



MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL AREA JPC MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 19 JUNE 2017

1 **Minutes of Central Area Joint Policing Sub-Committee meeting held on 27th February 2017**

Minutes agreed.

Cllr McAdam extended a welcome and congratulations to Chief Supt. Ward on behalf of the Committee members and commended Chief Supt. Leahy on his work in the Division and with this Committee and congratulated him on his recent promotion. Noted that a presentation will be made to Chief Supt. Leahy at a later date.

2 **Progress on actions agreed at last meeting**

Noted. Cllr McAdam awaiting replies from Minister Harris and Minister Byrne. Minister Byrne to be invited to a future meeting to discuss supervised injection centres.

3 **Presentation by An Garda Síochána**

Chief Supt. Ward presented crime statistics for the week ending 4th June 2017 and the year to date and commented on the figures. The report was noted and the following matters were raised:

- Members expressed concerns in relation to elderly people being targeted by gangs. Chief Supt. Ward is aware of this and Gardaí are working hard on catching the individuals involved. Cllr Boylan reported on an initiative set up by the Cabra CPF to promote safety for older people and agreed to put the Cabra CPF in touch with Chief Supt. Ward.
- Members requested separate statistics on domestic violence. Categorization needs to be advanced so we can track progress on the issue. Supt. Murphy reported that a significant operation is in place re domestic violence and it forms a significant part of sector review meetings. Chief Supt. Ward stated that domestic violence is a priority in the Division and agreed to include it as a separate category in future reports.
- Brothels on Dorset Street were discussed. Garda operations were run but no prosecutions arose. Supt. Flavin will report on the matter at a future meeting.

- Chief Supt. Ward reported that Gardaí will be trained in relation to the new prescription drugs legislation. He will have monthly meetings with the Drugs Unit and report back to this Committee on those meetings.
- A major investigation is taking place following the recent murder on Dorset Street. There is a significant amount of armed Gardaí in the Division with a huge number of checkpoints being set up. The focus is to keep people safe and many incidents have taken place and been resolved quickly. Preservation of life remains the highest priority.

4 **Presentation by Mick Clarke, DCC Anti-Social Policy Unit**

Mick Clarke gave a verbal report on how Dublin City Council may terminate a tenancy. The 2014 Act changed the mechanism of how this is done. A number of challenges had to be overcome and 45 staff are now trained and all documents changed accordingly. The new system is now up and running.

The report was noted.

5 **Presentation by Community Action Network**

Presentation noted. Members supported the initiative and wished Community Action Network well.

6 **Reports a) Policing Forum Report b) Drugs Task Force Report c) Community Report**

Reports noted.

7 **Annual Work Plan updates**

Report noted.

8 **Date of next meeting - Monday 25th September at 9.30 am in Council Chamber, City Hall**

It was agreed to hold a Public Meeting of the Central Area JPC on 24th July 2017. The details of the meeting will be agreed in the coming days.

9 **A.O.B.**

- a) Cllr McAdam suggested that the Cabra/Finglas JPC should be notified that the Shandon area will now be under their remit.

Approved by members.

b) Actions Agreed

- Minister Byrne to be invited to a future meeting to discuss supervised injection centres.
- Cabra CPF to be put in touch with Chief Supt. Ward regarding Safety Against Crime Initiative for Older People.

- iii. Domestic violence statistics to be included as a separate category in future Garda reports.
- iv. Supt. Flavin will give an update report on the matter of brothels on Dorset Street at a future meeting.
- v. Chief Supt. Ward will hold monthly meetings with the Drugs Unit and report back to this Committee on those meetings.
- vi. Public Meeting of the JPC to be arranged for 24th July 2017
- vii. Letter to issue to Chairperson of North West Area JPC re Shandon area.

**Chairperson
Monday 19 June 2017**

Attendance:

Members:

Irene Bent
Regina Dunne
Ray McAdam
Peter O'Connor
Chief Supt. Sean Ward

Members:

Janice Boylan
Superintendent Daniel Flavin
Deputy Mary Lou McDonald
Deputy Maureen O'Sullivan

Members:

Christy Burke
Mel MacGiobúin
Superintendent Gerry Murphy
Eilis Ryan

Officers

Cathy Cassidy
Sandra Walley

Rose Kenny

Karl Mitchell

Apologies:

Deputy Paschal Donohoe
Nial Ring

Gaye Fagan

Mary Reilly

Non-Members: