

# West Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

## Private Meeting

Room AD1H, 9 Adelaide  
Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Political Members	Independent Members
Councillor Claire Canavan (Chair)	
Councillor Matt Garrett	
Councillor Brian Heading	
Statutory Designated Organisations	
Harry Bradley, YJA	Chief Inspector Gary Reid, PSNI
Pauline Smart, EA	Inspector Uel Boyd, PSNI
Paul O'Neill, H&SCT	Alan Cunningham, NIFRS
Nicola Coogan, PBNI	
Local Designated Organisations	
Michael George, CNP	
Aisling Heath, Falls Council	
Staff Present	Apologies
Denise Smith, Safer City Assistant Manager	Paula Kerr, CRJI
Alyson Crompton, Partnership Support Officer	Alderman Brian Kingston
	Liz Groves
	Suzanne Gowling, Safer City Coordinator

### 1. Welcome and Routine Matters

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

### 2. Declarations of Interest

- 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 recorded.

### 3. Minutes

- i. The Minutes of the West Belfast DPCSP Private Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> February, copies of which had previously been circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.

### 4. Matters Arising and Actions

- i. No matters arising or actions to progress from the last meeting of West Belfast DPCSP.

### 5. Chairs Update from PCSP

- i. The Chair provided Members with an update from the Belfast PCSP Meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March.

- ii. She advised Members that the PCSP agreed the funding model for the Belfast PCSP Action Plan 2019/2020, resulting in West Belfast DPCSP having a budget of £113,857, which will be discussed in detail under item 6.
- iii. The Chair advised that the Small Grants Tranche 1 – a Member Panel will approve projects operating between April and September on the 20<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm and that Councillor Garrett will attend on behalf of West Belfast DPCSP.

**6. Belfast PCSP 2019/2020 Action Plan**

- i. The Safer City Assistant Manager provided Members with an overview of the Belfast PCSP 2019/20 Action Plan – West Belfast DPCSP.
- ii. She advised Members that the West Belfast DPCSP 2019/2020 budget is currently £113,857.
- iii. Members were advised in relation to Small Grants Tranche 1 that all applications which score the 50% threshold will be funded, six applications were recommended to receive funding. The total amount of funding required to support the delivery of these projects would be approximately £27,306 from the district allocation.
- iv. 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 West Belfast specifically in relation to the following:

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”
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

- v. The Safer City Assistant advised Members that if West Belfast DPCSP supports all citywide projects, a total of £23,000 would be required to support the delivery.

- vi. Members were asked to consider offering Policing Committee Grants in 2019-2020, to confirm a budget for this, and to grant delegated authority to a quorum of 5 members, consisting of Independent and Designated Members (one of whom must be the PSNI District commander) to approve any Policing Committee Grants.
- vii. Members were further asked to agree a working group to take forward the development of the West Belfast DPCSP Community Safety Strategy as outlined in Item 6a, in time for approval at the June meeting.
- viii. The Safer City Assistant Manager then invited the members to discuss the recommendations in the report.
- ix. A Member commented on the West Belfast DPCSP Community Safety Strategy and the success of locally delivered West Belfast projects, he asked if we agree to support the citywide projects would we have the same level of commitment to the West Belfast DPCSP Community Safety Strategy in 2019-2020.
- x. The Safer City Assistant Manager advised that West Belfast DPCSP will be updated monthly on citywide projects and that the proposal to establish a working group to draft the West Belfast DPCSP Community Safety Strategy in 2019-2020, taking into consideration additional funding in the area including ARCS, Fresh Start etc. would be beneficial.
- xi. Following further discussion on the West Belfast DPCSP Community Safety Strategy in 2019-2020 Members agreed to set up a working group to take forward, any considerations and project evaluations to define the strategy with a budget of £70,000 towards the West Belfast DPCSP Community Safety Strategy.
- xii. Members discussed the citywide projects and agreed to purchase the DSVA Awareness Raising and Training £1,875 and the Conversation Piece £5,000 for the benefit of West Belfast.
- xiii. Members agreed to support the Community Safety Small Grants Tranche 1 £27,306 and to allocate £9,676 to the Community Safety Small Grants Tranche 2. (see table below)

<b>Project</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Community Safety Small Grants (T1)</b>	Up to £5K for groups to manage local policing and community safety issues; available twice a year. 6 projects will be recommended for funding at Members Panel costing £27,306	£27,306
<b>Community Safety Small Grants (T2)</b>	Second Tranche of Small Grants for activity between October and March (£21.8K allocated in 2017/2018)	£9,676
<b>Policing Committee Grants</b>	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.	£nil
<b>DSVA Awareness Raising and Training</b>	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. <b>Cost - £1,875</b>	£1,875
<b>Post Primary School Project</b>	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. <b>Cost - £5,000</b>	£nil
<b>Feel Safer Project</b>	Support local groups of adults at risk of harm to feel safer and have confidence in PCSP Member organisations. <b>Cost - £3,750</b>	£nil

<b>Conversation Piece</b>	Support local groups of young people to explore confidence in policing and embedding a “culture of lawfulness”. <b>Cost - £5,000</b>	£5,000
<b>Hate Crime Projects</b>	To implement the recommendations of a review of hate crime and fear of hate crime projects across Belfast. <b>Cost - £7,500</b>	£nil
<b>West Belfast DPCSP Community Safety Strategy</b>	West Professional Witness	£70,000
	West Belfast Community Safety Coordination	
	West Belfast Community Safety – Upper West and Colin	
<b>ASB Project(s)?</b>	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	£nil
<b>Other?</b>		£nil
	<b>Budget Total to equal</b>	<b>£113,857</b>

### West Professional Witness

- i. Aisling Heath, Falls Council declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at this point for the duration of this discussion.
- ii. The Safer City Assistant Manager outlined the role of the West Professional Witness following an evaluation of the work to date, contained in Item 6a.
- iii. A Member commented that the information received from the West Professional Witness had been invaluable in developing their risk management strategy.
- iv. Another Member commented that it may be useful to have more than one professional witness given the demand at crucial times particularly Friday and Saturday nights
- v. Members agreed that this was a valuable project and that it is extended for 6 months, with written approval from NIHE and based on BCC legal team opinion.
- vi. Aisling Heath, Falls Council re-joined the meeting following the conclusion of the discussions.

## 7. Updates from Statutory Partners

### PBNI

- i. Nicola Coogan, PBNI, advised Members that there are areas in West Belfast which are experiencing prolific drug taking, and she provided an update on the ASB forum.

### NIFRS

- i. Alan Cunningham, NIFRS provided statistics for Feb 2019 on major and secondary fires across North and West Belfast. Attacks on the NIFRS in West Belfast was an area of concern, the NIFRS will withdraw if attacked which will delay response, as they cannot risk crews or trucks and will have to wait on Police support.

### PSNI

- i. Chief Inspector Gary Reid advised Members that the PSNI are endeavouring to boost confidence in policing by having more NPT on the ground, attending youth group forums, increased media coverage and generally getting out engaging with the community.
- ii. He further advised Members of the successful multi-agency work undertaken at the weekends leading up to a particularly quiet St Patrick's weekend.

### Youth Justice

- i. Harry Bradley, YJA provided Members with an update regarding Community Resolution Notices, CRN a pilot until June 2019. He provided an update on the success of a session between YJA and a parent/guardian with good feedback.
- ii. He provided Members with an update on the school programme which is wrapping up now until September.

### H&SC Trust

- i. Paul O'Neill advised that going forward a quarterly report would be provided to the partnership. He further advised Members that the Safeguarding Board are carrying out a consultation on E-Strategy Online which is for stakeholders and young people, he will forward link.

### Education Authority

- i. Pauline Smart, EA, advised Members of EA funding allocated to address antisocial behaviour by deploying additional youth officers on a Saturday and Sunday is extended to ensure continuity of service, subject to funding.
- ii. She informed Members that applications for EA funding for 2019/2020 is currently open, she hoped that organisations that already avail of funding, reapply to ensure work continues into 2019/2020. Funding available includes Programme 1 Youth Diversion and Programme 2 Summer Intervention.
- iii. She further advised Members of the successful multi-agency work undertaken at the weekends leading up to a particularly quiet St Patrick's weekend.

### Falls Community Council

- i. Aisling Heath noted that increased car crime had been reported involving prolific offenders, which was being monitored.
- ii. She further advised of problems with transient youth and the burning of wheelie bins in the Collin Area and Dunville Park.

- iii. She also noted that Falls Park/ City Cemetery remains an area of concern however the outreach work of the statutory agencies' and the action plan implemented have proved successful. There has been good links established with Translink who can update on the movements of large groups of young people.

## **8. West Belfast Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Report**

- i. The Safer City Assistant Manager provided Members with an overview of the West Belfast Antisocial Behaviour Report. She advised Members that work is due to commence in the City Cemetery, resulting in contractors being on site, the council will be working closely with them to ensure site safety and security. She also advised that day light evenings, longer park opening hours should help with this, and that SNO/Alcohol Enforcement Officers can assist with gaps in EA provision.
- ii. A Member commented on the prolific use of off road motorbikes and asked if police can seize them if they are not insured. Chief Inspector Reid advised that all information regarding off road motorbikes be directed to the Woodbourne Secretariat email: [woodbournesecretariat@psni.pnn.police.uk](mailto:woodbournesecretariat@psni.pnn.police.uk) to insure that the information is captured. A Member mentioned signage for Twinbrook Link/Stewartstown Road Translink Hub and the possibility of a PSNI leaflet drop in particular areas.
- iii. Chief Inspector Reid requested a list of the Off Licences, visited by the BCC ASB Officer for West Belfast.

## **9. Emerging Issues**

- i. No emerging issues.

## **10. Date of Next Meeting**

- i. The Safer City Assistant Manager advised Members that the next meeting of the West DPCSP to be confirmed following the Local Government Elections with a date in June 2019.