

**Minutes of the Belfast Policing and Community Safety Partnership
Private Meeting
Conor Room, City Hall**

Thursday, 29th November, 2012

Political Members	Independent Members
Councillor Jim McVeigh (Chair)	Valerie Allen
Councillor Janice Austin	Eva Grosman
Councillor Matt Garrett	Liz Groves
Councillor Claire Hanna	Frank Mulhern
Councillor John Hussey	Alan Wardle
Councillor Colin Keenan	
Councillor Gareth McKee	
Alderman Jim Rodgers	
Councillor Guy Spence	
Invited Organisations (Proposed Future Designated Bodies)	
Stephen Graham, NIHE	Patricia Muldoon, YJA
Superintendent Muir Clark, PSNI	Jeff Somerville, NIFRS
Eithne McIlroy, PBNI	Trevor Murphy, BELB
Staff Present	Apologies
Lorna Somers, DPP Manager	John MacVicar (Vice-Chair)
Katharine McCrum, Partnership Support Officer	Chief Superintendent George Clarke, PSNI
Eve Bremner, Safer City Manager	Chief Superintendent Alan McCrum, PSNI

1. Routine Matters and Matters Arising

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

2. Declaration of Interests

- i. No declarations of interest were recorded.

3. Minutes

- i. The minutes of the PCSP on 24th October, copies of which had previously been circulated, were taken as read and agreed as correct.

4. 2012/14 Belfast (D)PCSP Small Grants Fund Process

- i. The Members agreed the recommendations as laid out within the Small Grants paper, copies of which had been previously circulated.
- ii. The following Members were nominated to sit on the PCSP's Small Grants Assessment Panel;
 - Councillor Janice Austin
 - Councillor Claire Hanna
 - Liz Groves
 - Frank Mulhern
 - Alan Wardle

- iii. Members were reminded that a quorum of 3 was required for decisions to be taken by the group and therefore commitment to attend meetings was essential.

5. 2012 PCSP Autumn Small Grants Update

- i. The DPP Manager advised Members that the three Autumn Small Grants for which funding decisions were deferred at the meeting on 8th October, had met the additional conditions as stipulated by Members and therefore funding had been approved and letters of offer issued.

6. Criminal Confiscation of Receipts Fund Update

- i. The DPP Manager advised Members that, following the submission of three funding proposals to the DOJ under the Criminal Confiscation of Receipts Fund (CCR), an additional application process had now been requested and that these had duly been submitted on 26th November.
- ii. She subsequently requested that Members grant delegated authority to Officers to allocate, in consultation with the PCSP Chair, the remaining PCSP project budget, to cover any shortfall in CCR funding for the aforementioned bids.
- iii. Members discussed the likelihood of all three applications receiving CCR funding, tender and procurement issues and possible under spend by the DPCSPs.
- iv. **ACTION:** Members subsequently agreed to use the remaining PCSP project budget to cover unfunded CCR applications.

7. (D)PCSP Young Peoples' Awards Proposal

- i. Members agreed to the allocation of £30,000 from its 2013/2014 budget towards the cost of organising and hosting the (D)PCSP Young Peoples Awards in May, 2013.
- ii. **ACTION:** It was agreed that a presentation on the Youth Awards be made to the PCSP at a later date to further inform Members of its impact and to agree criteria for the assessment and scoring of applications.

8. Consideration of PCSP Representation on the EFUS Network

- i. Frank Mulhern accepted the nomination to represent the PCSP on the European Forum for Urban Security Network (EFUS).

9. 2013 PCSP Meeting/Event Schedule Proposal

- i. Members agreed to hold joint briefing sessions in January and March 2013. It was also agreed that a Public Event would be organised in February 2013 focusing on early and family interventions with Karyn McCluskey from Strathclyde Violence Reduction Unit invited to speak at the event.

- i. The DPP Manager agreed to circulate suitable dates and times for Policing Committee and Private Meetings, Briefings and Public Events.
- ii. Members were reminded that the next meeting of the PCSP would take place on Wednesday, 12th December at 5.45pm and would include a presentation from Eithne McIlroy on the role and functions of the Probation Board.
- iii. Members discussed the need to take time in the New Year to reflect on the presentations that had been heard to date and to begin to incorporate the learning into the PCSP Action Plan.

10. (D)PCSP Financial Expenditure Report, April to September 2012

- i. Members were presented with a financial expenditure report for the PCSP and four DPCSPs for the period of April to September 2012 and were asked to note its contents.
- ii. A Member reminded the Partnership of the importance of responsible, robust financial spending, monitoring and governance.
- iii. In response to a Members query regarding the remaining DPCSP budgets, the DPP Manager advised that an Open Call for Funding would be launched on 30th November by each District Partnership in order to allocate funding under each of the priorities laid out within their respective Action Plans.
- iv. **ACTION:** Members agreed that, should money remain in the PCSP budget following the allocation of money to support the CCR applications, it should be devolved to the DPCSPs for allocation through their Open Call Funding processes.

11. PCSP Christmas Crime Prevention and Safety Event Update

- i. The DPP Manager reminded Members that the PCSP Christmas Crime Prevention and Safety Event would take place on Wednesday, 5th December between 10am and 1pm and asked that Members continue to promote the event through their contacts.
- ii. Members were also asked to volunteer to staff the stand throughout the event and contact the PCSP Office to confirm their attendance.