

# Minutes of the Belfast Policing and Community Safety Partnership

## Policing Committee Meeting

Lavery Room, City Hall  
Wednesday, 22nd May, 2013

### Political Members

Councillor John Hussey (Chair)  
Councillor Janice Austin  
Councillor Patrick Convery  
Councillor Deirdre Hargey  
Councillor Máire Hendron  
Councillor Colin Keenan  
Councillor Adam Newton  
Alderman Jim Rodgers

### Independent Members

Frank Mulhern (Vice Chair)  
Claire Canavan  
Liz Groves  
John MacVicar  
Mark Vinton  
Alan Wardle

### PSNI Representatives

Chief Superintendent George Clarke

Chief Superintendent Alan McCrum

### DPCSP Political Members

Councillor Tom Ekin  
Councillor Mervyn Jones  
Alderman Frank McCoubrey  
Alderman Hugh Smyth

### DPCSP Independent Members

Lynda Gibson  
Neill Kelly  
Carol Larkin  
Bernie Reilly

### Staff Present

Lorna Somers, Safer City Assistant Manager  
Katharine McCrum, Partnership Support Officer

### Apologies

Councillor Jim McVeigh  
Valerie Allen

#### 1. Welcome and Apologies

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

#### 2. Declarations of Interest

- i. No declarations of interest were recorded.

#### 3. Minutes and Matters Arising

- i. The minutes of the Belfast PCSP Policing Committee Meeting held on 11th March were taken as read and agreed as correct.

#### 4. Update from PSNI Representatives on the G8 Conference

- i. Chief Superintendent McCrum provided Members with a briefing on the policing operation and ongoing preparation for the G8 Summit from a Belfast perspective.

- ii. The District Commander advised Members that public order policing would not be deployed unless the situation called for it and that the police were working with protestors to facilitate legitimate and lawful protests.

#### **5. Members Questions and Input**

- i. In response to Members queries regarding the use of police officers from England and Wales, Chief Superintendent Clarke advised that mutual aid Officers had received training on the PSNI situation, and that every effort to protect and secure all police personnel would be taken.
- ii. At the request of a Member, Chief Superintendent McCrum agreed to supply the Belfast PCSP with crime statistics following the G8 Summit to ascertain the impact of the event on the levels of crime in the City.

#### **6. Date of Next Meeting**

- i. The Safer City Assistant Manager advised Members that the next meeting of the Policing Committee would be held on Tuesday, 27th August.