

**Minutes of South Belfast District Policing and Community
Safety Partnership
Wednesday, 17th December 2013, 6.00pm
Conor Room, City Hall, Belfast**

Political Members	Independent Members
Cllr. Deirdre Hargey (Chair) Ald. Tom Ekin	Ms. Paula Bradshaw (Vice Chair) Mr. Trevor Greer Ms. Debbie Hammill Mr. Niall Kelly
Statutory Designated Bodies	
Chief Inspector Gaby Moran, PSNI Yvonne Adair, YJA Gary Ballantyne, NIHE	Anita Duff, BELB Christine Hunter, PBNI Yvonne McKnight, BHSCCT
Staff Present	Apologies
Denise Smith, Safer City Coordinator Saranne Gallagher, Partnership Support Officer	Ald. Ruth Patterson Cllr. Kate Mullan Cllr. Martin O'Mulleoir Ms. Nuala Toman

1. Welcome & Routine Matters

- i. The Chair welcomed the Members to the Private Meeting of the South Belfast DPCSP.
- ii. Apologies were noted for Alderman Ruth Patterson, Cllr Kate Mullan, Cllr. Martin O'Mulleoir and Ms Nuala Toman.

2. Declarations of Interest

- i. No declarations of interest were declared.

3. Presentation from Police Ombudsman

(Dr Michael Maguire, Police Ombudsman, Adrian McAlister, Chief Executive and Tim Gracey, Director of Information, attended in connection with this item).

- i. Dr Michael Maguire, Police Ombudsman provided Members with information on the role of his Office and the changes that had been brought about since his appointment in July, 2012.
- ii. Dr Maguire advised Members that significant changes had been made following the Criminal Justice Inspectorate Report findings in 2011 and that a more recent report had been positive.
- iii. In response to a Member's query regarding how effective had the DPCSP's been since they had been established, Dr Maguire commented that he would advise DPCSP's to adapt a more collective and coherent way of working in partnership.

- iv. A Member further asked Dr Maguire how many historical cases were still currently opened. Dr Maguire responded by confirming there are currently 200 legacy cases currently opened.
- v. In response to a Member's query regarding the total number of complaints regarding the PSNI and the flag protests, Dr Maguire commented that there had been a total of 150 complaints made. Dr Maguire further commented that there had been some resistance from the general public in making complaints and the reason for this had been due to the lack of understanding of the role of the Police Ombudsman's Office.
- vi. Members thanked Dr Maguire for his briefing, praised the strides that had been made in terms of community confidence, and asked how this was being done and in what ways community understanding was being improved.

4. South Belfast DPCSP Minutes

- i. The Minutes of the South Belfast DPCSP meeting held on 27th November, copies of which were previously circulated, were taken as read and correct.

5. Review Day

- i. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with a report detailing a summary of the Review Day held on 6th December.
- ii. She informed Members that a number of recommendations had been made and a follow up day would be facilitated in January.
- iii. A Member commented that the day had been very productive and felt it had been a positive way to review and discuss the role of the South DPCSP.
- iv. Members agreed to a follow up day in January. Date, venue and time to be confirmed with all Members in due course.

6. Progress Report Action Plan

- i. The Safer City Coordinator updated Members on the South DPCSP Action Plan and budget spend to date.
- ii. The Safer City Coordinator updated Members in relation to the ongoing work of the focused area work.
- iii. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members that an emergency planning group had now been established and operational.

- iv. The Safer City Coordinator provided Members with an update on the last Public Event and asked Members to suggest possible themes for the next DPCSP Public Event.
- v. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members that £4,000 had been reprofiled into the Christmas Get Home Safe Campaign and the Campaign will be launched on the 16th December.
- vi. The Safer City Coordinator also informed Members of the ongoing work with the Corporate Communications department to launch a localised campaign in January to promote Partners, Members and the work of the Partnership.
- vii. The Safer City Coordinator commented that a survey had been distributed through local community networks to inform the local policing plan and that at the next DPCSP Policing Committee Meeting, Members will discuss fully the Policing Plan.
- viii. The Safer City Coordinator commented that a follow up meeting to the Planning Day held on 6 December will be arranged and all details to be circulated to Members.
- ix. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members that the Mapping Report had been circulated for review and that the report was not for circulation within the public domain in its present format
- x. The Safer City Coordinator also provided Members with an update regarding ongoing work with the West DPCSP in relation to Finaghy cross roads.
- xi. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members that the Roundtable Event focusing on Hate Crime had taken place and discussions had since taken place with South Belfast Roundtable to discuss potential future projects. Members agreed for the Safer City Coordinator to facilitate further meetings to discuss eligible projects and forward all proposals to Members for approval.
- xii. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members that ongoing work around drugs and alcohol is continuing and that there had been recent engagement with BDACT and all eligible projects would be forwarded to Members for consideration.
- xiii. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members that joint enforcement operations within South Belfast are ongoing.
- xiv. The Safer City Coordinator informed Members regarding the Holyland PACT and that a report would be circulated to all Members when completed.

- xv. The Area Commander informed Members that the PSNI had been facilitating vulnerability training to all uniform officers. The Area Commander commented, if possible and dependent on Partnership budget availability, that the PSNI would offer this training to approximately 300 door and bar staff in City Centre. He further commented that this training would cost £5,000 and all venues would all be provided. The Area Commander requested that the DPCSP considered funding this training as it will assist with reducing crime, vulnerability and that it would complement the Get Home Safe Campaign.
- xvi. Members welcomed this scheme, however requested further information regarding how the scheme could be expanded and if a possible how a shared approach could be adapted by key organisations.

7. Future Meeting Dates

- i. Future DPCSP Meeting dates to be agreed and circulated to Members.

8. Emerging Issues

- i. The Area Commander provided Members with an update regarding ongoing and recent security issues.

9. Date of Next Meeting

- i. To be agreed and forwarded to Members.