

Minutes of the Belfast Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Policing Committee

Lavery Room, City Hall
Monday 11th February, 2019

Political Members	Independent Members
Councillor Brian Heading (Chair) Councillor Claire Canavan Councillor Matt Garrett Councillor JJ Magee Alderman Jim Rodgers Alderman Tommy Sandford	John MacVicar (Vice Chair) John Loughran Anne-Louise Toal Debbie Hammill Mary Lambe Michael O'Hara Susan Russam
PSNI	
Chief Superintendent John Roberts, PSNI	
Staff Present	Apologies
Ryan Black, Neighbourhood Services Manager Suzanne Gowling, Safer City Coordinator Katharine McCrum, Safer City Coordinator Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer	Carmel McKinney

1. Welcome and Apologies

- i. The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting and noted the apologies provided.

2. Declarations of Interest

- i. The Chair advised Members that they were required to declare any material interests that they may have in relation to any items on the agenda.
- ii. No declarations of interest were recorded.

3. Minutes

- i. The minutes of the Belfast PCSP Policing Committee Meeting held on 5th November, copies of which had previously been circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.
- ii. A Member provided an update regarding the recent visit to Musgrave Street Station, Custody Suite. He commented that there is now a nurse lead facility at the Custody Suite. He thanked the PSNI for providing Members with this opportunity.
- iii. Chief Superintendent Roberts offered for another visit to be arranged for those Members who were unable to attend and extended the invitation to Members of the (D)PCSPs.

4. Matters Arising

- i. No arising matters were noted.

5. Update from PSNI Representatives

- i. Chief Superintendent John Roberts provided an overview of statistics covering April – December 2018. He noted that;
 - Total recorded crime had increased by 0.5% when compared with the previous year while the outcome rate remained the same;
 - Total number of burglary incidents had decreased by 3.5%;
 - Total number of theft offences had increased by 1.4%, with shoplifting offences increasing by 12%; and,
 - Total number of drug offences had increased by 7.6%.
- ii. Chief Superintendent Roberts also provided Members with an overview of key incidents against each of the PSNI strategic outcomes.
- iii. A Member thanked Chief Superintendent Roberts for the in-depth information that the PSNI provide to the Belfast PCSP Policing Committee.
- iv. A Member asked for a breakdown in relation to the number of PSNI Officers across Belfast City. Chief Superintendent Roberts provided Members with an overview of the PSNI Officers throughout Belfast.
- v. A Member suggested that the PSNI present to the Belfast PCSP on specific issues, such as Human Trafficking. Chief Superintendent Roberts welcomed this suggestion and confirmed that the PSNI could deliver thematic presentations at future PCSP Meetings.

6. Date of Next Meeting

- i. Members were advised that the next meeting would be circulated in due course.