



**NOTIFICATION TO ATTEND MEETING OF THE CENTRAL AREA JPC
TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DAME STREET, DUBLIN 2.
ON THURSDAY 22 MARCH 2018 AT 3.00 PM**

AGENDA

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MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL AREA JPC MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 11 DECEMBER 2017

1 Minutes of Central Joint Policing Sub-Committee meeting held on 25th September 2017

Minutes agreed.

2 Progress on actions agreed at last meeting

Noted.

3 Presentation by Criminal Assets Bureau

Presentation noted.

4 Presentation by An Garda Síochána

Chief Supt. Ward presented crime statistics for the year to date and compared them to the statistics for the same period in 2016. Supt. Markey gave a presentation in relation to strategic objectives in the JPC work plan and reported on the Old Motor Tax Office building. The presentations were noted and the following matters were raised:

- Members expressed their support and gratitude to the Gardaí for the North Central Garda Youth awards that took place recently. This Committee to forward letters of congratulations to all who received awards.
- Figures on number of court cases commenced since enactment of the new prescription drugs legislation to be brought to next meeting.
- Supt. Flavin to liaise with Dublin City Council and Crime Prevention Officer regarding the security gates at Ballybough House.
- Supt. Markey reported that there will be extra patrols in the Ormond Square area during December. A location for a CCTV camera in the area will be examined.
- Councillors thanked Garda members for their great work with local communities and commended them on the approach taken with the homeless.
- Members of SAPs will be calling to doors again following up on the interviews that were conducted 3 years ago. Members of JPC welcomed this initiative.

5 **Presentation by Recovery Academy Ireland**

Presentation noted. Relevant reports to be circulated to the Committee members.

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

Reports noted.

7 **Annual Work Plan updates**

Noted.

8 **Update on Fitzgibbon Street Garda Station**

Chief Supt. Ward and Supt. Flavin reported that the refurbishment of Fitzgibbon Street Garda Station is being progressed. Planning permission to be lodged before Christmas and tendering process also moving forward. Members welcomed this and the report was noted.

9 **Dates of 2018 meetings**

It was agreed to change meeting start times to 10am for 2018.

10 **A.O.B.**

- a) It was agreed at the July meeting of the Dublin City Joint Policing Committee that each Area Joint Policing Subcommittee would establish a Parks Subcommittee in their respective electoral areas to specifically address issues around antisocial behaviour in the parks in each area.

The membership of the Central Area Parks Subcommittee will include Cllr Janice Boylan, a representative from An Garda Síochána and a community/business representative. This to be finalised in the coming days.

- b) Actions Agreed

- i. Congratulations letters to be forwarded to recipients of North Central Garda Youth awards.
- ii. Figures on number of court cases commenced since enactment of new prescription drugs legislation to be brought to next meeting.
- iii. Location for CCTV camera in Ormond Square/Ormond Quay area to be examined.
- iv. Presentation by Recovery Academy Ireland and other reports to be circulated to members.
- v. Central Area Parks Subcommittee members to be selected.
- vi. Start times of JPC meetings to be changed to 10 am.
- vii. Michael Stone to be invited to the March 2018 meeting of this Committee.

Councillor Ray McAdam
Chairperson
Monday 11 December 2017

Attendance:

Members:

Ray McAdam (Chairperson)
Irene Bent
Geraldine Comerford
Richard Guiney
Superintendent Gerry Murphy
Chief Supt. Sean Ward

Members:

Janice Boylan
Mark Fay
Mel MacGiobúin
Peter O'Connor

Members:

Christy Burke
Superintendent Daniel Flavin
Superintendent Ann Markey
Nial Ring

Officers

Cathy Cassidy

Sandra Walley

Apologies:

Deputy Paschal Donohoe

Deputy Maureen O'Sullivan

Non-Members:

Progress on actions agreed at meeting held on 11th December 2017

- i. Letters of congratulations to be forwarded to recipients of the North Central Garda Youth Awards. **Letters issued 21/02/2018.**
- ii. Chief Supt. Ward to bring figures to next meeting on number of court cases commenced since the new prescription drugs legislation was enacted. **Chief Supt. Ward to include these figures when ready.**
- iii. Location for CCTV camera in Ormond Square/Ormond Quay area to be examined. **Locations being examined. Supt. Markey to keep Committee informed of developments.**
- iv. Presentation by Recovery Academy Ireland and other reports to be circulated to members. **Presentation and other relevant reports forwarded to Committee members December 2017.**
- v. Central Area Parks Subcommittee members to be selected. **Cllr Ray McAdam and Cllr Janice Boylan to sit on Subcommittee. First meeting to be arranged.**
- vi. Start times of JPC meetings to be changed to 10 am. **Future meetings will now commence at 10 am.**
- vii. Michael Stone to be invited to the March 2018 meeting of this Committee. **Michael Stone confirmed his availability for March meeting.**

20th March 2018

Report to Central Area Joint Policing Committee 22nd March 2018

Community Impact Assessment

We have agreed a number of stages in order to implement the community impact assessment. The methods agreed will be consistent across designated areas. The first phase will entail engaging with residents in order to identify impact and level of criminal activity

- Nature of activity
- Impact on people living nearby
- How they or others neighbours have responded
- Their sense of how well authorities and services have responded
- Their ideas about what needs to happen to address the issues

This stage should be completed by April. We will then assess and move to stage two.

C.P.F. Review

At our board of management 15th February 2018 we agreed to conduct a review and planning seminar for board members, staff and other invited participants on Wednesday 28th March from 4.30pm-6.30pm in Store Street Garda Station. The aim of the seminar is to have a comprehensive review of the C.P.F. and agree an annual work plan. The recent report by Paula Brundell, especially its recommendations, will play a key part in our deliberations.

Community Activity

We continue to meet regularly with local residents groups and projects. Open dealing of drugs, tablets in particular, remain the main issue of concern. Projects and residents are very concerned regarding the age profile of those participating in drug activity. Recent shootings in the area have once again instilled a sense of fear within the community. Residents are reluctant to engage with the project for fear of reprisals. Other issues raised at local meetings relate to ease of access to guns and other weapons and the indiscriminate use of same. Access to inexpensive cars by youth and the damage caused by dangerous and uncontrolled driving in many parts of the area is also a concern. We welcome the announcement that extra Gardaí will be deployed within the division.

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

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National Drugs Strategy

The new national structures of the strategy are being established and are informing 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. The sale of Benzodiazepine and Zimovane is being monitored. There is some improvement in success through recent court cases being noted.

Medically-Supervised Drug Injecting Centres

Merchant Quay Ireland has been awarded tender for pilot and processes is underway

North Inner City Drugs & Alcohol Task Force

The Task Force has met four times since this last meeting and will meet again in April. The increase in the prevalence of Tablets, Street Heroin, and Street Crack Cocaine continues to be raised as well as local incidents of drug-related violence and intimidation.

NEIC Community Policing Forum (NICDATF)

NEIC CPF management will hold first of series of meetings on 28th March to implement change and recommendations of report; improve internal structures and operations; enhance local Community Policing work and exchange.

Crime & Drugs (PIB)

Met to consider NEIC local proposals and sub-group monthly meeting is scheduled to take place on 26th March

Ana Liffey Drugs Project

The Drugs Project will focus on a local information campaign to alert people to risks of Street Crack Cocaine. Workshops will also be held with local project staff and peer volunteers.

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

Central Area JPC Sub-Committee Annual Work Plan Updates March 2018

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 2018	<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>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> <p>The introduction of a dedicated Community Policing mobile patrol car with two full time members in 2017 is a direct response to the needs and requests of the local community. This has already proven to be highly successful. The mobile is tasked by the Divisional Community Policing Office, Store Street Garda Station, focusing on the immediate concerns and issues raised by stakeholders, residents and other customer groups within the community.</p> <p>New structures implemented for processing Section 15 (Housing Act) requests. 764 No. processed in 2017. Breakdown by Policing District Store Street – 130 Mountjoy – 166 Bridewell – 73</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>Other – 395</p> <p>In 2018 to date 70 of 79 requests have been fully processed</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 will work 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 2018 will be 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.</p>
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<p>2) Reduce drug related issues affecting the community</p>	<p>Garda Policing Plan / Dublin City Joint Policing Committee 2018</p>	<p>Put operations in place to deal with issues</p> <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. 	<p>Dublin City Council An Garda Síochána</p>	<p>Drug searches in Fitzgibbon Street areas (Summer Hill and Ballybough included) Number of searches conducted in 2017 - 1240.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possession of drugs total <u>264</u> Sale and supply of drugs total <u>144</u> Possession of offensive weapons total <u>63</u> <p>Drug searches in Street areas: No. of searched conducted this year 924 YTD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possession of drugs total <u>59</u> YTD Sale and supply of drugs total <u>53</u> YTD Possession of offensive weapons total <u>27</u> YTD <p>Ongoing operations are in place to deal with this matter. Specific operations put in place in Sectors 3, 4 and 5 to deal with low and mid-level street dealing.</p>
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				<p>Anti-social / Drug Dealing in the Dorset Street Flats - In The Bridewell District Community Policing Unit are launching a strategy of backing up the on-going patrols and overt & covert drug interdiction by calling on all of the residents on an individual basis and interacting regarding their individual problems and perception of issues in the complex. We will bring in community groups such as the MOST project and street football etc. to interact with the young people of the area. Results and outcomes will be reported in due course.</p> <p>Bridewell District – A neighbourhood Watch scheme is being set up in the Ormond Square enclave off the Quays. A community meeting was held and two Community Gardai are leading out on the process. Allied to this is the exploration into a Community Based CCTV Scheme for Ormond Quay / Ormond Square if feasible.</p>
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3) Licensing / off-licence issues	Garda Policing Plan / Dublin City Joint Policing Committee 2018	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.</p> <p>Further test purchasing operations took place in the Store Street District in the weeks leading up to St Patricks Day. 7 premises were tested. 2 of which failed.</p> <p>U District - Sergeant Dunleavy, U District has been assigned the liquor licencing profile for the District. He liaises directly with all the on and off licences within the District on a regular basis and has responsibility for the Court Applications for each licensee within the District.</p> <p>D District - Inspection of Licensed Premises continue over 40 premises inspected in last 4 months. 8th March 2018 meeting with licences facilitated at the Bridewell Garda Station.</p>
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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 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Community Policing Fora • Strengthen community development initiatives • Engage with young people 	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 and the aim is to establish another 5 in 2018. • Stoneybatter is continuing with its regular environmental works, monthly clean ups and flower planting. A major summer festival is being planned for 2018 after the success of last year's festival.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Engage with older people to address their safety concerns• Build on Small Areas Policing process		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gardaí are attending meetings of Central Area Age Friendly Alliance to network with other statutory and voluntary agencies.• 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. A further 40 Gardaí will be allocated to the DMR North Central Division on the 3rd of April 2018. The allocation of these members will allow for the allocation of existing members to community policing duties. These members will be performing high visibility patrols.• Quality of life issues now featuring even more strongly than crime issues and focusing on these issues is having an overall effect on crime.
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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"> • The Central Area Office and Gardaí will continue to support Halloween Festivals in East Wall, NEIC and Smithfield as well as a number of locally promoted celebrations at street level. • Programme developed and DCC Staff, CPF Staff and other partners trained by Garda Members from D.M.R North Central. <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</p>
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				<p>Gala event hosted by Croke Park on Saturday the 9th of December 2017.</p> <p>Reassurance beats continue and DCPO to coordinate the attendance of Community Gardaí at all business and resident's meetings held within the District. This information is captured on a new shared repository drive managed and maintained by staff in the DCPO.</p> <p>Emphasis being made on schools programmes with regular visits being made to each school within the District over the coming year.</p> <p>Bridewell Station Open day was a huge success in 2017 as well as Garda Fun day which was conducted in conjunction with Primary Schools in the area. Preparations are already underway to ensure that both initiatives are organised for 2018</p> <p>Operation Transformation and the selection of Community Sergeant, Sergeant David Cryan as a leader was a</p>
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				spectacular success in terms of community engagement. Local communities supported him at a number of events in the District. He visited many local schools and attended coordinated walks in Grangegorman where members of the community from Queen St, St Michans, Kirwan Street and Glenbeigh Road attended.
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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 2018	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>There has been a 11% decrease in burglary incidents in the DMR NC division year to date. It should also be noted that there has been a 52% 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
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				<p>case managers attached to the Burglary Unit.</p> <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> <p>Operation Tugboat established targeting crimes against the person, particularly thefts / robberies from the person, phone snatches etc., being coordinated by Inspector Flanagan. Additional personnel drafted in to the Street Crime Unit, Mountjoy to assist.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bridewell District continues to manage all sex offenders
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				<p>and threats within the district. Monthly reviews are carried out in relation to Case management of Juveniles and Adults to ensure that the individuals are being properly managed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Reconstituted Crime Prevention Unit in the Bridewell district since January 2018 have been tasked with combating specific crimes and crime hotspots as determined by local analysis.• As of 28.2.18 crime and quality of life issues are down in the Bridewell District compared to 2017.• Targeting of Dorset Street both covertly and overtly has led to reduction in drug dealing and allied quality of life issues. Further Progress is being made as referred to above.• 79 % of victims of crime have been visited or contacted by Sap Gardaí in
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				<p>the Bridewell district in 2017.</p> <p>Domestic Violence continues to be a priority with a monthly review of a standalone data base compiled by the Bridewell.</p> <p>A daily review of each domestic incident which occurs is examined at the daily PAF</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 2018	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 Roads Policing 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 - 9 incidents year to date • Drink driving detections – 31 detected incidents year to date <p>St. Patrick's Day passed without incident. Easter events will be managed in a manner similar to last year.</p> <p>A bank holiday weekend Roads Policing Operation was launched on the 16th March 2018 and continued</p>

				<p>on until the 20th March 2018. An additional bank holiday weekend Roads Policing Operation will take place between 29th March 2018 and 2nd april 2018. This operation is to target drink driving, speeding and driving while using a mobile phone. The operation will consist of a number of targeted high visibility checkpoints and patrols.</p> <p>There are a number of upcoming events in the Store Street District, including Easter Commemoration Events. 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 are being enforced accordingly. All uniform, plainclothes and Divisional Traffic</p>
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				<p>personnel are encouraged to be proactive in respect of Roads Policing and are aware of the organisation's role in this regard.</p> <p>Divisional Road Policing Unit conducting operations within the District are targeting road traffic crime and organised criminals. Probationers being drafted to assist with Traffic Operations and to increase their knowledge and awareness of Road Traffic legislation.</p>
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The next meeting of this Committee is scheduled to take place on Monday 11th June at 10 am in Council Chamber, City Hall, Dame Street, Dublin 2.

A public meeting of the Central Area Joint Policing Sub-Committee has been arranged for Wednesday 28th March at 7.30 pm in the Holy Family Parish Centre, Prussia Street, Dublin 7.

