

Minutes of South Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Private Meeting

Thursday 14th March 2019, 6.00pm

Room AD1H, 9 Adelaide Street, Belfast

| Political Members | Independent Members |
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| Councillor Emmett McDonough-Brown (Chair) | Richard Kennedy (Vice Chair) |
| Cllr Jeffery Dudgeon | Michael Boyle |
| Cllr Geraldine McAteer | Paul McDonnell |
| Statutory Designated Bodies | |
| Anita Duff, EA | Paul McCombe, NIHE |
| Chief Inspector Gavin Kirkpatrick, PSNI | |
| Belfast City Council Staff | |
| Glenn Thomas, Safer City Coordinator (SCC) | Declan Davey, YJA |
| Saranne Gallagher, Safer City Project Officer | Dermot Magorrian, YJA |
| | Melissa Spence, PBNI |

1. Welcome & Routine Matters

- i. The Chair welcomed Members to the South Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting and noted the apologies provided.

2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

- i. The Chair asked Members 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 conflict were noted.

3. Minutes Matters Arising

- i. The Minutes of the Private Meeting held on 20th February, copies of which were previously circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.

4. Matters Arising

- i. No matters arising were noted.

5. Chairs Update

- i. Members were advised that the projects in the Belfast PCSP 2019/2020 Action Plan would be discussed under Item 7.

6. Update from Statutory Partners

NIHE

- i. Paul McCombe, NIHE advised Members that they were encountering difficulties with housing allocations due to 'locals only' housing requests.

EA

- i. Education Authority had no update for Members.

PSNI

- i. Chief Inspector Kirkpatrick informed Members of forthcoming events involving PSNI operations when overseeing the events. He advised Members that planning was underway for St Patrick's Day/Weekend, with a focus on the Holylands. He made mention of the fact that there was a number of other events planned for the weekend including the parade, fun run and football matches.

7. 2019/2020 Belfast PCSP Action Plan

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an overview of the Belfast PCSP 2019/2020 Action Plan.
- ii. He advised Members that the South Belfast DPCSP 2019/2020 budget is currently £81,093.
- 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 South Belfast specifically in relation to the following:

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| 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 Raising and Training £1,875 | Provide information/training sessions to local groups to raise awareness of domestic and sexual violence and abuse, and be confident in reporting any 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" |

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| 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. Members agreed to support the delivery of the following projects and the associated budgets:
- Policing Committee Grants, support applications up to £2,000 and allocate £10,000 towards Policing Committee Grants in 2019/2020;
 - DSVAs Awareness Raising and Training - £1,875;
 - Post Primary School Project - £5,000;
 - Feel Safer Project - £3,750; and,
 - Conversation Piece - £5,000.
- v. A Member asked who would be leading on the Conversation Piece. The Safer City Coordinator advised a quotation exercise would be undertaken to appoint an organisation/person to lead on this work area.
- vi. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that an evaluation report had not yet been completed in relation to the delivery of this year's Hate Crime project.
- vii. Following a discussion, Members requested for funding (a total of £7,500) to be ring-fenced in the 2019/2020 budget until the evaluation from this year's project had been received for review.
- viii. Members were advised in relation to Small Grants Tranche 1, seven applications were submitted but six applications were recommended to receive funding. The total amount of funding required to support the delivery of these projects would be £26,349. Members agreed to support the applications recommended and the funding requested.
- ix. Members agreed to allocate £11,619 towards the Capacity Support project specific to the Wider University Area. Members were advised that this work may need to go out to quotation and that underspends identified later in the year could potentially be used for the project subject to future partnership agreement.
- x. Members agreed to receive Policing Committee Grant applications up to the value of £2000 and to ring-fence £10,000 for these grants.
- xi. Members also agreed to allocate £10,000 to Small Grants Tranche 2. Members further agreed if any underspend is identified throughout the year, for the underspend to be reprofiled into Small Grants.

8. Belfast City Council ASB Reports

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with a South Belfast update on Belfast City Council ASB issues and local district hotspots including:
- Dub Lane/QUB
 - Botanic Underpass
 - Holylands

- ii. He advised Members that the information detailed in the report is based on Council statistics only.
- iii. Following a discussion, a Member asked who owned the land surrounding Botanic Underpass. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that he would enquire and advise Members accordingly.
- iv. Members also requested for a more detailed report regarding Botanic Underpass to be presented at future DPCSP Meetings.
- v. A Member asked for clarity to be provided regarding what the current legal agreement was regarding graffiti removal.
- vi. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update
- vii. Members noted the report and detail provided.

9. Small Grant Update

- i. As detailed in Item 7 viii and ix, Members agreed the Small Grant allocation for Tranche 1 and 2.
- ii. Members were advised in order to ratify all Small Grant Tranche 1 applications, a panel would be held on Wednesday 20th March, 2.00pm.
- iii. Councillor Emmet McDonough Brown and Richard Kennedy agreed to attend the panel on behalf of South DPCSP.

10. Emerging Issues

- i. Members were advised applications are now opened for the recruitment of Independent Members and the closing date is Friday 12th April. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members further information regarding the application process is detailed on the Northern Ireland Policing Board website.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members that the vacant South DPCSP Independent Members positions would be back filled, with the hope new Members would be appointed in April.
- iii. Members were advised that a retrospective report on the Spring Gathering Project had been circulated to Members for review. Members noted the report and no objections were made.

11. Date of Next Meeting

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the date of the next South DPCSP Private Meeting would be confirmed in due course - post election, June 2019.
- ii. Members thanked the Chair for chairing the South DPCSP Meetings and for his commitment to the Partnership.
- iii. The Chair thanked Members for their attendance at South DPCSP Meetings and for officers for the support.

- iv. A Member provided Members with an update on a recent event held in the Devenish Complex. She advised Members that the event had been well received and thanked council officers for their assistance in organising the event.