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## NORTH WEST AREA JOINT POLICING SUB COMMITTEE

Notification to attend the quarterly meeting of the above committee to be held in the North West Area Council Chamber, Civic Office, Main Street, Ballymun, Dublin 9 on **Monday 12th December 2016** at **3.00 p.m.** to deal with the items on the attached Agenda.

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**NOTIFICATION TO ATTEND MEETING OF THE NORTH WEST AREA JPC  
TO BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM - BALLYMUN CIVIC OFFICES,  
ON MONDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2016 AT 3.00 PM**

**AGENDA**

**MONDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2016**

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**Item: no.1**

**Draft Minutes**

**NORTH WEST AREA JOINT POLICING SUB COMMITTEE**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 3.00 p.m.**

<b>Item</b>		<b>Action</b>
1.	Minutes of meeting held 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2016 and matters arising.	Agreed.
2.	Update on the CCTV Project – Insp John Burke.	<p>Insp. Burke gave an update on the ongoing CCTV project in the Northwest Area, some of the main points are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The next phase of installation will be at Tesco Clearwater and at St. Helena's Drive.</li><li>• It is anticipated that this will be followed by Cameras at Cappagh Rd/Ratoath Drive, Ratoath Road/M50 flyover, Glasanaon Road at Johnstown Park and finally Willow Park Crescent/Grove Park Road.</li><li>• A commitment from Tesco Ireland, DCC and Fingal CC to fund the cameras in co-operation with the Garda Telecommunications Section.</li></ul> <p>Councillor Reilly and Councillor Mc Auliffe requested the management of a number of CCTV cameras in the Ballymun/Popmintree area to be taken over by An Garda Siochana. Mary Taylor to address this request under the review of the CCTV in Public Domain, update due for the December 2016 JPC meeting.</p>
3.	Update on Kildonan Lands Project and Abigail Centre.	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Deputy Shortall suggested clarity with regard to funding available for the project in a bid to avoid raising unrealistic expectations.</p>
4.	Presentation on Operation Hybrid	<p>Detective Inspector Des Mc Tiernan presented a PowerPoint presentation on Operation Hybrid. The operation deals with armed checkpoints.</p> <p>The presentation was followed by a number of questions and answers.</p> <p>Det. Insp Mc Tiernan agreed to forward statistics on the type of seizures to Cllr. Perry.</p> <p>It was noted that Operation Hybrid does not reduce existing Garda activity due to use of additional resources eg. Overtime.</p>

5.	Interim Report on Mental Health Support Sub Group.	<p>Larry Dooley presented a Powerpoint presentation on the progress of the Mental Health Support Sub Group. Overall Larry noted that there are good local services available but there is a lack of a coordinated approach. A lack of 24/7 service is an issue. An early intervention programme through schools etc was recommended.</p> <p>The committee suggested inviting Anne O'Connor, Director of Mental Health, HSE to a future meeting of the JPC. Aidan Maher to contact Anne.</p>
6.	Fora updates.	<p>Reports Noted.</p> <p>Niall Counihan noted the continuing contribution of An Garda Siochana and Dublin City Council in policing and maintenance of Faussagh Avenue.</p> <p>Cllr Reilly asked for an update on a strategy for the Main Street, Ballymun. Mary Taylor agreed an update will be given at the next Safer Ballymun Meeting.</p> <p>Dave Dinnigan to request Dublin City Council procedures on the response to needle finds, in particular the after hours service.</p> <p>The next Safer Ballymun meeting has being rescheduled to 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016.</p>
7.	Garda Reports.	<p>Reports Noted.</p> <p>Cllr Perry questioned the increase in burglary figures on the Mountjoy report. Insp. Casey noted the spike related to a specific area around Whitworth Road to Drumcondra, the issue has being addressed and 1 culprit identified.</p> <p>Chief Super Wheatley agreed the burglary rate in Finglas needed to be addressed.</p> <p>Deputy Ellis noted the following concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attack on local delivery drivers.</li> <li>• Joy riding in Berryfield area.</li> <li>• Increase in antisocial activity in the Fairlawn, Ballygall areas.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Connaghan thanked the Gardai for the response to his question with regard to the Barry and Northway Est. areas and acknowledges the effort being made in the area, however he suggested great visibility on the ground to deter the congregation of youths.</p> <p>Chief Super Wheatley noted all concerns.</p>
8.	Strategic Questions.	<p>11 Strategic Questions received, replies circulated in packs to all members.</p>

12.	AOB	Presentation on the Management of Housing Estates by Mick Clarke, Anti Social Policy Unit Dublin City Council to be re circulated with minutes.
<p>The meeting concluded at 16.45</p> <p>The next meeting will take place on <u>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016</u> at 3.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Ballymun Civic Centre, Main Street, Ballymun, Dublin 11.</p>		

**Attendance:**

Councillors: Seamas McGrattan, Noeleen Reilly, Emma Murphy, Teresa Keegan, Anthony Connaghan, Aine Clancy, Paul Mc Auliffe, Cieran Perry, Cathleen Carney Boud, Andrew Montague.

TDs: Deputy Roisin Shortall, Deputy Dessie Ellis.

Officials: Dave Dinnigan (Executive Manager), Aidan Maher (Senior Executive Officer), Mary Taylor (Senior Executive Officer), Lisa Keenan (Staff Officer), Fergus Synnott (Administrative Officer), Leona Fynes (Project Estate Officer).

Gardaí: Chief Superintendent Lorraine Wheatley, Superintendent Finbarr Murphy, Inspector John Burke, Sgt. Aidan Flanagan, Inspector Liam Casey, Det. Insp Des Mc Tiernan.

Community Reps: Mr. Frank Murphy, Mr. Tony Byrne, Ms. Teresa Lydon.

Safety Fora Reps: Mr. Niall Counihan

Local Drugs Task Force: Mr. Hugh Greaves

Apologies: Lord Mayor Brendan Carr, Cllr. David Costello.

**Councillor Seamas McGrattan**  
**Chairperson**



### **Item: no. 3**

#### **Update on Kildonan Lands Project – Aidan Maher**

Ed Flanagan's interim report on the public consultation process is being examined. No decision has been taken yet on whether any additional surveys are required to capture the views of additional residents in the adjoining streets.

Due to the lengthy period required by the consultation process the timetable for completion of the Brady Shipman Martin (BSM) masterplan report has been extended.

Arising from a recent incident WFTRA decided to withdraw from all engagement with Dublin City Council, the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive and the various statutory agencies and service providers in the Abigail Centre. Pending resolution of this hiatus no date has been fixed yet for the next meeting of the Development Group. However, WFTRA representatives met the Deputy Chief Executive and the Assistant Area Manager on the evening of the 18<sup>th</sup> November. The meeting was chaired by Rita Burtenshaw, Independent Facilitator. There was an open Agenda and a full discussion on many of the issues and options. It was agreed that DCC responsibility for the site and liaison with WFTRA will now change to the local Area Office. There will be a follow-up meeting. In the meantime DCC will work directly with WFTRA in relation to any issue emerging.

#### **Abigail Centre – Eddie Matthews**

The following is a brief report in respect of services for homeless women on the Abigail Campus since the last meeting of the NWA, JPC in September 2016.

#### **Issues**

Both managers continued to address any individual issues, complaints or queries arising from the WFTRA representatives or other members of the community in as timely a timeframe as possible.

Within the services themselves the number of clients has not been increased.

While the recording of incidents has not shown any increase there have been two issues/complaints of significance raised. Notwithstanding these the atmosphere in both services is very positive and the number of successful move ons to long term accommodation for clients has exceeded targets set out in the service level agreements.

- Complaint 1: Involved a client (profoundly deaf) who was shouting loudly while on the phone, early in the am, while walking down the road. In addition the client met with a male friend close to the centre against the express wish of management. As the latter was her second warning she has been listed for transfer as soon as possible.
- Complaint 2: This involved a lewd act in a public place close to the centre. The client in question was returned to the centre and transferred to an alternative homeless service the following day.

The progress which was outlined in the last update has been maintained and in addition:

- The project involving the provision of paving and completion of groundwork's to the large interior garden is now complete. Landscaping has been completed with raised vegetable boxes and a poly tunnel installed.

While primarily a leisure and therapeutic work space for client talks are ongoing with the CDETb re holding gardening workshops for local residents.

- The Yoga classes for local residents are still well attended.
- The Men's Shed project has proved very successful. DCC have completed the renovation of a meeting room, including the installation of a small kitchen and a toilet for this projects use. The room is also available for both other service uses and the wider community.
- Eight women from Pavee Point arranged a further module of supervised cookery classes in the centre in November 2016. This experience has been positive with older travellers showing younger clients how to bake. They have also welcomed clients becoming involved.
- The CDETb have commenced using the centre on Mondays to hold classes in two sessions for Mindfulness and Cognitive Behaviour Therapy for local people. These classes attract up to thirty people to each session.
- There is a large fully equipped and staffed kitchen in the main building on the campus. We will be exploring how this facility can be utilised more effectively both for internal uses but also by the wider community around issues such as meals on wheels.



**Item No. 5**

**Update on Youth Services Sub Group**

<b>Strategic Objectives</b>	<b>Origin</b>	<b>Summary of actions to be taken</b>	<b>Lead person/agency key partners</b>	<b>Timescale for action</b>
Youth services	Citywide JPC	Support sub-group to review Youth Services in the NWA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ to support existing services</li><li>○ to identify service delivery gaps</li><li>○ to identify best practices which have the potential for citywide implementation.</li></ul>	Dublin City Council An Garda Síochána	

The Sub group have selected the following 3 aspects of youth behaviour for investigation and analysis:

1. The mis-use of scramblers, quads and mini-bikes.
2. The involvement and financial inducement of young people in the use, transportation and selling of drugs.
3. The illegal consumption of alcohol by persons under 18 and its continuing abuse beyond the legal limit of 18.

At the meeting, Frank Murphy Chairperson of the Youth Services Sub Group will provide a verbal overview of the work to date by the sub group.



## **Item No. 7**

### **A. Ballymun**

The Safer Ballymun week was launched at the last Safer Ballymun meeting on October 18<sup>th</sup> by Councillor Andrew Montague (Deputising for the Lord Mayor). Councillor Montague welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated how important it was to ensure Ballymun is a safe place to bring up a family and a place to work. He made reference to his own family and how Safer Ballymun is a great forum to deal with issues of safety in the area.

Sergeant Bernard Young from Ballymun Garda Station gave statistics for the area for the period following the last meeting. Residents from Doon and Knowth court gave a review of the estate enhancement works and painting programmes they have been involved in throughout the year. There was a display of 'before and after' pictures. The residents won numerous awards for their work. Other issues discussed on the night included the anti-social behaviour outside Supervalu and the continuous drug dealing that is going on in the area. Several residents lamented the loss of the Shopping Centre to the area.

The meeting was well attended and finished with light refreshments. The next safety meeting is scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> of December at 7pm.

### **B. Cabra**

On the 27<sup>th</sup> September 2016 a forum meeting was held in which the following issues were discussed:

- Inconsistent attendance at forum meetings of elected representatives.
- Lack of community policing in Cabra East area.
- Dangerous motor cycle riding /antisocial behaviour along Royal Canal.
- Halloween preparations.

The group was updated on the transfer of Inspector Liam Casey from Mountjoy Garda station. All those present expressed great sadness at losing such a committed and impressive inspector and wished him the very best in his new post.

As with the past number of years, Halloween passed off quietly. There is no doubt that this was due to the volume of Gardaí present from early on Halloween Day and their proactive approach towards signs of potential antisocial behaviour. The collaborative approach between Dublin City Council, the Gardaí and the community in relation to confiscating bonfire materials played a significant role in curtailing potential problems.

In relation to dangerous motor biking along the Royal Canal, the forum coordinator has met with Waterways Ireland representatives on site and an agreement was reached on enhanced security measures at traffic barriers. The majority of the work is complete with outstanding work currently being prepared.

Over recent months serious concern has been raised regarding antisocial behaviour and drug dealing at the derelict Lock Keepers cottage site at Royal Canal. Following interventions from Insp. Liam Casey and the forum coordinator new security fencing has been erected around this site resulting in the cessation of above conduct.

In relation to Faussagh Avenue, Dublin City Council have erected security gates at one entrance to the laneway at the top shops. The local community have expressed great

satisfaction at this development which will have a significant impact on antisocial behaviour and regular dumping.

All preparations have now been completed in the Cabra for Youth Community Garden at Liffey Junction. This will enable an early start next spring to what is expected to be an excellent community facility.

The launch of this year's Drugs Task Force SNAP project, took place on October 25<sup>th</sup> at the Cabra for Youth premises in John Paul Park. The awareness campaign consisted of a series of posters designed by Cabra for Youth staff alerting young people of the potential consequences of drug debt intimidation. The event was attended by Minister Paschal Donohoe TD who launched the project as well as numerous community members, elected representatives and Gardaí of all ranks including Superintendent Paul Howard, head of drugs and serious crime unit.

### **C. Drumcondra**

The last meeting of the Drumcondra/Glasnevin forum took place on September 28<sup>th</sup> in the Maples House Hotel in Drumcondra. The Gardaí gave reports for the period following the last meeting in June. Several issues were discussed on the night such as the anti-social behaviour in Griffith Park, the lack of resources that were at An Garda Síochána's disposal and the ongoing parking and traffic issues in the area.

The final meeting of this forum for 2016 is scheduled for December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Going forward, Dublin City Council and the Gardaí will review existing meetings in the general Drumcondra, Whitehall, Santry, Beaumont and Larkhill areas to optimise the area covered by local Safety Fora.

### **D. Finglas**

#### **The following forum meetings took place in the last quarter:**

Finglas West	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September
Finglas East	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September
Finglas South	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October

The end of year combined Finglas South, Finglas East and Finglas West Safety forum took place on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December in the Finglas Garda Station.

There was a presentation on Crime by Dr Matt Bowden from Dublin Institute of Technology, Grangegorman. The evening was hosted by the Finglas Garda Station and included some light refreshment and a thank you to all the residents and various parties for their contributions to the Forum throughout the year.

Issues arising at the Forum meetings and reported directly to the Forum Coordinator:

#### **Quad bike/scrambler and car issues:**

Residents have reported issues in both the Kippure area (Finglas South) and Ballygall Crescent/St Canices Church area (Finglas East).

Individual meetings have taken place with residents in both areas to get a clear understanding of the issues. This issue is causing great distress to neighbours. The walkway steps in Kippure Park to St Helenas Road are being used as a ramp for the quad bikes. There were also reports of dangerous driving in front of cars.

In Ballygall Crescent there is reports of joyriding on the green areas by both cars and bikes.

**Antisocial behaviour and group gatherings**

Residents have raised concern of large group gatherings in specific areas mainly around shops and green areas. There is specific concern around the shops at Cardiffsbridge road, the Church of the Annunciation and Johnstown Park.

**Finglas Safety Forum's - Finglas Support After Crime**

Funding was received from the Commission for the Support of Victims of Crime for the Finglas Support After Crime and will offer one to one counselling for victims of:

- Burglary
- Aggravated burglary
- Robbery from Persons
- Assault
- Intimidation related to antisocial behaviour

The Finglas Safety Forum will coordinate the project. Counsellors are qualified and accredited and experienced in trauma work. We are now open to take referrals or people can also self refer. To make a referral please call Jackie Phelan Finglas Safety Forum Coordinator on 086 4115783.

**Finglas Cabra Drug and Alcohol Task Force Supply Reduction**

On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016 the Finglas Cabra Drug & Alcohol Task Force launched the Supply Reduction Campaign focusing on Drug Debt Intimidation. The Finglas Safety Forum Coordinator has circulated campaign posters in the Finglas area.



**Item No. 10**

**North West Area JPC Sub Committee  
Agreed Schedule of Meetings 2017**

**Venue: Council Chambers, Ballymun Civic Centre, Ballymun, Dublin 9.**

<b>Quarter</b>	<b>Date</b>
Q.1	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2017 @ 3pm
Q.2	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2017 @ 3pm
Q.3	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2017 @ 3pm
Q.4	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2017 @ 3pm

