

# Minutes of the East Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

## Private Meeting

Monday, 24th June 2019

East Belfast Network Centre, Templemore Avenue, Belfast

<b>Political Members</b>	<b>Independent Members</b>
Alderman Tommy Sandford (Chair)	Lisa McMaster (Vice-Chair)
Alderman Sonia Copeland	Michele Bryans
Alderman Tom Haire	Jonathan Currie
Councillor Carole Howard	David Geddis
Councillor John Kyle	
Councillor Geraldine McAteer	
<b>Statutory Designated Bodies</b>	
Chief Inspector Christian Bradley, PSNI	Gabi Mornhinweg, H&SCT
Inspector Keith Hutchinson, PSNI	John O'Hare, NIFRS
Alan Wilson, EA	Naomi Jackson, PBNI
Gary Ballantyne, NIHE	
<b>Belfast City Council Staff</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
Glenn Thomas, Safer City Coordinator (SCC)	
Alyson Crompton, Safer City Project Officer	

### 1. Welcome and Routine Matters

- i. The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting, he introduced the new Members and no apologies received.

### 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 noted.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

- i. The minutes of the East Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March, copies of which had previously been circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.  
Proposed: David Geddis  
Seconded: Lisa McMaster

### 4. Matters Arising

- i. There were no matters arising.

## **5. Chairs Update on PCSP**

- i. No Chairs update was delivered

## **6. East Belfast DPCSP Draft Annual Report 2018/2019**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that the East Belfast DPCSP Annual Report 2018/2019 is in the development stage and that if Members agreed it would be circulated electronically once complete.
- ii. Members agreed this.

## **7. Updates from Statutory Partners**

### EA

- i. Alan Wilson EA, raised concerns over the safety of EA Youth Workers at the Interface following the naming of an EA Youth Worker on social media (Facebook) as a “PSNI Tout”. He stated that EA would continue to work with young people in the East however a number of programmes in Pitt Park and the Link have stopped and that there would be no outreach near the Interface.
- ii. Members voiced their concern and disappointment at these developments, the partnership work to date in the area was commended especially between the east Belfast Street Team, EA and the PSNI.
- iii. Inspector Hutchinson commented these issues on social media are hard to address. Another Member stated that what was being reported on social media could be misleading especially with regard to the Interface.

### NIHE

- i. Gary Ballantyne NIHE, raised concerns over the possible location of a bonfire at Downshire Park Central on land owned by NIHE. A number of residents have contacted NIHE to complain, and to voice their objection to a bonfire in this location. This area has a number of trees which could be damaged along with possible damage to property and cars.

### H&SCT

- i. Gabi Mornhinweg H&SCT, informed Members of a recruitment drive for the Trust taking place at The Arches on Monday 03 July at 10.30am.

## **8. East Belfast Approach to ASB**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator introduced the report on East Belfast DPCSP, Approach to Anti-social Behaviour (ASB).
- ii. He also congratulated East and North DPCSP’s Youth Outreach and Engagement Project in conjunction with Ardoyne Youth Enterprise and East Belfast Community Development Agency who won the Award for Outstanding Impact in Tackling Anti-social Behaviour.

- iii. He reviewed the report from Dr Colm Walsh, Understanding and Addressing Anti-social Behaviour: A Rapid Evidence Review and the evaluation of the two pilot interventions in North and East Belfast, Understanding and Addressing Anti-social Behaviour: Through Outreach.
- iv. Members were requested to agree to hold an ASB workshop similar to that which has been run by the North Belfast DPCSP in order to inform future planning on the best way forward in addressing ASB in East Belfast.
- v. Members noted the request and agreed to the recommendation outlined above.
- vi. The Safer City Coordinator advised Members that he would liaise with the Safer City coordinator leading the ASB Project to identify workshop date.
- vii. A Member asked if the workshop would be open to Youth Practitioners who had been involved in the recent East ASB project. The Safer City Coordinator advised that appropriate Youth Practitioners would be invited to the workshop.
- viii. The EA representative queried a statement contained in item 8 Paragraph 2.3, the Safer City Coordinator advised that the statements contained therein came from the North ASB workshop.

## **9. 2019/2020 Belfast PCSP Action Plan**

- 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

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Action Plan Theme</b>	<b>Budget</b>
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

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Action Plan Theme</b>	<b>Budget</b>
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)**

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

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Action Plan Theme</b>	<b>Budget</b>
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**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Action Plan Theme</b>	<b>Budget</b>
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)**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Action Plan Theme</b>	<b>Budget</b>
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:
- Note the Continuation Projects contained within Part 1 of the PCSP Project Description Document Booklet.
  - 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.

## **10. Belfast City Council Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Report**

- The Safer City Coordinator presented Members with a report relating to Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and hotspots within East Belfast. The Safer City Coordinator noted key points and action taken to date at
  - Avoneil Park / Flora Street Play Park
  - Loop River Play Park
  - Dixon Park
  - Redcar Street / Portallo Street.
- A Member asked for an update on CCTV provision at Loop River Play Park. The Chair commented that this was mentioned at the PCSP meeting. The Safer City Coordinator advised that an update would be provided at the next meeting.
- There was concern from Members around the impact the ASB issue was having on the FOLD residents beside Loop River Play Park. It was noted that following a meeting with

PSNI, Street Work Team, ASB Officers and the Greenway Team the incidents have decreased.

- iv. In relation to Redcar Street/ Portallo Street and underage drinking, a Member asked if there had been any prosecutions of fines of Off-Licences. Inspector Hutchinson commented that there had been no prosecutions. The Safer City Coordinator advised that an update will be provided at the next meeting on Off-licence visits and underage drinking.
- v. A Member asked if there had been any reports of drug taking and the discard of drug paraphernalia in the Isoline Street/ Castlereagh Parade. Inspector Hutchinson advised that there had been no reports; he would encourage the public to report. The Safer City Coordinator advised that he would request the ASB Officer/Sharps removal carry out a visit and provide an update for the next meeting.
- vi. The Safer City Coordinator advised that the South and East Belfast ASB Forum was currently monitoring 10 cases in East Belfast.
- vii. Members noted the contents of the report.

#### **11. Small Grants Tranche 2 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 East Belfast DPCSP.
  - b. Delegate Authority to the Member Panel to approve the Tranche 2 PCSP Small grants for East Belfast DPCSP up to the value of the allocated £20,000.
  - c. Maintain a baseline quality score of 50% above which applications will be deemed eligible for funding
- iv. Members nominated 5 members to the Member Panel to approve the Tranche 2 PCSP Small grants for East Belfast DPCSP:
  - 1. David Geddis
  - 2. Lisa McMaster
  - 3. Jonny Currie
  - 4. Michele Bryans
  - 5. Chief Inspector Christian Bradley
- v. Members noted and agreed to the recommendations outlined above.
- vi. A Member remarked that he felt the governance for funding was too stringent as a result, this discouraged groups from applying for funding. The Safer City Coordinator advised that staff are reviewing the governance requirements in order to see if they can be made less stringent without compromising the requirement to effectively account for public monies.

## **12. East Belfast Public Meeting**

- i. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members that the next Public Meeting would be in October 2019 with a Theme to be agreed.
- ii. A Member suggested that Scamwise would be a good theme. The Safer City Coordinator advised that it may be a citywide theme (likely to be hate crime) but will note the suggestion made.

## **13. Emerging Issues**

- i. A Member asked that a reminder of the upcoming PACT meetings circulated to Members.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator advised that the ASB Officer would circulate on Tuesday 25 June 2019.

## **14. Date of Next Meeting**

- i. Members were advised that the next meeting of the East Belfast DPCSP would be Tuesday 27 August 2019, as the partnership historically do not meet in July.