

North Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Policing Committee

Conor Room, City Hall
Tuesday, 19th February 2019

Political Members	Independent Members
Councillor Ryan Murphy (Chair)	Gerard O'Reilly (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Mary Clarke	Jennifer Cornell
Councillor Paul McCusker	Catherine Patrick
Designated Organisations	
Liam Gunn, NIHE	Chief Inspector Kelly Moore
Inspector Paul Noble, PSNI	
Staff Present	Apologies
Suzanne Gowling, Safer City Coordinator	Declan Davey, YJA
Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer	Janet McClinton, PBNI
Denise Smith, Safer City Assistant Manager	Ald. Frank McCoubrey
	Gabi Mornhinweg, H&SCT
	Michael Murray

1. Welcome and Routine Matters

- i. The Chair, Councillor Ryan Murphy welcomed Members to the North Belfast DPCSP Policing Committee 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. Minutes

- i. Minutes of the North Belfast DPCSP Policing Committee Meeting, which was held on 15th November 2018, copies of which had previously been circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.

4. Matters Arising

- i. No matters arising were noted.

5. PSNI's Belfast DCU PCSP Nine Month Report

- i. Chief Inspector Kelly Moore provided Members with an overview on police performance against the Local Policing Plan for the period 01 April – 31 December 2018. Members noted that:
 - Overall crime had increased by 3.4%;
 - ASB had decreased across the city in the first 9 months of the year which could be attributed to various ASB operations which have been delivered across the city;
 - Overall burglaries have decreased by 70% during the first 9 months of the year in North Belfast and the outcome rate had increased by 1.5%;
 - There had been a slight increase in the number of Race Hate crimes reported during the first 9 months of the year with the increases occurring in West and North Belfast; and,
 - An increase of 12.1% had been recorded in relation to the total number of drug offences.
- ii. A Member highlighted his concern regarding arranged fights. He asked how could the DPCSP help to prevent fights being arranged? He asked if the PSNI go into local schools to highlight the dangers of becoming involved in arranged fights.
- iii. Chief Inspector Moore advised Members that the PSNI do target young people through schools to make them aware of the dangers involved in arranged fights. She also advised Members that the PSNI facilitate early intervention programmes to prevent and deter young people for getting involved in anti-social behaviour.
- iv. A Member suggested for a request be made to Carl Frampton to link in with the PSNI and Belfast City Council regarding highlighting the dangers and repercussions for arranged fights.
- v. Members welcomed this suggestion.
- vi. A Member asked if the PSNI had seen an increase in criminal gangs, not linked to paramilitaries in North Belfast.
- vii. Chief Inspector Moore advised Members that this had been a priority for the PSNI. She further advised Members that the PSNI hoped that through additional patrolling and an increased awareness would help act as a deterrent to such activity.
- viii. The Safer City Assistant Manager provided Members with an overview of Council's proactive approach to addressing antisocial behaviour. She commented that although Council work in partnership with a number of statutory agencies to address antisocial behaviour, a more collaborative approach and sharing of information is required.

6. Date of Next Meeting

- i. Date and venue of the next Policing Committee Meeting to be circulated to Members in due course.

- ii. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update in relation to the ARCS funding and details of projects that have received funding in both North and West Belfast.
- iii. Details of projects who received ARCS funding to be circulated to Members.