



**NOTIFICATION TO ATTEND MEETING OF THE CENTRAL AREA JPC
TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DAME STREET, DUBLIN 2.
ON MONDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 10.00 AM**

AGENDA

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MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL AREA JPC MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 11 JUNE 2018

1 Minutes of Central Area Joint Policing Sub-Committee meeting held on 22nd March 2018

Agreed.

2 Progress on actions agreed at last meeting

Noted.

3 Presentation by An Garda Síochána

Presentation noted.

Chief Supt. Ward presented the crime statistics for the year to date and compared them to the same period last year.

Noted that 10 new Garda members will start in the Division this week. The Drug Squad is at optimum levels and details of drugs seizures will be forwarded to Councillors.

Chief Supt. Ward provided details of the new Community Support Van and also an overview of the floor plan for Fitzgibbon Street Garda Station.

Members welcomed these initiatives and commended Chief Supt. Ward on the high level of engagement with the community.

4 Community Policing Plan

A new Community Policing Plan is being developed for the Division. Members of the Committee are invited to forward comments to the Divisional Community Policing Office.

5 Extension of CCTV in the North East Inner City

Approved by members.

6 Homeless facilities in the Central Area

Members expressed concerns in relation to a particular homeless facility that had anti-social behaviour associated with it. John Durkan from Homeless Services

reported that future tenders for facility operators will include a requirement to engage with An Garda Síochána at an early stage.

The possibility of a licensing system for people providing services on the street was discussed. John Durkan to liaise with colleagues in Licensing Section.

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

Reports noted.

It was agreed to write to the Drugs Task Force to remind them that quarterly reports are required for this Committee.

8 **Annual Work Plan updates**

Noted.

9 **A.O.B.**

The issue of social housing in the Spencer Dock area was raised. The Chairperson informed the Committee that the matter is on the Agenda for the Central Area Committee meeting scheduled for 12th June.

A meeting with all stakeholders to be arranged regarding anti-social behaviour in Little Britain Street area.

Noted that all Councillors wish to be invited to the Garda Youth Awards this year.

An open consultation should be held to look at all the options regarding St. Laurence's Place East. Agreed that no structure would be erected without the approval of residents. A public meeting is to be arranged and consideration given to forming a sub-committee regarding the issue of anti-social behaviour at this location.

Actions agreed

- (i) Details of drugs seizures to be forwarded to Councillors going forward. (Chief Supt. Ward)
- (ii) Members of the Committee to forward comments to the Divisional Community Policing Office regarding the new Community Policing Plan.
- (iii) Future tenders for homeless facility operators to include a requirement to engage with An Garda Síochána at an early stage. (Dublin Region Homeless Executive)
- (iv) Letter to be forwarded to the Drugs Task Force to remind them that quarterly reports are required for this Committee. (Sandra)
- (v) A meeting regarding anti-social behaviour in Little Britain Street area to be arranged with all stakeholders. (Cllr Ray McAdam)
- (vi) All Central Area Councillors to be invited to this year's Garda Youth Awards. (Chief Supt. Ward)
- (vii) A public meeting is to be arranged and consideration given to forming a sub-committee regarding the issue of anti-social behaviour in St. Laurence's Place East. (Cllr Ray McAdam)

The next meeting of this Committee is scheduled for Monday 17th September 2018 at 10 am.

Councillor Ray McAdam
Chairperson
Monday 11 June 2018

Attendance:

Members:

Ray McAdam (Chairperson)
Irene Bent
Geraldine Comerford
Mark Fay
Richard Guiney
Peter O'Connor

Members:

Janice Boylan
Deputy Paschal Donohoe
Superintendent Daniel Flavin
Superintendent Ann Markey
Nial Ring

Members:

Christy Burke
Gaye Fagan
Gary Gannon
Superintendent Gerry Murphy
Chief Supt. Sean Ward

Officers

Cathy Cassidy
Sandra Walley

Rose Kenny

Karl Mitchell

Apologies:

Ciaran Cuffe

Deputy Mary Lou McDonald

Deputy Maureen O'Sullivan

Non-Members:

John Durkan

Actions agreed

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Updates to be provided by Divisional Garda office

- (ii) Members of the Committee to forward comments to the Divisional Community Policing Office regarding the new Community Policing Plan.

Updates to be provided by Divisional Garda office

- (iii) Future tenders for homeless facility operators to include a requirement to engage with An Garda Siochana at an early stage. (Dublin Region Homeless Executive).

In response to this request the Dublin Region Homeless Executive have now added a further section to the policy which will be in place for any new services being established in the Dublin Region.

- (iv) Letter to be forwarded to the Drugs Task Force to remind them that quarterly reports are required for this Committee.

Sandra Walley sent a letter to the Drugs Task force on the 11th June.

- (v) A meeting regarding anti-social behaviour in Little Britain Street area to be arranged with all stakeholders.

Meeting held by Cllr Ray McAdam

- (vi) All Central Area Councillors to be invited to this year's Garda Youth Awards. (Chief Supt. Ward)

To be arranged

- (vii) A public meeting is to be arranged and consideration given to forming a sub-committee regarding the issue of anti-social behaviour in St. Laurence's Place East. (Cllr Ray McAdam)

Gardai and DCC to meet regarding anti-social behaviour and liaise with the local community in St. Laurence's Place East

Report to Central Area Joint Policing Committee 11th September 2018

North East Inner City Community Policing Forum

Unit 3 Killarney Court

Community Impact Assessment

- Impact on people living in the area
- Their sense of how well authorities and servicers have responded
- How they or other neighbours have responded

Still on going

Community Activity

Regularly meeting still continue with local community. Open drug dealing still a major concern for residents. Other issues of concern is the intimation the community are feeling is strongly voice
Motor bikes are a big problem that young people are driving uncontrolled

CPF Review

Still ongoing

Looking at how CPF can engaged with New Community's

Policing and Crime sub group is working very well together

DCC Central Area Joint Policing sub-Committee September 2018 North Inner City Drugs & Alcohol Task Force Update

National Drugs Strategy

The national structures of the strategy are being established and are informing new local drugs task forces strategies and structures. New structural guidelines and performance management tools are being developed to be implanted across regional and local structures over the coming 3 years.

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 continuing to be monitored. There are improvements in success through recent court cases being noted.

Medically-Supervised Drug Injecting Centres

Planning processes will be required to be fulfilled

North Inner City Drugs & Alcohol Task Force has met twice since JPC June meeting and will meet again in September. The increase in the prevalence of Tablets, Street Crack Cocaine, Cannabis Weed (High-Strength), Street Heroin, and Powder cocaine continues to be raised as well as local incidents of drug-related violence and intimidation.

NEIC Community Policing Forum (NICDATF)

NEIC CPF management is implementing changes and recommendations of report; Internal structures and operations are taking place; enhance local Community Policing work and exchange which will see new public and external meetings in coming months. CPF has also inputted to the Future of Policing Commission and made submissions to the Divisional Policing Plan

Crime & Drugs (PIB)

NICDATF in conjunction with Crime and Drugs sub-group organised a very well received local conference held in Croke Park in mid-June 2018 called 'Lives Without Fear' on the critical issues of Drug-Related Intimidation, attended by 100 people by many local residents, community drugs project and Divisional and senior Garda personnel. A report on finding is being finalised and an action plan is being devised, which will be presented to the community before the end of 2018.

Addiction Sub-group (PIB)

Identified as a considerable gap within the 'Creating a Brighter Future' (Mulvey) Report on the areas of Addiction & Health by NICDATF and the NICCC, this new sub-group of the PIB has been established. It had its initial meeting at end of August.

Ana Liffey Drugs Project promoting on a local Street Crack Cocaine information campaign in conjunction with HSE National campaign to alert people to risks of the drug.

Central Area JPC Sub-Committee Annual Work Plan Updates September 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 Garda 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 Other - 395</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	<p>In 2018 to date 70 of 79 requests received 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 implementation of specific policing plans for Sectors has allowed for a more effective approach to dealing with anti-social behaviour</p> <p>Operation Irene is targeting antisocial and public order hotspots which have been determined by Quality of Life and Pulse analysis.</p> <p>Policing the Parks is continuing for the summer months. Sergeant Dunleavy is currently drafting a Policing Plan to combat these issues in the Blessington Basin.</p> <p>A new neighbourhood watch scheme has been developed in the area of Ormond Quay and</p>
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				<p>Ormond Square. Engagement with Merchants Quay as well as Keven Street Gardai took place to try and coordinate efforts further to alleviate the problem in that area.</p> <p>Targeted overt and covert patrols have taken place as a result of specific operational plans devised to combat the problem in this area. It is constantly being reviewed. This will continue until the issue has been resolved on a long term basis.</p>
2) Reduce drug related issues affecting the community	Garda Policing Plan / Dublin City Joint Policing Committee 2018	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 707 YTD.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possession of drugs total 86 YTD • Sale and supply of drugs total 48 YTD • Possession of offensive weapons total 19 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.		<p>Operation Aires is ongoing in the U District involving the Divisional Drugs Unit</p> <p>Drug searches in Street areas:</p> <p>Number of searches conducted this year 2477 YTD.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Possession of drugs total 156 YTD• Sale and supply of drugs total 149 YTD• Possession of offensive weapons total 55 YTD <p>Ongoing operations 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> <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>Bridewell District –</p> <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>Anti-social / Drug Dealing in the Dorset Street Flats - In The Bridewell District Community Policing Unit have launched a strategy to improve the quality of life and general criminality in the area of Dorset St Flats. A number of operations were put in place. These included linking in with JLO from Store Street and Fitzgibbon St and individuals</p>
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				<p>involved in drug dealing who were not resident within the complex. A door to door survey was carried out over a number of weeks where each house was contacted personally by Community policing Gardai. A very positive response was received. Based on this and with regular meetings with the MOST project and DCC a plan of action has been put in place in relation to empowering residents to become involved in a neighbourhood watch group. This is at its infancy but given the positive response from residence it is hoped that this will develop. Arrangements are being made by Community Policing to assist residence within the complex to fix the playground. A number of events will be held in conjunction with Community policing Bridewell and MOST over the summer. It is anticipated that the area will have events running for Halloween. St Marys Place School was included in the Bridewell Sports day for schools. Quarterly meetings are arranged with Most Project, Bradogue, DCC and Bridewell</p>
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				Gardaí to monitor progress of this initiative
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>C District - Coming into the Summer months and being conscious of the difficulties of street drinking, a number of off licence premises are being inspected in order to ensure that they are acting in accordance and in compliance with Liquor Licensing Laws.</p> <p>U District - Sergeant Dunleavy, 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</p>

				<p>within the District.</p> <p>Test purchasing being planned in association with Irene and Policing the Parks</p> <p>D District - Inspection of Licensed Premises continue over 56 premises inspected in last 6 months. One prosecution this year so far. On the 8th March 2018 a meeting with licensee's 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 • Engage with older 	Dublin City Council An Garda Síochána	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review completed and recommendations implemented. • The City Council continues to work closely with and promotes 40 local residents / environmental / youth groups on a continuous basis. • 6 new groups were established in 2018. • Stoneybatter, Phibsborough and many other areas are continuing with their regular environmental works, monthly clean ups and flower planting. • Gardaí met with Central Area Age Friendly Alliance and gave a presentation on Crime Prevention.

		<p>people to address their safety concerns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Build on Small Areas Policing process		<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. <p>The addition of 40 additional Probationer Gardai to the Division has allowed for the movement of existing personnel to Community Policing which has led to an increase in pedal cycle and foot patrols in the community.</p> <p>Community Gardai from the Store Street District organised a boxing tournament for youths under 17 who reside in the NEIC / DMR North Central area. This event took place on the 26th May 2018 in the National Stadium, South Circular Road. Members of 6 Boxing Clubs from the DMR N.C. Division and an additional 2 from the DMR S.C. Division partook in this event. Store Street members also attended training sessions at the clubs in the run up to the event and</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and deploy a restorative practice programme to address community trauma 	<p>An Garda Síochána and key partners</p>	<p>assisted the trainers. Plans are in place to run additional events in the near future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality of life issues now featuring even more strongly than crime issues and focusing on these issues is having an overall effect on crime. • 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 in the U District.</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</p>
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			<p>where the judging panel shortlisted 12 nominees who were to receive their awards at a Gala event hosted by Croke Park on Saturday the 9th of December 2017. Following the success of the 2017 awards, the North Central Garda Youth Awards are due to take place on Saturday 17th November 2018 in Croke Park. An information campaign in respect of this year's event has commenced. Garda members have been encouraged to engage with the community with a view to highlighting this initiative and to consider nominations at an early stage.</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 Districts</p>
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				<p>over the coming year.</p> <p>A football blitz involving all the schools in the Division was held at St. Vincent's School, Finglas Road which proved to be a huge success. The inaugural Padraig Moran Trophy was presented to the winning team.</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 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,</p>
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				<p>Kirwan Street and Glenbeigh Road attended</p> <p>A number of days of action have taken place this year, 13 in total at the following locations since 9th April 2018;</p> <p>Glenbeigh Road HallidaySquare Smithfield Carragh Road Glencar Road Glenmere Road Old Cabra Road Blackhorse Avenue Ormond Quay / Square Dorset Street Flats St. Bricins Viking Place North Circular Road</p> <p>This includes house to house contact with residence distribution of information and checkpoints. Face to face engagement and interaction with members of the community.</p> <p>Bridewell Community clinics are continuing in Prussia Street and Brother Kevin's. It is hoped to have these extended to other locations when the</p>
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				community support vehicle is in operation.
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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"> <u>Domestic violence</u> Domestic violence issues now a priority for Gardaí in the North Central. <p>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.</p> <p>A database has been developed in the Bridewell District which collates incidents of Domestic Violence over the last three years. This assists in</p>

				<p>assessing the response and intervention required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Burglaries</u> <p>The dedicated Burglary Unit are operating from Fitzgibbon Street Garda Station and are recording significant successes.</p> <p>All victims of burglary are visited by the SAP Garda with a view to providing support, security, advice and follow-on investigation.</p> <p>There has been a 2% increase in burglary incidents in the DMR NC Division year to date. It should be noted that there has also been a 4% increase in the detection rate in respect of the same time period. A considerable number of business premises have been given advice by the Crime Prevention Officer to assist in the prevention of burglaries.</p>
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				<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. A full case management review was conducted by Inspector Flanagan resulting in the removal / addition of repeat offenders and the allocation of specific Case Managers where appropriate.
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				<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Operation Thor consists of pedal cycle patrols that following analysis, target residential areas prone to burglaries.• Operation Hybrid remains ongoing.• Specific Operations are put in place as a result of analysis and monitoring of crime including: Operation Quays, Redline, Spoke, Irene & Parks• 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.• A bait bike operation,
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				<p>utilising pin mapping is currently in place in the Store Street District. A number of arrests have been made to date.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sergeant Dermot Harrington, Divisional Crime Prevention Officer is liaising with Community Gardai with a view to identifying a number of businesses and public areas where crime prevention stands, manned by local Gardai, would be beneficial.• Bridewell District continues to manage all sex offenders 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.• New Reconstituted Crime Prevention Unit in the Bridewell district since January 2018 have been
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				<p>tasked with combating specific crimes and crime hotspots as determined by local analysis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In the Bridewell District, as of 1.6.18 crime is slightly up compared to 2017, however quality of life issues are down 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. <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
<p>Ensure that major events proceed with minimum disruption to business and movement within the city</p>	<p>Garda Policing Plan / Dublin City Joint Policing Committee 2018</p>	<p>Continue to work in partnership in relation to the management of planned and unplanned events in the Central Area</p>	<p>An Garda Síochána</p>	<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</p>

				<p>was launched on the 16th of March 2018 and continued on until the 20th March 2018. An additional bank holiday weekend Roads Policing Operation will take place between the 29th March 2018 and will run until the 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 Division, including the Papal visit. 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 have come to a conclusion and the newly implemented restrictions are being enforced accordingly. All uniform, plainclothes and Divisional</p>
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				<p>Roads Policing 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 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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Motion in the name of Cllr. Éilish Ryan

The Joint Policing Committee condemns the use of excessive violence against peaceful housing protestors last Monday at 34, North Frederick Street. It furthermore condemns the use of masks by Gardaí present at the demonstration, and their refusal to prevent violent behaviour by armed, unidentified private, hired security at the building.

"The JPC calls for a full report by An Garda Síochána back to this committee, accounting for the numbers of arrests given no charges were brought, the use of masks to conceal the identity of the Gardaí present, and the rationale for the Gardaí using valuable resources to police a private eviction.

"The JPC furthermore calls on An Garda Síochána to bring back to the Dublin City JPC a protocol on how it handles evictions and attempted evictions, and its role in protecting tenants from security firms hired by private landlords during illegal eviction attempts, a practice which is concerningly common in the Central Area at this time.

