



## MINUTES OF THE DUBLIN CITY JPC MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2017

1 **Minutes of meeting held on 11th July 2017 (attached)**

Agreed.

2 **Supervised Injecting Facility - Minister Catherine Byrne**

Minister Catherine Byrne provided an update to members and circulated an information sheet on the proposal to open a SIF in the city centre by the end of 2017. The proposal seeking a service provider to run the facility has gone to tender with the deadline for receipt of submissions being the end of October. A service provider will then be selected to operate and/or provide the location for the facility. It is important to bear in mind that this is a *pilot* project, which it is intended to run for a period of 18 months, with a possible extension of a further 6 months thereafter. There are currently 93 similar facilities operating around the world.

Minister Byrne assured those present that they will have the opportunity to engage in a consultation process once the operator has been selected and the location confirmed and reminded members that consultation is a pre-requisite in the contract.

Assistant Commissioner Leahy: This is not a one-agency response but primarily a health initiative. An Garda Síochána will be required to use their discretion which will prove a challenge in the environs of the facility. There are no proposals to change the law in relation to possession.

**Action: Members invited to submit questions on the proposal to Minister Byrne in the coming weeks.**

3 **Presentation on Community Policing - An Garda Síochána**

Assistant Commissioner Pat Leahy delivered a comprehensive presentation on Community Policing. In the discussion that followed he emphasised that resources are not available to affect the plan in its entirety at this point in time, but rather that it is a 5-year programme. Presentation welcomed by the Committee who acknowledged the phenomenal difference that Community Policing has made on the ground and the way in which it has enhanced the perception of public safety.

4        **Security for Major Events - Presentation by An Garda Síochána**

Assistant Commissioner Leahy outlined in broad terms the level of Garda action on this matter and informed those present that he is prepared to meet with both the Chair of the Committee and the Assistant Chief Executive to discuss this issue in more detail if required.

5        **Report of Assistant Garda Commissioner - report to follow**

Noted.

There has been an increase in both public order and antisocial behaviour incidents.

The issue of Roads Policing was raised in the context of the recent increase in both fatalities on the road and drunk-driving.

**Action: Assistant Commissioner Leahy to report on Road Safety to future meeting.**

6        **Report of Assistant Chief Executive, DCC - Report to follow**

Noted.

7        **Documentation from Area Joint Policing Subcommittees**

Noted.

8        **Date of next meeting: November 14th**

Agreed.

9        **2018 Meeting dates**

January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018

March 6<sup>th</sup> 2018

May 8<sup>th</sup> 2018

July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018

September 4<sup>th</sup> 2018

November 6<sup>th</sup> 2018

**Dates noted and agreed.**

10      **A.O.B.**

(i)      Tony Duffin, Ana Liffey Drug Project, hopes to organise a tour of public injecting sites for members to take place before the next meeting.

(ii)     It was proposed by Councillor Mannix Flynn, and agreed by the Committee, that a letter be forwarded to outgoing Garda Commissioner Noirín O'Sullivan, acknowledging her contribution to the city over the last three years and wishing her well on her retirement.

**Daithi De Róiste**

**Chairperson**

**Tuesday 12 September 2017**

**Attendance:**

**Members:**

Kieran Binchy  
Duffin  
Dermot Lacey  
Criona Ni Dhalaigh  
Cieran Perry

**Members:**

Daithi De Róiste  
Richard Guiney  
Chief Superintendent Pat Leahy  
Peter O'Connor  
Inspector David Butler

**Members:**

Joe Donoghue  
Teresa Keegan  
Michael Mullooly  
Larry O'Toole

**Officers**

Ruth Treacy

Declan Wallace

**Apologies:**

Daithí Doolan  
Deputy Maureen O'Sullivan

Ray McAdam  
Tosin Omiyale

Deputy Aengus O'Snodaigh

**Non-Members:**

Minister Catherine Byrne  
Mel MacGiobúin

Patrick Costello  
Alan Kelly

Mannix Flynn  
Karen Shelly