



Subject:	Attendance of Higher Educational Institutions and PSNI
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Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of Main Issues
1.1	Members will recall at the People and Communities Committee meeting on 8 November 2016, a report was considered on anti-social behaviour in a range of parks and open spaces across the city to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The anti-social behaviour context in the Holy Land and around parks and open spaces across the city▪ The ongoing work in response to these issues▪ The planned work to improve the response to these issues
1.2	The report was presented to Committee in response to a Notice of Motion submitted to Council for consideration in respect of ongoing challenges within the Holy Land area of Belfast, particularly at certain times of the year.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider the contents of the report.
3.0	Main report
3.1	During discussion, Members recognised the importance of working collaboratively with a range of stakeholders to progress these issues.

3.2	Members subsequently agreed that it would be beneficial to have discussions with representatives from Ulster University, Queen's University, Belfast Metropolitan College and the PSNI.
3.3	The purpose of these discussions would be to explore what more could be done to ensure an effective joined up approach continues in respect of these issues and that the appropriate levels of resource are in place.
3.4	For Members information, a control strategy and associated operational plans are in development by PSNI and Council for St. Patrick's Day 2017.
3.5	Representatives from the Higher Educational Institutions will be contributing to these plans in the coming weeks.
3.6	The strategy and associated operational plans focus on ensuring better co-ordination of multi-agency efforts around St. Patrick's Day 2017 both in the Holy Land area but also across the city.
3.7	<p>Operational plans will support the following strategic objectives for St. Patrick's Day 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To deliver a comprehensive and integrated communications approach across agencies including promoting positive St. Patrick's Day events/activities ▪ To reduce antisocial behaviour and minimise the potential for public disorder by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reducing the number of people attending the Holy Land area ○ Reducing the amount of alcohol being brought into the area and being consumed ○ Encouraging positive behaviours and challenging negative behaviours ○ To deliver proportionate and proactive multi-agency enforcement ▪ To provide effective and timely clean up to all parts of the city ▪ To reduce anti-social behaviour by preventing large crowds gathering to consume alcohol and other substances in parks and open spaces ▪ To deliver successful St Patrick's Day public celebratory events (parade and concert) designed to attract a family audience
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 - Anti-social behaviour (Citywide and Holylands) People and Communities Report 8 November 2016