

Minutes of South Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Private Meeting

Tuesday 25th June 2019, 5.30pm

Lavery Room, City Hall, Belfast

Political Members	Independent Members
Councillor Emmett McDonough-Brown (Chair)	Richard Kennedy (Vice Chair)
Cllr Sarah Bunting	Michael Boyle
Cllr Geraldine McAteer	Paul McDonnell
Statutory Designated Bodies	
Chief Inspector Gavin Kirkpatrick, PSNI	
Sergeant Marcella McKay, PSNI	John O'Hare, NIFRS
Declan Davey, YJA	Melissa Spence, PBNI
Anita Duff, EA	
Belfast City Council Staff	
Glenn Thomas, Safer City Coordinator (SCC)	Apologies
Alyson Crompton, Safer City Project Officer	Cllr Aine Groogan
	Cllr Gary McKeown
	Paul McCombe, NIHE

1. Welcome & Routine Matters

- i. The Chair welcomed Members to the South Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting, he introduced the new Members 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 Thursday 14th March, 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 there was nothing to report.

6. Update from Statutory Partners

PSNI

- i. Chief Inspector Kirkpatrick informed Members that the focus of the PSNI operations at present was parades, concerts and bonfires. He advised that there was a 9% increase in overall crime with a clearance rate of 34%.
- ii. A Member asked about the possibility of receiving a weekly update from the police similar to the one provided by Nextdoor. Chief Inspector Kirkpatrick advised that this will be reviewed by police.

PBNI

- i. Melissa Spence, PBNI advised Members that there was no update.

NIFRS

- i. John O'Hare, NIFRS advised Members that there was no update.

YJA

- i. Declan Davey, YJA advised Members that they have three designated workers for children and young people.
- ii. He further advised that the Schools programme delivered 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. Community Resolution Notices (CRN) continue to be an excellent alternative to dealing with young offenders, there has been a high level of participation with excellent feedback from young people and parents/carers.
- iv. Mr Davey expressed concern that children as young as 10 years old who have taken alcohol have been referred to YJA, however, the early intervention work by the YJA has seen a decrease by 30% of young people ending up in court.
- v. The Chair commented that it was important to keep young people out of the criminal justice system.

EA

- i. Anita Duff, EA advised Members that the summer diversion programmes are up and running with a pilot scheme around bonfires in Sandyrow, Milltown and Taughmonagh ongoing.

7. 2019/2020 Belfast PCSP Action Plan Implementation

- i. The Safer City Coordinator updated Members on the 2019/2020 Belfast (D)PCSP Action Plan which was approved by Members in February 2019 and subsequently submitted to the Joint Committee for approval.

- ii. He confirmed that resources for the 2019/2020 Belfast (D) PCSP Action Plan had been allocated to projects in line with the amounts approved by Belfast PCSP Members on 11 March and by DPCSPs at their meetings in late March 2019.
- iii. He outlined the procurement procedures, direct award, arrangements in place for value for money and due diligence.
- iv. He reminded Members that in order to monitor progress against the 2019/2020 Action Plan a colour coded summary update for each (D) PCSP will be provide on a monthly basis from August 2019 onwards.
- v. He also commented on the agreements at the March meeting regarding not receiving unsolicited applications and delegated authority given to the Safer City Assistant Manager to approve the release of funding to any projects which have completed the DPCSP governance/due diligence processes.
- vi. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that detailed project descriptions are contained within the two booklets PCSP Project Descriptions and DPCSP Project Descriptions accompanying this report. The projects have been grouped in three categories:

Belfast PCSP

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

Projects 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, progressing projects listed below

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
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Projects under Development (requiring final approval from Members)

Projects included in the 2019/2020 PCSP Action Plan which were not at developed stage and so further approval will be required from Members before delivery commences, the projects under development listed below

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

- vii. Members were asked to:
- a) Note the Continuation Projects contained within Part 1 of the PCSP Project Description Document Booklet.

b) Note that further detail will be brought to future (D)PCSP Meetings regarding the projects contained within Part 3 of the PCSP and DPCSP Booklets.

v. Members noted the request and agreed to the recommendations outlined above.

8. Belfast City Council ASB Report

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with a South Belfast update on Belfast City Council ASB issues and local district hotspots including:
 - Botanic Avenue Needle Exchange
 - Old Sloan Molineux Site – Meridi Street
 - Holylands Graffiti
 - Additional PSNI/BCC Patrols – Ormeau & Botanic Parks resulting in a number of drug dealers being apprehended and detained in both parks.
- ii. He advised Members that the information detailed in the report is based on Council statistics only.
- iii. There were no questions from Members.
- iv. Members noted the report and detail provided.

9. Small Grant Update

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that Tranche 2 of the PCSP's Small Grant were currently open with a closing date of 5th July 2019.
- ii. Members were advised that the applications are scored by the Safer City Coordinators and then ratified by a Member Panel. In order to ratify all Small Grant Tranche 2 applications, a panel of 5 Members would be required to be nominated by the partnership.
- iii. Members were asked to agree to:
 - a. Nominate 5 Members to form the Member Panel on behalf of South Belfast DPCSP.
 - b. Delegate Authority to the Member Panel to approve the Tranche 2 PCSP Small grants for South Belfast DPCSP up to the value of the allocated £10,000 and to maintain a baseline quality score of 50% above which applications will be deemed eligible for funding
- iv. Members Members nominated 5 members to the Member Panel to approve the Tranche 2 PCSP Small grants for South Belfast DPCSP:
 1. Richard Kennedy
 2. Paul McDonnell
 3. Councillor Sarah Bunting
 4. Councillor Geraldine McAteer
 5. Chief Inspector Gavin Kirkpatrick
- v. Members noted and agreed to the recommendations outlined above.
- vi. A Member asked given that the resource for Tranche 2 is only £10,000 is it likely extra funding will become available from the budget.

- vii. The Safer City Coordinator commented that once the applications are scored and it is known how many pass the 50% threshold, a request for realignment of the budget as appropriate might be made.

10. Emerging Issues

- i. A Member asked what provision is there for removal of graffiti on privately owned property, which has recently occurred on the Malone Road. He is led to believe that currently landlords do not have to pay to get graffiti removed, and that the PBNI provide this service through their graffiti bus.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator advised that he would check with BCC and report back to Members.
- iii. Ms Spence, PBNI advised that currently there are a few issues with the graffiti bus however it is anticipated that it will be back on the street as soon as possible.
- iv. A Member asked about the man currently camping on Shaftesbury Square, this is one of the main corridors into the city centre, what is being done about this.
- v. The Safer City Coordinator advised that this situation is currently being addressed and that he will get an update from the ASB Officer and report back.
- vi. A Member advised that numerous complaints from constituents had been received in relation to flags in inappropriate places in Finaghy and the banner on the Lisburn Road.

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 – in August 2019, as the partnership historically do not meet in July.