

NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD

MINUTES OF THE PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 15 DECEMBER 2016 AT 9.30AM IN WATERSIDE TOWER, BELFAST

- PRESENT:**
- (7) Mr Daniel McCrossan (Chairperson)
 - (3) Ms Catherine Pollock (Vice-Chairperson)
 - (5) Mrs Wendy Osborne
 - Mrs Joanne Bunting
 - Prof Brice Dickson
 - (2) Dr Stephen Farry
 - Ms Linda Dillon
 - (4) Mr Nelson McCausland
 - Mr Ryan Feeney
 - (6) Mrs Anne Connolly (Board Chairperson)
 - Ms Deborah Watters (Board Vice-Chairperson)
 - (1) Mr Gerry Kelly
- POLICE SERVICE OF
NORTHERN IRELAND IN
ATTENDANCE:**
- (1) ACC Stephen Martin
 - (1) T/Ch/Supt Tim Mairs
 - (1) Ch/Supt Peter Farrar
 - (1) Ms Yvonne Cooke
 - (1) 1 PSNI Staff Member

- OFFICIALS IN
ATTENDANCE:**
- Mrs Amanda Stewart, Chief Executive
 - Mrs Paula Gow, T/Director of Partnership
 - 6 Board Officials

- (1) Item 5.2 only
- (2) Item 3.2 to close
- (3) Item 3.8 to close
- (4) Open to item 6.4
- (5) Open to part item 5.2
- (6) Part item 4.2 to close
- (7) Open to item 5.5

1. APOLOGIES, ETC

Apologies for the meeting were received from Mr Raymond McCartney

The Chairperson asked Members to declare any conflicts of interests arising from the agenda. No conflicts were declared.

1.1 Election of the Partnership Committee Chairperson

The Lead official for Partnership Committee conducted the election for the position of Chairperson of the Partnership Committee. Mr Daniel McCrossan was nominated for the role by Ms Wendy Osborne and seconded by Ms Linda Dillon. Following this,
The Committee:

AGREED:

Mr Daniel McCrossan is elected to the role of Partnership Committee Chairperson.

Mr McCrossan assumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

2. 2.1 DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING OF PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE HELD ON 17 NOVEMBER 2016

The Committee considered the draft minutes of the Partnership Committee meeting held on 17 November 2016.

It was:-

AGREED:

To approve the draft minutes of the Partnership Committee meeting held on 17 November 2016.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 NOVEMBER 2016

3.1 Timetable for the Development of the Annual Policing Plan (Item 3.1 of minutes refers)

Officials advised that further discussion with Committee Members regarding the Strategic Consultation Group's wider representativeness, the focus and purpose of the group and the group's Terms of Reference would take place in January 2017. NOTED.

3.2 Chairperson's Correspondence – Request from Men's Aid (Item 3.3 of minutes refers)

The Committee noted that a statement was issued by the Board in relation to International Men's Day on 19 November 2016. Officials also advised that the PSNI's Social Media Policy would be brought to a future meeting of the Partnership Committee. NOTED.

3.3 Chairperson's Correspondence – Community Planning Workshop (Item 4.2 of minutes refers)

Officials advised that an update regarding the Community Planning Workshop would be brought to a future meeting of the Partnership Committee. NOTED.

3.4 Chairperson's Business – Domestic Abuse Workers (Item 4.2 of minutes refers)

The Committee noted that an options paper outlining funding proposals, including links to PCSPs, for Domestic Abuse Workers in Northern Ireland would be brought to a future meeting of the Partnership Committee. NOTED.

3.5 Public Meeting Proposals (Item 5.1 of minutes refers)

The Committee noted 23 January 2017 as the date for the Anti-Social Behaviour themed public meeting taking place in Belfast City Hall. NOTED.

3.6 Draft Policing Plan (Item 5.4 of minutes refers)

Officials advised that a paper on the draft Annual Policing Plan 2017/18 would be considered at agenda item 5.2.

3.7 Anti-Social Behaviour Workshop (Item 5.6 of minutes refers)

The Committee noted that a meeting of the Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group would take place in January 2017. NOTED.

3.8 PCSP Mid-Term Review – PCSP Effectiveness (Item 5.10.1 of minutes refers)

The Committee noted that a paper on PCSP Effectiveness would be considered at agenda item 6.2. NOTED.

3.9 PSNI Briefing on Policing with the Community (Item 6.1 of minutes refers)

Officials advised that a paper would be considered at agenda item 5.8.

4. CHAIRPERSON'S BUSINESS

4.1 Chairperson's Correspondence

There were no items of Chairperson's correspondence for consideration.

4.2 Update from Youth Advisory Panel Meeting

The Committee Vice-Chairperson updated the Committee on the most recent Youth Advisory Panel meeting. Members were advised that issues discussed included:

- The review of the Youth Advisory Panel Terms of Reference;
- The Fresh Start Independent Panel Report Recommendations;
- Engagement with the Board's Human Rights Advisor regarding upcoming thematic reviews, and;
- The Policing Plan Strategic Outcomes.

The Committee also discussed issues relating to future Youth Advisory Panel meetings such as the location of the meetings, how they can be made more accessible to a broader group of organisations and the format of the engagement to maximise productivity at each meeting.

Following discussion,

It was:-

AGREED:

- To consider wider representation on the Youth Advisory Panel, and;
- To issue correspondence to the Northern Ireland Executive seeking a copy of the implementation plan for the recommendations in the Fresh Start Independent Panel Report, specifically in relation to Recommendation A8.

5 ITEMS FOR DECISION

5.1 Strategic Outcomes for Policing

The Committee considered a paper seeking approval to reduce the number of Strategic Outcomes for Policing 2016-2020 and agree the wording of the merged outcomes for inclusion within the development of the Annual Policing Plan 2017/18.

Members considered the proposed amendments and following discussions regarding references to the protection of frontline services and roads policing,

It was:-

AGREED:

The Strategic Outcomes for Policing 2016-2020 should be amended as agreed by the Partnership Committee.

5.2 Policing Plan 2017/18

The Committee considered a paper providing Members with an update on the development of the Annual Policing Plan 2017/18. Members also considered the 2017/18 Policing Plan Development paper which included PSNI feedback regarding the 2017/18 Policing Plan and noted that the PSNI would be in attendance to discuss this paper.

The Chairperson welcomed ACC Martin and his colleagues to the meeting following which Board officials briefed the Committee on the 2017/18 Policing Plan Development paper, the associated Monitoring Framework and the Outcome Based Accountability (OBA) method used in developing the 2017/18 Policing Plan.

The Committee had a lengthy discussion with the PSNI and proposed various amendments to the wording of the Strategic Outcomes and Draft Measures for the 2017/18 Policing Plan. Topics discussed included:

- Representativeness within the PSNI in terms of gender and community background;
- Anti-Social Behaviour;
- Reduction in offending and offender management;
- Tackling paramilitary crime, and;
- The importance of the Policing Plan being relatable to local communities.

Following discussion,

It was:-

AGREED:

- To amend and circulate to all Board Members for review the draft Annual Policing Plan 2017/18 as jointly agreed by the Partnership Committee and the PSNI, and;
- To issue the jointly agreed Annual Policing Plan 2017/18 to seek external views.

5.3 TALK 3 Recruitment

The Committee considered a paper providing Members with options regarding the selection of participants for a new TALK 3 Programme for 2017/18.

Members discussed the need for a further evaluation of the current TALK programme, the provision of continuing support to current TALK participants and engagement with PCSPs prior to progressing with further recruitment. Following discussion the Committee was of the view that further consideration in relation to the recruitment of participants for a TALK 3 programme should be deferred to a future meeting of the Partnership Committee.

5.4 Omnibus Survey

The Committee considered a paper advising Members of the publication of the Omnibus Survey – Public Perceptions of the Police, PCSPs and the Northern Ireland Policing Board – April 2016.

Members noted the encouraging findings in relation to the PSNI and the NIPB however expressed concern at the findings in respect of PCSP awareness.

The Committee noted that for comparative purposes the same 18 questions would be used in next year's survey and were also advised of the opportunity to consider and add additional questions to the survey. Following discussion,
It was:-

AGREED:

To circulate to Members for review and comment by 6 January 2017, the posed questions for inclusion in the 2017 Omnibus Survey.

5.5 Consultation on Programme for Government

The Committee considered a paper providing Members with a draft response on behalf of the Board to the second stage of the consultation regarding the draft Programme for Government being carried out by the Northern Ireland Executive.

Several amendments to the draft response were proposed by Committee Members following which,

It was:-

AGREED:

To amend the Board's response to the second stage of the consultation regarding the draft Programme for Government as agreed by the Committee and issue to the Northern Ireland Executive.

5.6 Partnership Strategy

This agenda item was deferred to a future meeting of the Partnership Committee.

5.7 Research Proposals

The Committee considered a paper providing Members with further information regarding proposed Research Projects in support of the 2016/17 Annual Policing Plan. The proposed research relates to the impact of changes to PSNI local policing arrangements and the effectiveness of PCSPs.

Members considered the details of both proposals including budget, timeframe for delivery and aspects of the research to be carried out by Board officials.

In view of the concerns expressed regarding the findings of the Omnibus Survey which highlighted a limited awareness and

understanding of the role of PCSPs, the Committee discussed the PCSP Effectiveness research proposal and welcomed the additional work to be carried out by Board officials relating to governance arrangements and the development of a PCSP effectiveness framework.

The Committee also discussed the review of CJINI recommendations in relation to the operation of PCSPs and the makeup and role of the Joint Committee in relation to the PCSPs. Following discussion, It was:-

AGREED:

- To circulate to Partnership Committee Members further information regarding the research proposals requesting their feedback;
- To progress to tender, following receipt of input from Members, the proposed research projects in relation to PCSP Effectiveness and the impact of changes to PSNI Local Policing Arrangements;
- To issue Members with details regarding the makeup of the Joint Committee, and;
- To follow up on the review of CJINI recommendations in relation to the operation of PCSPs.

5.8 Policing with the Community Definition

Officials briefed the Committee on a paper requesting they consider and agree a definition of Policing with the Community (PwC).

Members considered the wording of the draft definition and following discussion, acknowledged the need for a shared understanding of Policing with the Community before agreement on a definition could be reached. The Committee subsequently discussed the development of

a set of key principles relating to Policing with the Community and following discussion,

It was:-

AGREED:

To bring to a future meeting of the Partnership Committee a draft set of key principles in relation to Policing with the Community.

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

6.1 PSNI briefing on Policing with the Community including Concern Hub Presentation

This agenda item was deferred to a future meeting of the Partnership Committee.

6.2 PCSP Effectiveness

The Committee noted the PCSP Strategic Priorities which were tabled at the meeting and also that they had been circulated to PCSPs with the Revised Planning Guidance issued by the Joint Committee.

NOTED.

6.3 PSNI Continuous Improvement Project – Corporate Communications

The Committee noted a paper providing Members with an update on the PSNI Continuous Improvement Corporate Communications Project 2016/17.

Members discussed that PSNI policy in relation to the inappropriate use of social-media should be referenced in the interim project update and noted that the PSNI's policy regarding the use of social-media would be brought to a future meeting of the Committee. Following discussion,

It was:-

AGREED:

Consideration is given to progressing arrangements for the Partnership Committee to receive a briefing from the PSNI Communications department.

6.4 Business Crime Action Plan Update

The Committee considered a paper providing Members with an update on progress regarding the Business Crime Action Plan. Members noted that a Business Crime Forum meeting with PCSP Managers and the PSNI had taken place on 13 December 2016. Members were provided with a copy of the 'toolkit' information provided to PCSP Managers at that meeting to assist them in achieving their targets as set out in the action plan.

7. QUESTIONS FOR THE CHIEF CONSTABLE

No questions were forwarded to the Chief Constable.

8. COMMUNICATION ISSUES

There were no communication issues arising from the meeting.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business for discussion.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Committee agreed that the next meeting should take place on 16 February 2017 at 9.30am.

The Committee also noted the 23 January 2017 as the date for the public meeting being jointly hosted by the Board and Belfast PCSP taking place in Belfast City Hall at 7.00pm.

(Meeting closed at 1.30 pm)

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Chairperson