



**NOTIFICATION TO ATTEND MEETING OF THE CENTRAL AREA JPC
TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DAME STREET, DUBLIN 2.
ON MONDAY 11 DECEMBER 2017 AT 9.30 AM**

AGENDA

MONDAY 11 DECEMBER 2017

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MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL AREA JPC MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2017

1 Minutes of the Central Area Joint Policing Sub-Committee meeting held on 19th June 2017

Minutes agreed.

Reminder of next meeting date to be circulated to members.

2 Progress on actions agreed at last meeting

Noted.

Public meeting to be arranged for October.

3 Presentation by an Garda Síochána

Chief Supt. Ward presented crime statistics for 2017 to date and compared them to the statistics for the same period in 2016. He also gave presentations in relation to the sale of prescription drugs and domestic violence. The presentations were noted and the following matters were raised:

- Members requested information on the number of cases commenced since the new prescription drugs legislation was enacted. Chief Supt. Ward to bring this figure to the next meeting.
- Members discussed the issue of domestic violence and asked if incidents of sexual violence are included here or captured separately. Chief Supt. Ward to establish if he can quantify sexual violence incidents taking place in/outside of a domestic violence setting.
- Members expressed concerns in relation to the old Motor Tax Office building on Chancery Street. Cllr Ray McAdam has written to the owners and Supt. Ann Markey has also engaged with them re securing the building. Supt. Markey to keep Councillors informed of developments. DCC Planning Department and Derelict Sites Section to be contacted to see what action can be taken.
- Chief Supt. Ward to forward contact details for the two Gardaí that were victims of a recent assault in the Sheriff Street area.

4 **Extension of Garda CCTV cameras in North Inner City**

Chief Supt. Ward reported on the proposal for extension of Garda CCTV cameras in the North Inner City. The report was noted.

Funding has been approved. Location of cameras to be approved by Garda Senior Management. Date for installation not yet confirmed.

5 **Halloween**

Report noted.

Report on the Cauldron of Smithfield to be emailed to members as it was not available in time for Agenda circulation.

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

Reports noted.

7 **Annual Work Plan updates**

Noted.

8 **Date of next meeting**

Date of next meeting – Monday 11th December at 9.30 am in Council Chamber, City Hall.

9 **A.O.B.**

a) Condolences to be sent to Peter O'Connor on the passing of his mother.

b) Actions Agreed

- i. Chief Supt. Ward to bring figures to next meeting on number of cases commenced since the new prescription drugs legislation was enacted.
- ii. Chief Supt. Ward to establish if he can quantify sexual violence incidents taking place in/outside of a domestic violence setting.
- iii. Supt. Markey to keep Councillors informed of developments in relation to the old Motor Tax Office building.
- iv. DCC Planning Department and Derelict Sites Section to be contacted to see what action can be taken in relation to the old Motor Tax Office building.
- v. Letters to issue to 2 Gardaí that were victims of recent assault.

Ray McAdam
Chairperson
Monday 25 September 2017

Attendance:

Members:

Irene Bent
Gaye Fagan
Gary Gannon
Superintendent Ann Markey
Deputy Maureen O'Sullivan
Chief Supt. Sean Ward

Members:

Janice Boylan
Mark Fay
Richard Guiney
Ray McAdam
Mary Reilly

Members:

Christy Burke
Superintendent Daniel Flavin
Mel MacGiobúin
Superintendent Gerry Murphy
Nial Ring

Officers

Cathy Cassidy
Sandra Walley

Rose Kenny

Karl Mitchell

Apologies:

Geraldine Comerford
Regina Dunne
Angela Ruttledge

Ciaran Cuffe
Deputy Mary Lou McDonald
Eilis Ryan

Deputy Paschal Donohoe
Peter O'Connor

Non-Members:

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Progress on actions agreed at meeting held on 25th September 2017

- i. Chief Supt. Ward to bring figures to next meeting on number of cases commenced since the new prescription drugs legislation was enacted.
- ii. Chief Supt. Ward to establish if he can quantify sexual violence incidents taking place in/outside of a domestic violence setting.
- iii. Supt. Markey to keep Councillors informed of developments in relation to the old Motor Tax Office building.
- iv. DCC Planning Department and Derelict Sites Section to be contacted to see what action can be taken in relation to the old Motor Tax Office building.
Email forwarded to Planning and Property Development Department on 27th September 2017
- v. Letters to issue to 2 Gardaí that were victims of recent assault. **Letters forwarded on 28th September 2017**

5th December 2017

Report to Central Area Joint Policing Committee 11th December 2017

Halloween Period

The Beacon Fire, the first ever in the Republic, was held Friday 13th October on Railway Street. The event was well attended by local residents both young and old despite the inclement weather. There was positive interaction between Gardaí and local residents and the event went off without incident.

A number of Halloween events targeting young people were organised in consultation with young people and youth projects. These were very successful and fostered positive relationships with young people across the area.

Three lead in events, Sean Mc Dermott Street/Sheriff Street/Ballybough were very well attended and proved very popular.

The main event took place on Monday 31st October on Killarney Street. A large number of residents from new communities' attended. Garda presence was low key and they interacted positively with those attending. The event went off without incident.

Included in terms and conditions associated with funding it is agreed to conduct an evaluation on all aspect of events. This is currently in process and will be concluded shortly.

Over all Gardaí have indicated that this year's Halloween was very positive and levels of anti-social behaviour were reduced significantly in comparison to previous years.

On behalf of the organising Committee we wish to express our appreciation to DCC, Fire Service and Gardaí for their support and participation with all aspects covering these events.

Community Impact Assessment

The two measures relating to Community Impact Assessments and to Community Impact Statements are now action items in the Drug Strategy. The pilot is to be led by the Community and Voluntary representatives –i.e. Citywide. It is set to run for no more than 18 months. The statement action requires a legislative change and is with the inspectorate report implementation committee within A.G.S.

We have proposed a number of areas within the agreed pilot areas and a final decision is expected prior to Christmas. Once confirmed and agreed it is envisaged work will commence early in the New Year.

Community Activity

We continue to meet regularly with local groups and projects. Illegal sale of tablets remains a major concern. Anecdotally residents have indicated that heroin and crack cocaine are widely available. To that end Ana Liffey Drug Project are launching a new evidence based Crack campaign, supported by N.I.C.D.&A.T.F. Local residents and projects engaging with C.P.F. have acknowledged attempts by Gardaí and DCC and other housing associations in dealing with all aspects of criminal activity.

**Peter O'Connor,
North East Inner City Community Policing Forum**

5th December 2017

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National Drugs Strategy

The new national structures of the strategy are being established and these will inform new local drugs task forces strategies and structures.

Dáil legislation

Amendments to the Misuse of Drugs Act started in July 2016 on Tablet regulation with respect to street-dealing 'Benzos and Zimmos' are to be fully tested through recent court cases.

Medically-Supervised Drug Injecting Centres

Process is delayed and now requires the selected locations to have appropriate planning permission.

North Inner City Drugs & Alcohol Task Force has met twice since this last meeting and will meet again in December.

The increase in the prevalence of ***Street Crack Cocaine*** continues to be raised as well as local incidents of drug-related violence and intimidation.

Ana Liffey Drugs Project are commencing an information campaign to alert people to risks of Street Crack Cocaine. Workshops will also be held with local project staff and peer volunteers.

UISCE has been successful in having the ***Office of the Press Ombudsman*** address the issue of derogatory reporting and demeaning of 'People Who Use Drugs' and the Ombudsman has issued an advisory note to all local & national newspaper editors.

Emergency homeless accommodation services for families and related issues continue to impact on drug projects' vulnerable client group.

NEIC Community Policing Forum (NICDATAF) has met a number of times, continues to engage with local residents and Garda Síochána and is engaged with NEIC Public Implementation Team through Drugs & Crime committee. Halloween Festival was seen as a very successful event in offering alternatives in local area and is expected to be repeated.

**Mel Mac Giobúin,
North Inner City Drugs and Alcohol Task Force**

Central Area JPC Sub-Committee Annual Work Plan Updates December 2017

The purpose of developing this Central Area Joint Policing Sub-Committee Annual Work Plan is to enable focus on policing matters to ensure (a) Community safety (b) Quality of life issues (c) Commitment and capacity to engage with and address the needs of our diverse community/customer base.

Strategic Objective 1: Ensuring Safer Communities				
Objective	Origin	Actions	Lead Person / Agency	Updates
1) Reduce level of anti-social behaviour	Garda Policing Plan / Dublin City Joint Policing Committee 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement strategies / structures to prevent opportunities for anti-social behaviour 	Dublin City Council An Garda Síochána	<p>A Unit has been set up in each District to collect and analyse data related to anti-social behaviour/quality of life issues.</p> <p>Such issues are being collected, collated and analysed by Small Area and individual members are given ownership of local problems.</p> <p>This analysis which is unique to the North Central has resulted in significantly changed patrol patterns and deployments due to the new data which is showing a different picture to the analysis of crime data only.</p>

				<p>A recent review (September 2016) shows that both crime and quality of life have improved in 2016 for the Bridewell Area. Store Street and Mountjoy updates to follow.</p> <p>Review of the Store Street District (28th October 2017) shows the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sector 2 – Crime figures are down/ QoL figures are not available• Sector 3 – Crimes figures are down. QoL issues are up• Sector 4 – Both Crime and QoL figures are up• Sector 5 – Crime figures are down/ QoL figures are up• Sector 6 – Crime figures are up/ QoL figures are down <p>DCC's Central Area Community Development & Public Domain Offices continue to work closely with the community & Gardaí in implementing actions to mitigate against and prevent anti-social behaviour.</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of plan to counteract anti-social behaviour at St. Laurence's Place East • Reduce anti-social behaviour in relation to Halloween 		<p>New structures implemented for processing Section 15 (Housing Act) requests. 128 No. processed to date in 2017. Breakdown by Policing District Store Street – 43 Mountjoy – 45 Bridewell – 13 Outside area - 27</p> <p>Working Group established. Onsite meetings held and proposals developed. Continuous liaisons are continuing between AGS and DCC. Issues are regularly discussed at monthly meetings</p> <p>The Central Area Office and Gardaí worked with Residents Associations, Festival Steering Committees and local youth services in the lead up to Halloween and on the night itself to ensure that Halloween 2017 was a safe and enjoyable period.</p> <p>The Central Area Public Domain Unit saw a marked decrease in the stockpiling of tyres in 2017 and any associated anti-social behaviour. The Small Area of Policing</p>
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				<p>Community Policing model continues to be employed in the 'U' District supported by dedicated analysis of the Quality of Life Issues.</p> <p>A comprehensive 'U' District plan was put in place for the Halloween period 2017 which focused on advanced engagement with all agencies / bodies involved with the Community and Young People. Gardai were also engaged in targeted high visibility foot / mobile & Pedal Cycle Patrols. Additional support was provided by the Public Order Unit. The night passed off without major incident and very similar measures will be implemented next year. The Killarney Street festival was very effective in entertaining young people and their families.</p>
2) Reduce drug related issues affecting the community	Garda Policing Plan / Dublin City Joint Policing Committee 2017	Put operations in place to deal with issues	Dublin City Council An Garda Síochána	<p>Drug searches in Fitzgibbon Street areas (Summer Hill and Ballybough included) Number of searches conducted this year 1240 YTD.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possession of drugs total <u>264</u> YTD

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Increased enforcement of the Misuse of Drugs Act and focused activity on the sale and supply of Medicines (Tablets) in Dublin 1, with particular emphasis on Summerhill and surrounding areas, Mary's Mansions and surrounding areas, North Wall and surrounding areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sale and supply of drugs total <u>144</u> YTDPossession of offensive weapons total <u>63</u> YTD <p>'Operation Aries' has been conducted mostly in the Mountjoy Sub District in 2017. It targeted Rutland Street, Summerhill, Ballybough House and in more recent times has been targeting other areas that straddle the Mountjoy and Store Street Districts. To date there are 66 successful test purchases that have been carried out and none of them are yet recorded on Pulse in order to preserve the integrity of the operation. Of that 66, a total of 58 incidents occurred in the Mountjoy District.</p> <p>In addition to this, Operation Pump remains ongoing with high visibility patrols in the known areas where drug dealing is taking place.</p>
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				<p>Store Street - 4,950 searches of persons under Misuse of Drugs Act carried out to date in 2017. There were 258 incidents relating to simple possession of drugs and 291 incidents relating to possession of drugs for sale and supply</p> <p>Ongoing operations to deal with matter. Specific operations put in place in Sectors 3, 4 and 5 to deal with low and mid-level street dealing</p>
3) Licensing / off-licence issues	Garda Policing Plan / Dublin City Joint Policing Committee 2017	Put operations in place to deal with issues arising	An Garda Síochána	<p>Inspection of licensed premises continues.</p> <p>Agreement was secured with off-licences to remain closed until 4pm on St Patricks Day. Inspector Flanagan is the appointed Inspector in charge of liquor licencing in the 'U' District. In August 2017, a test purchasing operation took place where a 16-year-old girl attempted to purchase alcohol in a range of off licences in the 'U' District. Where a transaction took place, the licensee was invited into Mountjoy Garda Station and</p>

				cautioned. Any further offences will result in prosecution. Further Test Purchasing Operations will continue to take place.
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Strategic Objective 2: Enhancing Community Engagement

Objective	Origin	Actions	Lead Person / Agency	Updates
Effective engagement with communities	Garda Policing Plan / Dublin City Joint Policing Committee 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Community Policing Fora • Strengthen community development initiatives • Engage with young people • Engage with older people to address their safety concerns 	Dublin City Council An Garda Síochána	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review completed and recommendations implemented. • The City Council works closely with and promotes 40 local residents / environmental / youth groups on a continuous basis. • 5 new groups were established in 2017. • Stoneybatter is continuing with its regular environmental works, monthly clean ups and flower planting with a major celebration taking place with the lighting of the Christmas tree. • Gardaí met with Central Area Age Friendly Alliance and gave a presentation on Crime Prevention.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build on Small Areas Policing process • Halloween • Develop and deploy a restorative practice programme to address community trauma 	<p>An Garda Síochána and key partners</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Areas policing endorsed by Kieran Mulvey 2017, to be properly resourced. 3 Sergeants and 40 Gardaí are currently attached to Small Area policing on a full time basis in the Store Street District • Quality of life issues now featuring even more strongly than crime issues and focusing on these issues is having an overall effect on crime. • The Central Area Office and Gardaí supported 3 Halloween Festivals in East Wall, NEIC and Smithfield. There were also 20 locally promoted Halloween celebrations at street level on Halloween night which linked in to the 3 bigger events. • Programme developed and DCC Staff, CPF Staff and other partners trained by Garda Members from D.M.R North Central.
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				<p>There is a strong commitment from all to the Small Areas of Policing Community Policing model. The current strength of personnel permanently attached to Community Policing is 3 Sergeants and 33 Gardai.</p> <p>The inaugural North Central Garda Youth awards were launched in October 2017 with the cooperation and support of Croke Park along with many local youth and community groups. There was a fantastic response from the community where the judging panel shortlisted 12 nominees who are to receive their awards at a Gala event hosted by Croke Park on Saturday the 9th of December 2017.</p> <p>The Mountjoy Garda Station Open Day was a huge success in 2016 with the 2017 open day scheduled for the 9th of December 2017.</p>
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Strategic Objective 3: Confronting Crime

Objective	Origin	Actions	Lead Person / Agency	Updates
To keep under review the levels and patterns of crime in the Central Area	Garda Policing Plan / Dublin City Joint Policing Committee 2017	Build on existing partnerships between Dublin City Council and An Garda Síochána in the prevention and reduction of the threat posed by crime and support the victims of crime	An Garda Síochána	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1637 406 2045 539">• <u>Domestic violence</u> Domestic violence issues now a priority for Gardai in the North Central. All domestic violence incidents get immediate response by working units and the SAP Garda is then dispatched to address the issues from a longer-term perspective, including continuing safety of individuals and support and assistance with ongoing issues. <li data-bbox="1637 986 2045 1217">• <u>Burglaries</u> The dedicated Burglary Unit are operating from Fitzgibbon Street Garda Station and are recording significant successes. All victims of burglary are visited by the SAP Garda with a view to providing support, security, advice

				<p>and follow-on investigation.</p> <p>6% increase YTD in the Store Street District. However, it should also be noted that there is also a 14% increase in the detection rate in respect of the same time period.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Victim support</u> All victims are contacted by victim support staff and their issues are addressed and information is provided to them. All victims are visited by the SAP Garda and follow-on investigations are completed and advice provided. Over 65,000 victims have been contacted by the Victims Office in Store Street since 2009.• <u>Case management of offenders</u> Offender management of prolific and young offenders is continuing with the addition of suspected burglars who have now been assigned proactive case managers attached to the Burglary Unit.
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				<p>All of the above remains the current position in respect of the 'U' district. It should be noted that each of these areas form the agenda for the daily management meeting.</p> <p>Operation Thor consists of pedal cycle patrols that following analysis, target residential areas prone to burglaries.</p> <p>Operation Hybrid remains ongoing.</p>
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Strategic Objective 4: Road Policing

Objective	Origin	Actions	Lead Person / Agency	Updates
Ensure that major events proceed with minimum disruption to business and movement within the city	Garda Policing Plan / Dublin City Joint Policing Committee 2017	Continue to work in partnership in relation to the management of planned and unplanned events in the Central Area	An Garda Síochána	<p>The Divisional Traffic Unit continues to plan and implement effective traffic management operations to facilitate major events whilst keeping the city moving and facilitating business activity. This has been a challenge this year with the increased number of major protests.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serious injury Collisions +150% from 4 to 10 • Drink driving detections – 32% YTD <p>St. Patrick's Day and Easter Monday events will be managed in a manner similar to last year.</p> <p>A Christmas Roads Policing Operation was launched on the 27th of November 2017. This operation is to target drink driving, speeding and driving while using a mobile phone. The operation will consist of a</p>

				<p>number of targeted high visibility checkpoints and patrols. The operation is reviewed and assessed on a weekly basis. The operation will run until the 4th of January 2018.</p> <p>There are a number of upcoming events in the Store Street District, culminating with a major concert on Custom House Quay on New Year's Eve. All pertinent traffic measures will be put in place to deal with the resulting disruption of traffic. In addition, a traffic plan is put in place to deal with each event in the 3 Arena. The cross city LUAS works have come to a conclusion and the newly implemented restrictions will be enforced accordingly. All uniform, plainclothes and Divisional Traffic personnel are encouraged to be proactive in respect of Roads Policing and are aware of the organisation's role in this regard.</p>
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Dates of 2018 meetings

The 2018 meetings of the Central Area Joint Policing Sub-Committee are scheduled to take place as follows

Monday 5th March 2018

Monday 11th June 2018

Monday 17th September 2018

Monday 10th December 2018

All meetings will take place at 9.30am in Council Chamber, City Hall.

