

NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 28 JANUARY 2010 AT 5:15PM IN WATERSIDE TOWER, BELFAST

PRESENT:

MEMBERS:

- Mr Brian Rea (Vice Chairperson)
- (1) Ms Mary McKee
- Mr David Rose
- (2) Mr Suneil Sharma

DISTRICT POLICING PARTNERSHIPS (DPPs) IN ATTENDANCE:

- (3) Chairs and Vice Chairs of Belfast DPP and 4 Sub-Groups and 4 Belfast City Council Officials

POLICE SERVICE OF NORTHERN IRELAND IN ATTENDANCE:

- (4) Mr Will Kerr (ACC Criminal Justice)
- (4) C/Superintendent Alan Todd
- (4) 1 PSNI Officer

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr Adrian Donaldson, Chief Executive
Dr Debbie Donnelly, Deputy Chief Executive
Mr David Jackson, Director of Community
Engagement
3 Board Officials

- (1) Item numbers 1 to 3
- (2) Part of item number 2
- (3) Item number 2 only
- (4) Item number 3 only

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received on behalf of Alex Maskey (Chairperson), Mr Leslie Cree and Mr Gearóid Ó hEára. NOTED.

In the absence of the Chairperson, the meeting was chaired by the Vice Chairperson, Mr Brian Rea.

2. BELFAST DISTRICT POLICING PARTNERSHIP (DPP) EFFECTIVENESS ASSESSMENT APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 2009

The Vice Chairperson welcomed the representatives from Belfast DPP and the 4 Belfast Sub-Groups to the meeting.

During discussion, the representatives from Belfast DPP and the 4 Sub-Groups outlined their views regarding:-

- engagement with the community in relation to policing issues;
- changing methods of communication, particularly with young people;
- the attendance of DPP members at meetings of Belfast DPP and Sub Groups and action that could be taken to support members to meet the attendance target set by the Board;
- consultation work which had been undertaken by PSNI with DPP Sub-Groups in relation to local Policing Plans for 2010 – 2011;
- an issue which had arisen regarding consultation which had been undertaken by the PSNI with local communities in West Belfast;
- the effectiveness of DPPs in Belfast.

During the discussion it was agreed that Board Officials would consider the issues raised by the DPP Representatives.

The Vice Chairperson thanked the DPP Members and Officials for attending the meeting and welcomed the opportunity to hear the views of Belfast DPP and the 4 Sub-Groups.

3. UPDATE ON POLICING WITH THE COMMUNITY

The Committee noted the content of a paper which updated Members on the PSNI's proposals for the implementation of the refreshed Policing with the Community Strategy. NOTED.

The Vice Chairperson welcomed ACC Criminal Justice and his colleagues to the meeting.

ACC Criminal Justice and the representatives from PSNI briefed the Committee in relation to the proposed implementation plan to support the Policing with the Community Strategy. A copy of the slides used during the briefing is attached at Appendix 'A'.

During the briefing, the PSNI officers outlined details of the approach to the proposal for the implementation plan which would focus on the re-current themes which were identified in DPP surveys which were:-

- **ease of contact** – how easily can individual police officers, teams or services be accessed;
- **an effective response from police** – how the PSNI respond to the public's problem or request;
- **visibility** – what is the PSNI's profile within the community;
- **follow up** – updating victims and callers.

Following the briefing, the Committee and the PSNI discussed:-

- the education process which would be required to make culture changes in the PSNI;
- the importance of involving DPPs in taking forward the implementation plan of the Policing with the Community Strategy.

Following a discussion, it was:-

AGREED:

That PSNI should present a detailed implementation plan on the Policing with the Community Strategy at the next meeting of the Committee.

The Vice Chairperson thanked ACC Kerr and the representatives from the PSNI for their contribution.

It was decided, that due to there not being a quorum, that the remainder of the agenda items should be deferred until the next meeting.

4. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was arranged for Thursday, 25 February 2010 at 2:00pm in Waterside Tower, Belfast.

Meeting closed (7:15pm).

Secretariat

January 2010

Chairperson