

North Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Private Meeting

Conor Room, City Hall
Tuesday, 25th June 2019

Political Members	Independent Members
Councillor Fred Cobain (Chair)	Gerard O'Reilly (Vice-Chair)
Councillor JJ Magee	Jennifer Cornell
Councillor Mal O'Hara	Michael Murray
	Gerald Solinas
Designated Organisations	
Inspector Jonathan Graham	Mark McBride, EA
Liam Gunn, NIHE	Janet McClinton, PBNI
Gabi Mornhinweg, H&SCT	Chief Inspector Kelly Moore
Dermot Magorrian, YJA	
Staff Present	Apologies
Suzanne Gowling, Safer City Coordinator	Councillor Nuala McAllister
Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer	Councillor Ryan Murphy

1. Welcome and Routine Matters

- i. The Chair, Councillor Fred Cobain 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. Presentation from Dr. Colm Walsh – Evaluation of Antisocial Behaviour

- i. The Chair welcomed Dr Colm Walsh from Queens University Belfast.
- ii. Members were advised that Dr Colm Walsh had been commissioned to do a review of the evidence about the role of youth work in addressing antisocial behaviour and to also evaluate the youth outreach projects in North and East Belfast
- iii. Dr Walsh provided Members with an overview of the ASB evaluation and presented recommendations.
- iv. Following a discussion, a Member commented that outreach work is effective but can be limited. He asked if the evaluation highlighted any benefit of young people attending a residential.

- v. Dr Walsh advised Members a residential is not an effective method in addressing anti-social behaviour. He commented that residential only reduce risk for a short period, as young people will return to the same environment. He further commented that a real behavioural change is required in order to assist in tackling antisocial behaviour.
- vi. A Member commented that the definition and remit of outreach work needed to be clarified. He commented that there are variations in the outreach work delivered in both North and East Belfast.
- vii. Dr Walsh informed Members that depending on the form of ASB targeted, different approaches would be more effective than others. He further commented that outreach work alone would be effective for low level ASB but only partially effective for serious and persistent ASB. He also highlighted the need to integrate outreach work with other key services.
- viii. A Member asked if any other methods of addressing antisocial behaviour had been identified. Dr Walsh commented that the both pilots clearly identified that outreach work was a one-step response. He further commented that family intervention had been a key in addressing antisocial behaviour.
- ix. A Member highlighted his concern regarding outreach workers being over stretched. He also commented on the transient youth, the empowerment of young people and the need for early intervention.
- x. Dr Walsh commented that the evaluation highlighted the need for joint up working using evidence based systems over a period of time. He also reiterated that early intervention is key and for a holistic approach to be applied.
- xi. The Chair thanked Dr Walsh for his presentation and commended the work undertaken.
- xii. Members requested for the ASB presentation to be circulated for information.

4. Minutes/Matters Arising

- i. Minutes of the North Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting, which was held on 12th March 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.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that BDACT would be invited to attend a future North DPCSP Meeting.

5. Chairs Update from PCSP

- i. The Chair provided Members with an update from the PCSP Private Meeting held on Monday 17th June.

- ii. He advised Members that at the recent PCSP Community Safety Awards held on the 29th May Belfast PCSP had two nominations short-listed. North DPCSP's Youth Outreach and Engagement Project in conjunction with Ardoyne Youth Enterprise and East Belfast Community Development Agency **won** the Award for Outstanding Impact in Tackling Anti-social Behaviour.
- iii. Further the Chair advised that Members agreed:
 - a. To note the Continuation Projects contained within Part 1 of the PCSP Project Description Document Booklet.
 - b. To approve retrospectively the PCSP and DPCSP Progressing Projects contained within Part 2 of the PCSP and DPCSP Booklets.
 - c. That further detail will be brought to future (D)PCSP Meetings regarding the projects contained within Part 3 of the PCSP and DPCSP Booklets
- iv. Members were furnished with project booklets in relation to the Belfast PCSP Action Plan 2019/2020. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that detailed project descriptions are contained within the two booklets 'PCSP Project Descriptions' and 'DPCSP Project Descriptions' accompanying the report, each of which was grouped into three categories;

PCSP Projects

Continuation Projects

Projects developed as 2 year projects during 2018/2019 or have ongoing contracts in place. Monitoring and evaluation of project delivery and performance is ongoing regarding the continuation projects listed below:

Project Name	Action Plan Theme	Budget
Strategic Assessment and Action Plan	Effectiveness	£5,500
Cyber Safety Project	Feel Safer	£25,000
Home Security Service	Feel Safer – At Home	£30,000
RADAR Project	Feel Safer – Young People	£7,500
Consent Project	Sexual Violence and Domestic Abuse	£19,950
Crisis Support Project	Sexual Violence and Domestic Abuse	£19,950
Stewarding Project	Drugs and Alcohol	£18,300
Sharps Removal Contract	City Centre	£15,000

Progressing Projects

These projects were presented in detail to Members as part of the 2019/2020 PCSP Action Plan therefore Officers have been able to progress delivery over recent months:

Project Name	Action Plan Theme	Budget
Neighbourhood Watch	Feel Safer	£1,000
Christmas Safety Event	Feel Safer – At Home	£7,500
SISS/Dual Diagnosis	City Centre	£30,000

Projects under Development (requiring final approval from Members)

These projects were included in the 2019/2020 PCSP Action Plan but were not at developed stage and so further approval will be required from Members before delivery commences:

Project Name	Action Plan Theme	Budget
Preventative Safeguarding	Feel Safer	£20,000
Drug and Alcohol Local Support Services	Feel Safer	£27,500
Improving Policing and Community Safety in the City Centre	Feel Safer - Hate Crime	£10,000

DPCSP Projects**Progressing Projects**

Project Name	Action Plan Theme	Budget
Conversation Piece	Confidence in Policing	£20,000
Older and Vulnerable Adults Project	Feel Safe – At Home	£11,250
Wider University Area Capacity Support Project (South Belfast)	Consult and Engage	£11,619
Interim Community Safety Project (West Belfast)	Consult and Engage	£8,750

Projects under Development (requiring final approval from Members)

Project Name	Action Plan Theme	Budget
Anti-Social Behaviour	ASB	£57,924
Post Primary School Project	Feel Safe – At Home	£15,000
Hate Crime	Feel Safer - Hate Crime	£22,500
West Belfast Community Safety Strategy (West Belfast)	Consult and Engage	£61,250
Domestic and Sexual Violence/Abuse Awareness Raising and Training	Sexual Violence and Domestic Abuse	£7,500

Members were advised that a number of projects still require final approvals, which would hopefully be presented at the August DPCSP meeting.

6. North Belfast DPCSP 2018/2019 Annual Report and financial round up

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with the North Belfast DPCSP 2018/19 Annual Report.
- ii. She further requested if Members had any comments regarding the Annual Report to forward to the Partnership Support Officer for inclusion.
- iii. Members agreed that the Chair would agree the content of the 2018/2019 North Belfast DPCSP Annual Report with Cllr. Ryan Murphy in his position of Chair of North Belfast DPCSP during 2018/2019.

7. Tranche 2 Small Grants

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that Tranche 2 of the PCSP's Small Grants were launched in May with a closing date of Friday 5 July 2019, 12.00noon.
- ii. She advised Members that information sessions took place in venues across the city at which representatives from groups had an opportunity to engage directly with Council Officers in order to better understand the requirements around small grant applications.
- iii. Members were informed that applications would be initially scored and moderated by the 3 Safer City Coordinators. The moderated scores and applications would then be taken to a Member Panel for their consideration. Members were also advised that previously in the past, applications not scoring above the threshold of 50% were not funded.
- iv. The Safer City Coordinator requested that the Partnership nominated 5 Members to form the Member Panel (the quorum for this panel shall be 3). The Panel will be required to meet in early September in order to allow the successful applicants to be notified and for projects to commence from 1st October.
- v. Furthermore, the Partnership would be requested to grant delegated authority to the Member Panel to confirm the successful applications, up to an agreed value.
- vi. The Panel will be required to meet in the week beginning 2 September 2019.
- vii. The Safer City Coordinator recommended that the Partnership agree to:
 - a. nominate 5 Members to the Member Panel.
 - b. maintain a baseline quality score of 50% above which applications will be deemed eligible for funding.
 - c. delegate authority to the Member Panel to approve the PCSP Autumn Small Grants up to a value of £20,000.
- viii. A Member highlighted her concern regarding the information detailed in the Small Grant application form, particularly in relation to the amount of funding being requested by the applicant. She further commented that underspends had been previously created due to applicants not utilising the full budget requested.
- ix. The Safer City Coordinator reminded Members of the processes regarding how small grant applications are scored and how budget spend is verified.

- x. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the Partnership could over allocate on the Small Grant budget to eliminate the impact of anticipated underspends, however this may need PCSP approval.
- xi. Members welcomed this suggestion.
- xii. Members noted and agreed the recommendations presented.
- xiii. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that an email would be circulated to confirm Members availability to attend the Small Grants panel.

8. North DPCSP's Approach to Consult and Engage

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that Belfast PCSP had recently contributed to Belfast City Council's Resident Survey to achieve a statistically robust understanding of the Policing and Community Safety issues in different parts of the City.
- ii. Gerald Solinas declared an interest and left the meeting for the duration of the discussion.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator reminded Members that there are number of networks and interagency groups addressing policing and community safety issues across North Belfast which included:
 - 1. Ardoyne Multi-Agency
 - 2. Greater Whitewell Cohesion Meeting
 - 3. Intercomm Interagency
 - 4. Ligoneil Cohesion Meeting
 - 5. Lower Oldpark Community Association - adhoc
 - 6. Greater Shankill Community Safety Network
 - 7. Lower Shankill PACT
 - 8. Safer Streets – Newlodge
 - 9. TDK (Thorndale/Duncairn/Kinnaird) at 174 Trust
 - 10. Tigers Bay PACT
- iv. Members were advised that in 2018/2019, North Belfast DPCSP funded the meeting costs for the Greater Shankill Community Safety Network and the Lower Shankill PACT. In the absence of a DPCSP during Purdah and the 2019 Local Government Elections, meeting costs continued to be paid.
- v. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the North DPCSP would have to decide whether it wishes to continue support both PACT meetings.
- vi. She further commented that she had previously met with other groups in North Belfast, and it had been identified that interaction between these groups and North DPCSP had been limited.
- vii. Jennifer Cornell commended those involved with the groups, particularly in assisting the PACT meetings to remain operational.
- viii. Chief Inspector Kelly Moore advised Members that the PSNI is represented on these groups. She further commented that PSNI's attendance at the meetings allows for continued engagement with the local community.
- ix. Following a discussion, Members agreed to continue to fund the two existing PACTS. Members requested for minutes of the PACT meetings to be circulated to Members for

information. Members also agreed for meetings to be held six monthly and for the DPCSP to manage the booking of rooms etc.

- x. Members further agreed for contact to be established with all other interagency groups in North Belfast providing detail of support available through the North DPCSP.
- xi. The Safer City Coordinator suggested commissioning resources to promote the services offered by these networks across North Belfast.
- xii. Jennifer Cornell requested that the interagency groups throughout North Belfast are consulted about any resource to promote their services.
- xiii. Members agreed to allocated up to £5,000 to support the development of resources to promote the services offered by the community safety networks across north Belfast.
- xiv. Members agreed to continue to fund the meeting costs for the Greater Shankill Community Safety Network and the Lower Shankill PACT.
- xv. Members agreed to fund meeting costs if they are needed for the other community safety networks across north Belfast, subject to confirmation that at least 50% of their agenda was in relation to policing and community safety issues. The Safer City Coordinator is to make contact with the groups to determine if this support is required and welcome.

9. North DPCSP's Approach to ASB Paper

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members 2018/2019 North Belfast DPCSP commissioned Ardoyne Youth Enterprises (AYE) to deliver a significant youth outreach project; and Dr Colm Walsh (QUB) to evaluate the impact of outreach and on street youth work in addressing antisocial behaviour (ASB).
- ii. She provided Members with an update regarding the key findings of the evaluation of antisocial behaviour, including that
 - the work undertaken is largely a safeguarding role with mediation and de-escalation techniques being used to stop violence
 - it is important to connect any on street services to core support is really key to addressing th underlying issues that the young people face (family support hubs, drug and alcohol teams etc)
 - Antisocial behaviour is often a symptom of some other challenge faced by the young person
 - one of the factors of concern includes violence/trauma, be it legacy of the troubles or domestic violence
 - there is a difference in how girls act out – often putting themselves at risk and boys – often putting others at risk
- i. The Safer City Coordinator commented that Designated Members met on 11th April 2019 to consider approaches to tackling antisocial behaviour. The following points were noted:
 - Offending behaviour from young people is effectively addressed by PSNI and Youth Justice Agency, and on occasion Probation Board; often working in partnership through the Reducing Offending Unit (ROU)
 - There was scope for a wider understanding of the contribution NIHE could make through the ASB Forums
 - The importance of safeguarding the young people is paramount

- ii. Janet McClinton commented that following the presentation provided by Dr Walsh, a definition of antisocial behaviour would be required in order to move forward. She further commented that there is a requirement for preventative work rather than proactive work.
- iii. Chief Inspector Kelly Moore commented that at times when antisocial behaviour would be sporadic. She further commented that in order to prevent antisocial behaviour escalating a holistic approach is required. She also highlighted that the PSNI rely on information from local communities to address antisocial behaviour.
- iv. The Safer City Coordinator commented that there needed to be a direct link with current provision being delivered. She recommended that recommended that North DPCSP continues to address:
 - safeguarding young people
 - low level nuisance behaviour
 - reducing fear in communities
- v. Mark McBride advised caution regarding duplication of youth services. He advised Members that a project of this type would be under the remit of safeguarding.
- vi. Councillor Magee commented that any service being provided needs to compliment what is already being delivered. He emphasised the importance of services linking with the PSNI.
- vii. Jennifer Cornell suggested for an intergenerational approach to be adopted so that work covers people across the community, not just the very young and very old working together.
- viii. The Vice Chair suggested for a review of services to be conducted. He commented that this would allow for the identification of gaps in service delivery.
- ix. Mark McBride agreed to circulate details of groups who currently receive funding from the Education Authority for the delivery of outreach work.
- x. In order to develop the ASB proposed project further, Members agreed for the Safer City Coordinator to convene a working group and for a report to be presented at the next DPCSP Meeting.

10. Update from Statutory Partners

PSNI

- i. Chief Inspector Kelly Moore provided Members with an update regarding PSNI personnel changes. She advised Members that her post had now been made permanent. She also introduced Inspector Jonathan Graham, replacement for Inspector Laura Kelly.
- ii. Chief Inspector Moore advised Members of recent events, including Belsonic and the Tour of the North. She also advised Members that a Citywide operation, to assist with antisocial behaviour, will commence on Friday 28th June, to include an enhance PSNI presence across the City.

NIHE

- iii. Liam Gunn, NIHE advised Members that there are currently 35 live antisocial behaviour cases managed by the NIHE.
- iv. He further commented that there are also 30 individual cases in relation to tenancy breaches.

PBNI

- i. Janet McClinton, PBNI advised Members that PBNI are currently working with 591 clients.
- ii. She also advised Members that PBNI continue to work with the PSNI in relation to the Reducing Offenders Unit.
- iii. Ms. McClinton advised that a link to the evaluation would be circulated to Members for information.

Education Authority

- i. Mark McBride, EA provided Members with an update regarding the work of the Education Authority.
- ii. He advised Members of the key summer programmes to be delivered by the Education Authority.

Youth Justice Agency

- i. Dermot Magorrian, Youth Justice Agency, advised Members on the YJA Business Plan 2019.
- ii. He further advised Members that the Schools programme had been delivered to over 70 workshops, to 5,000 young people in the past year, on various topics including Cyber Safety and Mental Health, with excellent feedback from young people and teachers.
- iii. Mr Magorrian also informed Members that the early intervention work being delivered by the YJA has seen a decrease by 30% of young people ending up in court.

H&SCT

- i. Gabi Mornhinweg, advised Members of the H&SCT public engagement session to be held on the 2nd July from 11.00am-12.00noon in the Grove Well Being Centre.

11. 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.

12. Emerging Issues

- i. No emerging issues were noted.

13. Date of Next Meeting

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the provisional date for the next North DPCSP Private Meeting would be Thursday 29th August 2019.
- ii. Confirmation of date, time and venue will be agreed in due course.

