



**NOTIFICATION TO ATTEND MEETING OF THE CENTRAL AREA JPC  
TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, DAME STREET, DUBLIN 2.,  
ON MONDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 2017 AT 9.30 AM**

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## Minutes of the meeting of the Central Area Joint Policing Sub-committee

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016

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**1) Minutes of last meeting**

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

**2) Progress on actions agreed at last meeting**

A summary of progress on actions agreed at the last meeting was circulated and noted. Noted that statistics in relation to hate crime are not yet available.

**3) Presentation by An Garda Síochána**

Chief Supt. Leahy presented crime statistics for the year to date and commented on the increase/decrease in figures compared to the same period last year.

Chief Supt. Leahy also reported on the current challenges associated with recent criminal activity and that from later this week the Division will have its own armed response unit operating in the city centre.

Members of the JPC expressed their gratitude to Chief Supt. Leahy and his staff for all the hard work undertaken this year.

**4) Community Policing Forum Report & Drugs Task Force Report**

**a) Community Policing Forum Report:**

A written report was circulated in advance of the meeting. The report was noted. Members agreed to invite relevant agency to next meeting to give a presentation on the Community Impact Statement.

**b) Drugs Task Force Report:**

A written report was circulated in advance of the meeting. The report was noted. Mel MacGiobuin to provide report on the 100K funding to projects. Members expressed concern that the Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Act 2016 has not yet commenced.

**c) Community Report:**

Richard Guiney gave a verbal report. Launch of the Dublin One brand was noted and the employment opportunities for local people (5,000 in the North Inner City over the next 5 years) with particular emphasis on opportunities for young people in the area.

Irene Bent provided a written report to the Chair. The issues raised will be logged with the relevant Departments to address.

**5) Annual Work Plan updates**

Report noted.

**6) Halloween**

Report noted. Email with link to drone footage to be forwarded to members.

Members of the Committee expressed their gratitude to Eileen Gleeson for her work in the Central Area and wished her well in her new post.

**7) Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017 @ 9.30am.

**Note: This meeting has now been brought forward to Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

**8) A.O.B.**

- Chief Supt. Leahy to meet with Area Management to discuss quad bikes issue and the 2016 Christmas Policing Plan in relation to them.
- Update report to be brought to next meeting on policing in the canal / Phibsborough area.
- An update on the Safer Cities Report was requested.
- Councillors wished to express their gratitude to Homeless Services staff including Fran Devereux and Julie Mason on their hard work and commitment in dealing with people presenting to Homeless Services.

**9) Actions agreed:**

- i. Dates of 2017 meetings of this Committee to be forwarded to members.
- ii. Statistics in relation to hate crime to be brought to the next meeting.
- iii. Presentation for Committee members regarding the capture of information to be arranged in Store Street Garda station.
- iv. Report on policing plan for the canal / Phibsborough area to be included in Garda report for March meeting.
- v. Members agreed to invite relevant agency to next meeting to give a presentation on the Community Impact Statement.
- vi. Letter to be forwarded to Minister Byrne regarding a meeting in relation to the National Drugs strategy and when it is expected that the Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Act 2016 will be commenced.
- vii. Recovery Academy of Ireland to be invited to make a presentation at the June 2017 meeting of this Committee.
- viii. Report on actions that have been taken since the Safer Cities Report to be included on the Agenda for the next meeting.

**Attendance:**

Councillors: Ray McAdam (Chairperson), Christy Burke, Eilis Ryan, Nial Ring, Gary Gannon, Gaye Fagan

Gardaí: Chief Supt. Pat Leahy, Supt. Daniel Flavin, Supt. Ann Markey, Supt. Gerard Murphy

Deputies: Maureen O'Sullivan T.D.

Community and business: Mary Reilly, Irene Bent, Richard Guiney

Others: Peter O'Connor, Mel MacGiobúin

Officials: Rose Kenny, Eileen Gleeson, Sandra Walley, Cathy Cassidy

Apologies: Deputy Paschal Donohoe T.D., Deputy Mary Lou McDonald T.D., Cllr Gaye Fagan, Cllr Ciaran Cuffe

**Next meeting:**

Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017 @ 9.30 am

### **Actions agreed at meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

- i. Dates of 2017 meetings of this Committee to be forwarded to members. **Dates of 2017 meetings forwarded to members on 12/12/2016**
- ii. Statistics in relation to hate crime to be brought to the next meeting. **Chief Supt. Leahy**
- iii. Presentation for Committee members regarding the capture of information to be arranged in Store Street Garda station. **Chief Supt. Leahy**
- iv. Report on policing plan for the canal / Phibsborough area to be included in Garda report for March meeting. **Chief Supt. Leahy**
- v. Members agreed to invite relevant agency to next meeting to give a presentation on the Community Impact Statement. **Community Action Network to make a presentation at the June meeting scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017**
- vi. Letter to be forwarded to Minister Byrne regarding a meeting in relation to the National Drugs strategy and when it is expected that the Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Act 2016 will be commenced. **Meeting was arranged and took place on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017**
- vii. Recovery Academy of Ireland to be invited to make a presentation at the June 2017 meeting of this Committee. **Recovery Academy have agreed to present to this Committee in June 2017**
- viii. Report on actions that have been taken since the Safer Cities Report to be included on the Agenda for the next meeting. **See attached report**

16<sup>th</sup> February 2017

## **Report of Scoping Study for Dublin City Council Safe City Programme**

In March 2013 Dublin City Council signed up to the UN Women Safe Cities Global Programme. The SCGP is working in over 20 cities across the globe to prevent and reduce sexual harassment against women and girls. There is evidence to support the idea that a city that is safer for women and girls is safer for everyone and helps to enhance social and commercial life. The decision to join the Global Initiative was taken not because Dublin is an unsafe city but because the city wants to share and learn from knowledge in other cities and to proactively strengthen efforts to prevent sexual harassment and other forms of violence against women and girls in public spaces.

The scoping study was undertaken to establish an indication of the levels and pervasiveness of harassment and violence in the city. The study focused on a specific geographic area namely the corridor from Heuston Station to Abbey Street. The study findings show that sexual harassment is a frequent and distressing occurrence for women and girls in Dublin City. The aim of the scoping study was to inform the design of Dublin's Safe City Programme.

Key among the recommendations are the following:

- Upgrade the design of the public realm along the intervention site.
- Implement educational programmes for the public and service providers, in particular An Garda Síochána, clearly defining what constitutes sexual harassment and other forms of sexual violence in public space.
- Develop public awareness campaigns.
- A stronger Garda presence
- Raising awareness of how to make a complaint and encouraging reporting of all forms of sexual violence.

The individuals and organisations who participated in the study are as follows:

Akidwa, BeLongTo, Cllr. Janice Boylan, Cosc: The National Office for the Prevention of Domestic, Sexual and Gender-based Violence, Chrysalis Drugs Project, Dublin Rape Crisis Centre, Feminist Ire, Focus Ireland, Josephine Henry, Immigrant Council of Ireland, Inner City Organisations Network, Macro Centre, National Women's Council of Ireland, Pavee Point, Transdev, We are DublinTown: Dublin City's Improvement District.

The research was undertaken by Dr. Jackie Bourke, Independent Research Consultant, in association with Ciaran Cuffe of the School of Spatial Planning and Transport Engineering, Dublin Institute of Technology and Dr. Kevin Lalor, Centre for Social and Educational Research, Dublin Institute of Technology. September 2015.

I am meeting with Dr. Jackie Bourke, co-author of the research and report, on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017. I will communicate any updates or suggestions for delivery from the report in due course.

**Ann O'Donovan**  
**Administrative Officer**

21<sup>st</sup> February 2017

## **Report to Central Area Joint Policing Committee 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

### **Community Impact Assessment:**

We understand that Community Impact Assessments are being included as a recommendation with provision for a pilot within the new National Drug Strategy. There are indications that the final strategy will be concluded by April and launched in May. We intend, in the first instance, to make presentations to J.P.C.'s in each area i.e. N.E.I.C. Canals Policing Forum and Safer Blanchardstown in order to provide an understanding of the initiative to members and in due course seek their support to have above areas included in the pilot. The scheduled date for presentation to this Committee is 19<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Halloween 2017:**

We have started our planning for Halloween 2017 as recommended in the review of Halloween 2016. Our first meeting was held on 14<sup>th</sup> February and we agreed to conduct a brief consultative process with various youth organisation on their experiences from last year and their willingness to participate in the run up to and Halloween night itself. We intend to reconvene on 1<sup>st</sup> March for feedback and convene a general meeting of interested groups on 7<sup>th</sup> March. We had a brief discussion with DCC and they have indicated their willingness to support and engage in the process. We will keep the J.P.C. updated.

### **Y.P.A.R. Conference:**

Y.P.A.R. conference was held in the Gresham Hotel on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017. There was a large attendance on both days with representatives from all agencies, schools and various local projects. On behalf of International Young People at Risk working group we wish to express our thanks to all Gardaí who attended on both days and positively engaged with young people throughout the conference. Y.P.A.R. are currently working on report and once completed it will be made available to interested parties.

### **N.E.I.C. Community Policing Forum Review:**

Ongoing analysis by B.O.M. of review.

### **Prescription Drugs:**

The community continue to express their frustration at the lack of progress in fully implementing legislation passed in July 2016 in respect of the wholesale sale of prescription tablets in many areas of the inner city. Despite the fact that Gardaí arrest and disrupt those involved in the distribution of tablets this activity continues with little consequences for those involved. We ask this Committee to bring whatever pressure they can on those with responsibility in this area to have this legislation commenced as a matter of urgency.

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





**DCC Central Area Joint Policing sub-Committee February 2017  
North Inner City Drugs & Alcohol Task Force Update**

***National Drugs Strategy***

The 8 year strategy is being drawn-up and it has been indicated that new Strategy will issued in the second quarter of 2017 and this will inform new local drugs task forces strategies and structures.

***Dail legislation***

Amendments to the Misuse of Drugs Act started in July 2016 on Tablet regulation with respect to street-dealing 'Benzos and Zimmos' is now being referred to current EU members to review any objections based on limiting trade across the EU and my take some time.

Drug Injecting Centres legislation is at an advanced stage and expected to pass. It is expected that a tender process will be used for establishing a city centre location. A process of on-going relevant stakeholders, including community, is likely to be attached to requirements. Some business reservations are emerging. Some European examples have located fixed centres near or adjacent to Police Stations.

***Taoiseach's North Inner City Initiative & Task Force***

'Creating Brighter Futures', K. Mulvey report was launched by Taoiseach last Thursday. A small number of projects (13 in total) across the Central Area have been funded, totalling €100,000 for one-off actions in response to issues related to the drug crime gang's related violent feud. With the reported actions and outcomes of the NIC pilot project initiative and the Mulvey recommendations the NICDATF members and relevant projects will meet to consider and outline a comprehensive document.

***Community Policing Forum*** has met four times; the contracted report is being worked through for implementation and current local drugs-related issues are being raised and addressed.

Indication was given that test case using Section 5 Irish Medicine Board Act to pursue tablet dealing convictions were dismissed in court.

DCC Anti-Social Behaviour unit presented CPF with detailed update on new legislation, procedures potential outcomes and eviction cases will be heard in coming months.

***North Inner City Drugs & Alcohol Task Force*** has met three times since this last meeting. Emergency homeless accommodation service of families and the long-term impact on children's mental health continues to cause concern and impacts on projects working with those families. Clarity of the criteria and protocols on detox beds and residential rehab beds is being sought. NICDATF is working with projects to complete an overall Annual Report of 2016.

***'Recovery Academy Ireland'*** is willing to present to this Committee in 2017.

A national ***'Dial-To-Stop Drug-Dealing-and-Intimidation'*** campaign was launched and a local initiative is being planned to publicise the confidential freephone number 1800 25 00 25.

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



### Central Area JPC Sub-Committee Annual Work Plan Updates February 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 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement strategies / structures to prevent opportunities for anti-social behaviour</li> </ul>	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>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development of plan to counteract anti-social behaviour at St. Laurence's Place East</li> </ul>	<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>DCC's Central Area Community Development &amp; Public Domain Offices continue to work closely with the community &amp; Gardai in implementing actions to mitigate against and prevent anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>New structures implemented for processing Section 15 (Housing Act) requests. 302 No requests processed since 01/07/2015. 100% processed within agreed timelines.</p> <p>Working Group established. Onsite meetings held and proposals being developed.</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce anti-social behaviour in relation to Halloween</li> </ul>		<p>As in previous years a plan will be put in place by the Central Area Office. The Community Development and Public Domain Offices will liaise with the Gardaí and other parties to ensure that Halloween 2017 is a safe and enjoyable period.</p>
2) Reduce drug related issues affecting the community	Garda Policing Plan / Dublin City Joint Policing Committee 2015	<p>Put operations in place to deal with issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> </ul>	Dublin City Council An Garda Síochána	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drug searches in Fitzgibbon Street areas (Summer Hill and Ballybough included) Number of searches conducted this year 5265 total for division – target area (2031)</li> <li>• Possession of drugs total 503 target area (165)</li> <li>• Sale and supply of drugs total 612 target area (218)</li> <li>• Possession of offensive weapons total 138 target area (38)</li> </ul> <p>Police Operational order and plan developed and deployed to facilitate this required action.</p>

		Summerhill and surrounding areas, Mary's Mansions and surrounding areas, North Wall and surrounding areas.		
3) Licensing / off-licence issues	Garda Policing Plan / Dublin City Joint Policing Committee 2015	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 and other main event days associated with 1916 commemoration events.</p>

## 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 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review Community Policing Fora</li> <li>Strengthen community development initiatives</li> <li>Engage with young people</li> <li>Build on Small Areas Policing process</li> </ul>	Dublin City Council An Garda Síochána	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review completed and recommendations implemented</li> <li>City Neighbourhoods and several projects being supported by Community Development &amp; Public Domain e.g. Sean McDermott Street, Blessington Basin &amp; environs</li> <li>Community Development and local community in Stoneybatter &amp; environs were finalists in the National Pride of Place Competition 2016 and were awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place in Category 2 Urban Neighbourhoods (pop. 100 – 2000) in the National Finals in Belfast on 26/11/2016</li> <li>Small Areas policing awarded best practice in Europe, by the European</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Halloween</li> <li>Develop and deploy a restorative practice programme to address community trauma</li> </ul>	An Garda Síochána and key partners	<p>Institute for Public Administration 2015.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Every Street now owned by an individual Garda.</li> <li>Quality of life issues now featuring even more strongly than crime issues and focusing on these issues is having an overall effect on crime.</li> <li>The Central Area Office will work closely with local community groups and residents groups to promote and organise diversionary events. Community organised events will be supported and every effort made to ensure a successful Halloween 2017.</li> <li>Programme developed and partners and community reps trained.</li> <li>DCC Staff, CPF Staff and other partners trained by Garda Members from D.M.R North Central.</li> </ul>
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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 2015	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> <b><u>Domestic violence</u></b>  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> <li> <b><u>Burglaries</u></b>  Burglaries increased by 2% following a 23% reduction in 2015.   The dedicated Burglary Unit are operating from Fitzgibbon Street Garda Station and are recording significant successes. </li> </ul>

				<p>All victims of burglary are visited by the SAP Garda with a view to providing support, security, advice and follow-on investigation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Victim support</u> All victims are contacted by victim support staff and their issues are addressed and information is provided to them.</li> </ul> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <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.</li> </ul>
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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 2015	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 continue 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"> <li>• Serious injury Collisions – now level with last year</li> <li>• Drink driving detections + 26%</li> </ul> <p>Major events, St Patrick's Day, and 1916 Commemoration events were managed and business continuity was maintained. There has been significant positive feedback in relation to these events for the city.</p>

