were advised in relation to Small Grants Tranche 1, six applications were recommended to receive funding. The total amount of funding required to support the delivery of these projects would be approximately £22,000.
- vii. The Chair asked what funding other DPCSP’s provided to the delivery of citywide projects. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that all districts would provide the same level of funding to support the delivery of citywide projects choose.
- viii. The Chair suggested for the Partnership to support all citywide projects. He suggested for the Hate Crime Projects funding to be ring-fenced until the evaluation from this year’s project had been received for review. Members welcomed this suggestion and agreed to fund all the citywide services; however more detail is required for the hate crime work.
- ix. The Safer City Coordinator asked Members to grant delegated authority to a quorum of 5 Members, consisting of Independent and Designated Members (one of whom must be the PSNI District Commander) to approve any Policing Committee Grants.
- x. Following a discussion, Members agreed to grant delegated authority to a quorum of 5 Members to approve Policing Committee Grants. However, a Member requested for an email in relation to this decision to be circulated to the Partnership to keep all Members informed.
- xi. With regards to the delivery of the ASB Project this year, the Chair commented that he felt the ASB project currently delivered is going well, and suggested something similar could be supported by the Partnership for delivery this year. However, Members noted that an evaluation on this year’s ASB project had yet to be completed.

- xii. Following a discussion, Members agreed to ring fence a minimum of £30,000 towards the delivery of the ASB Project with the option of increasing the budget if required.
- xiii. Members also agreed for a workshop to be held in partnership with key statutory agencies and local residents to review/discuss ASB issues in North Belfast.
- xiv. A Member advised that EA funding had been allocated for the delivery of outreach work this year. He suggested for where possible for links to be made with the EA in relation to ASB.

6. Update from Statutory Partners

NIFRS

- i. Alan Cunningham, NIFRS provided Members with an update on key statistics for the last reporting period.
- ii. He advised Members that there had been 24 major fires this month across North and West Belfast, 10 of which occurred in North Belfast.
- iii. He also advised that there had been 5 attacks on the NIFRS this month, of which one attack happened in North Belfast.

NIHE

- i. Anthony McKenna, NIHE advised Members that there had been three serious cases of ASB, with one case awaiting court hearing.
- ii. He advised Members that the NIHE continue to work with Safer Streets and local community representatives.

PBNI

- i. Janet McClinton, PBNI advised Members that the PBNI would be moving into the Youth Justice Agency offices in Duncairn Gardens.
- ii. She advised that there are 502 clients in North Belfast on PBNI records.
- iii. Members were also advised that additional funding had been allocated to the Substance Misuse Court Programme. This funding would be until June 2019.

Education Authority

- i. Mark McBride, EA provided Members with an update regarding the work of the Education Authority.
- ii. He advised Members that the annual youth conference had been held, whereby four main themes had been reviewed including social media; drugs and alcohol; bullying and mental health.

- iii. The Safer City Coordinator advised of the recent Cooperation Ireland Event and suggested for the EA to link in with Cooperation Ireland. The Safer City Coordinator to forward contact details for Cooperation Ireland.
- iv. Mr McBride advised Members the Youth Intervention Programme had been launched and the closing date for applications was Friday 5th April.
- v. He also advised Members that young people had been reporting the use of 'party flats'. He commented that local flats are being rented through Airbnb.
- vi. The PSNI confirmed that they were aware of these flats and the recent incidents that had taken place at these flats.

PSNI

- i. Inspector Paul Nobel, PSNI provided Members with an update regarding the PSNI model being implemented to tackle drug offending. He advised Members that the PSNI had conducted a total of 12 searches in two days, with most searches being successful.
- ii. Inspector Noble advised antisocial behaviour had become a major concern for the PSNI following recent ASB incidents in North Belfast. He further commented that due to recent incidents and in order to address the issue, the PSNI may have to move away from an educational role to an enforcement role.
- iii. Members also received an update regarding upcoming police operations specifically in relation to St Patricks Day. Inspector Noble also advised Members of the uncertainty of Brexit and the impact it may have on PSNI resources.
- iv. The Chair asked for an update on the drug bins within North Belfast, specifically in relation to another bin being placed in North Belfast.
- v. Following a discussion, Members requested for BDACT to attend a future DPCSP to provide an update on drug bins.
- vi. The Vice Chair advised of a meeting held at Cityside with local community representatives. He welcomed the PSNI to attend this meeting. He also requested that PSNI to get out off police vehicles and engage directly with local people.
- vii. Inspector Noble advised PSNI officers would engage where possible with local residents. However, this would be dependent on PSNI resources.

YJA

- i. Dermot Magorrian, YJA provided Members with an update regarding YJA had recently commissioned 'Strung Out', a new play by Spanner in the Works Theatre Company and the play had been performed in a number of venues across Northern Ireland.
- ii. He provided Members with an update on the school programme.
- iii. Mr Magorrian also informed Members that the YJA Duncairn Gardens Offices are due to close next month. YJA will relocate the Waring Street, Belfast

7. Belfast City Council's Antisocial Behaviour Report

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with a North Belfast update on Belfast City Council ASB Issues and local district hotspots.
- ii. Members noted the report provided.

8. Emerging Issues

- i. Following a recent incident involving a Syrian refugee family being put out of their home, Jennifer Cornell asked how families are located to a specific area.
- ii. Anthony McKenna, NIHE advised a dedicated team with the Housing Executive work specifically with Syrian families. He provided Members with an update on the process undertaken to allocate families to homes.
- iii. Inspector Paul Noble also advised Members of the work undertaken by the PSNI regarding families being allocated to homes in specific areas.
- iv. Jennifer Cornell asked how information was communicated to Syrian refugees regarding allocation of houses. Members were advised that there is a dedicated team based in Farset where information can be made available via an interpreter if required.
- v. Ms. Cornell also asked how information was relayed back to Syrian families following an incident that had been reported to the PSNI. Inspector Laura Kelly advised that like any incident, the PSNI will liaise directly with the family and also if necessary, any statutory agencies to review the incident.

9. Date of Next Meeting

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the date of the next North DPCSP Private Meeting would be confirmed in due course - post election, June 2019.