



Annual Report of the Dublin City Joint Policing Committee on the performance of its functions during 2016

Section 36 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005 provided for the establishment in 2006 of Joint Policing Committees (JPCs) in each Local Authority. In Dublin City, owing to its scale and size, this consisted of both a Citywide Joint Policing Committee and 5 Area Subcommittees corresponding with the five operational areas of the City Council.

Guidelines for the operation of Joint Policing Committees were originally introduced by the Department of Justice in 2008 and revised in August 2014 to cover the period 2014 – 2019 (Council Report no. 288/2014 refers).

With effect from April 2016 responsibility for issuing guidelines in respect of Joint Policing Committees comes under the remit of the Policing Authority, which was established by the Minister for Justice and Equality in January 2016 to oversee the performance of An Garda Síochána in relation to policing services in Ireland. The authority consists of a Chairperson and 8 ordinary members. The Authority has not made any amendments to the existing guidelines to date.

The main purpose of these committees is to provide a forum whereby a Local Authority and Senior Garda personnel, with participation from Local Authority members, Oireachtas members and community/business interests, can discuss and make recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the area.

The Dublin City Joint Policing Committee, at its meeting held on 24th February 2015, approved the following process in the development of a six-year Strategic Plan and Annual Action Plans for Dublin City:

Three high priority issues for Dublin City six-year (2015-2021) Strategic Plan:

1. Community Safety / Confidence-building
2. Antisocial Behaviour – Housing Estates
3. Street Crime

The following action matters will form the basis of annual work plans for each of the six committees:

City J.P.C.:	Drugs Misuse Street Crime / Street Issues Community Courts
Dublin South Central	Restorative Justice Estate Management Parks Security / Bye-laws

Dublin South East:	Traffic, Cycling Burglaries / Theft Prison Service
Dublin Central:	Halloween Licensing / Off-licences Victim Support
Dublin North Central:	Policing / Crime Data Business night-time economy Graffiti / Dumping
Dublin North West:	C.C.T.V. Youth Services Family support

The Joint Policing Committee is required to submit a report to the City Council annually on the performance of its functions during the preceding year.

Accordingly the report is set out hereunder.

Councillor Daithí De Róiste
Chairperson

23rd August 2017

Report of Dublin City Joint Policing Committee

Dublin City JPC Annual Work Plan 2016

Update on meetings held during 2016

Strategic Objectives	Origin	Summary of Actions	Lead Person /Agency	Timescale for action	Action taken
<p>1. Community Safety</p>	<p>Department of Justice Guidelines</p> <p>Dublin City JPC: Approved process (February 2015) for development of Dublin City 6-year Strategic Work Plans (2015-2021)</p> <p><u>High Priority Issues:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Safety / confidence-building 2. Antisocial Behaviour / Housing estates 3. Street crime <p>Annual Work Plans (Action Matters for North Central Area JPC listed to the left)</p>	<p>Drugs Misuse</p>	<p>Declan Wallace, Ass. Chief Executive (DCC)</p> <p>Jack Nolan, Asst. Garda Commissioner (AGS)</p> <p>City Joint Policing Committee Chair: Councillor Daithí De Róiste</p>	<p>Strategic priorities identified – February 2015</p> <p>Annual work plans for six JPC Committees established – February 2015</p>	<p><u>Drugs:</u> Drugs features on the agenda of both the Dublin City Centre Business Forum (DCCBF) and the High Level Group, who meet every 6 weeks and monthly respectively.</p> <p><u>High Level Group on Street Issues</u> The HLG meet monthly to discuss Street Issues, including drugs. Representatives from the Ana Liffey Drug Project (ALDP) attend on occasion to update group on their ongoing work to tackle this issue.</p> <p>Recent initiatives are as follows:</p> <p><u>Assertive Case Management Team</u> Arising out of the work of the Ana Liffey Drug Project and supported by the HLG of senior stakeholders, an Evaluation Report on the Assertive Case Management Team pilot was carried out by Ms. Emer Dolphin and launched by Minister Catherine Byrne on November 8th 2016.</p> <p><u>Medically Supervised Injecting Facility (MSIF)</u> It is anticipated that the first Medically Supervised Injecting Facility (MSIF) will open in late 2017 / early 2018 (legislation passed on 16/05/2017). Once location is confirmed, it is expected that consultation will take place with relevant stakeholders. Minister for Communities & National Drugs Strategy, Catherine Byrne, scheduled to attend future meeting of JPC meeting to address concerns of members.</p>

					<p><u>“Think before you buy” campaign</u></p> <p>This campaign aims to highlight awareness of the link between casual recreational drug use, the real money and the resulting devastating serious violence. A presentation on this, accompanied by a 4-minute video, was given to the March 2017 JPC meeting by Mr. Philip Jennings & Mr. Philip Keegan, SAFER Blanchardstown. A letter of support endorsing the campaign was provided from the JPC to the group. Further information is available on: www.thinkbeforeyoubuy.ie</p>
2.	Anti-social Behaviour		Address street crime/ issues	High Level Group – Members comprise Dublin City Council, An Garda Síochána, Health Service Executive (HSE) & Dublin Homeless Executive	<p>High Level Group on Street Issues: This was established in 2014 and its membership comprises the Assistant Chief Executive (Dublin City Council), Assistant Garda Commissioner (An Garda Síochána), Head of Drug Addiction Services (Health Service Executive) and Director of the Dublin Region Homeless Executive (DRHE). Representatives of the Ana Liffey Drug Project (ALDP) also attend these meetings when requested. The group meets on a monthly basis and its role is to co-ordinate the activities of the various key agencies on issues relating to problems on the streets of Dublin City Centre including, drugs, anti-social behaviour, crime, begging, homelessness, graffiti etc.</p> <p><i>MSIF: See above</i></p> <p><i>Begging:</i></p> <p>Begging continues to be an issue and a Begging Study was commissioned by DCC in 2016 and carried out by Ms. Alice O’Flynn, Independent Researcher. The completed study was circulated at meetings of the <i>Dublin City JPC, High Level Group on Street Issues</i> and <i>Dublin City Centre Business Forum</i> in early 2017. Ms. O’Flynn attended meetings to address queries raised in respect of the study. It is anticipated that recommendations arising from report will be actioned in the coming months.</p>

					<p><u>Public Order Patrols</u> An Garda Síochána introduced Public Order Patrols in Summer 2016 to provide additional security in high footfall areas of the city centre at weekends, e.g. Temple Bar, Harcourt Street, vicinity of niteclubs etc. These run Thursday-Saturday night inclusive and operate whereby groups of 4 gardaí patrol areas of high footfall on foot. Feedback has been very positive to date and these will continue to operate for the foreseeable future, resources-permitting.</p> <p><u>Street Drinking</u> Topic discussed on an ongoing basis with members of AGS & Business/Community Reps at JPC, High Level Group and Dublin City Centre Business Forum meetings. St. Patrick's Day and the 2016 Commemoration Event passed off with little incident owing to strong co-operation between DCC, AGS and Business representative groups, including additional security arrangements being put in place and agreed opening hours of off-licences on days in question. Similar security arrangements to 2016 were put in place for Easter 2017, which significantly reduced incidences of antisocial behaviour associated with alcohol consumption.</p> <p><u>Graffiti</u> Presentation on Graffiti made to January 2016 meeting by Iarnród Éireann to highlight the extent of the problem, following which a meeting was convened with AGS to discuss the issue further. DCC is linking in with Dunlaoghaire Rathdown County Council (DLRCC) and AGS via a database where offenders are targeted and their individual tags recorded with a view to identifying perpetrators and bringing them to justice.</p> <p><i>"Think Don't Tag campaign"</i> In November 2016, staff from the South East Area office</p>
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					<p>gave a demo to the JPC of a video to accompany their campaign “Think Don’t Tag”. This campaign is aimed at deterring 8-12 year-olds from engaging in the practice of graffiti. This was officially launched by the Lord Mayor in March 2017.</p> <p><i>Estate Management</i> An official from the Housing & Residential Services Department updated the Committee on 2 separate occasions in 2016 (January & September) on the implications of the new Housing Act 2014 in terms of estate management, dealing with antisocial behaviour, securing evictions in The Courts etc. The Department is due to provide a further update to the July 2017 City JPC meeting.</p>
3.	Street Crime/Issues		Community Courts		<p>This issue was actively pursued by the Dublin City Business Association (DCBA) since 2004 until it ceased operating in early 2016.</p> <p>Following on from a meeting held with the Minister for Justice and Law Reform, Assistant Chief Executive and Chairperson of the Dublin City Joint Policing Committee (JPC) in June 2016, assurances were given that the concept was still under active consideration.</p>

Presentations made to Dublin City Joint Policing Committee in 2016 & 2017 (or part thereof)

- Graffiti – made by Iarnród Éireann (January 2016)
- Housing Act 2014 - made by Housing & Residential Services (January & September 2016)
- “Halloween 2016” – Waste Management Services (November 2017)
- “Think before you Tag” – South East Area office (November 2016)
- Teenagers and Gardaí (TAG) programme – An Garda Síochána (January 2017)
- “Think before you Buy” – SAFER Blanchardstown (March 2017)
- “My Lovely Horse Rescue” – My Lovely Horse Rescue group (March 2017)
- “A Time for Change” (Begging Study) – Ms. Alice O’Flynn, Independent Researcher (March & May 2017)

Future presentations proposed

- Knife Crime (September 2017)

Initiatives

Lord Mayor's Forum: On 28th 2016 September Lord Mayor Brendan Carr hosted a public forum on *Crime in Dublin City* at City Hall. Members of the public were invited to raise their concerns in relation to the recent increase in criminal violence in Dublin City. The forum was chaired by RTE's Joe Duffy. Kieran Mulvey, Chair of the Government Task Force and Assistant Garda Commissioner Jack Nolan and a number of his colleagues were in attendance to address concerns raised, in addition to a number of Dublin City Council officials.

Community CCTV: This new grant aid scheme for community-based CCTV systems was announced by the Tánaiste & Minister for Justice and Equality in April 2017. Under the scheme, eligible community groups may apply for grant-aid of up to 60% of the total capital cost of a proposed CCTV system, up to a maximum grant of €40,000. A total of €1 million is available nationally; scheme will run for 3 years with funding of €1 million available each year. All payments will be made via the Applicants' Local Authority. It is responsibility of the applicant to put in place appropriate payment arrangements with their Local Authority therefore supplier set up forms etc. may need to be set up, tax clearance etc.

Applications under the scheme can be made to the Department of Justice and Equality and the application form and explanatory material are available for download on the website of the Department at: <http://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/Pages/Community-Based-CCTV>

Modern Gov

This new Meetings Management System went live from January 2017. Dublin City Council has adopted a paperless policy in relation to its committee meetings and no longer issues hard copies of agenda documentation to members. Consequently electronic copies will be provided going forward, in addition to meeting documentation being made available on the new Meetings Management System, Modern Gov, which went live from January 2017.

Dublin City Joint Policing Committee Membership

- Councillors: Daithí De Róiste (Chair), Larry O'Toole (Vice-chair), Lord Mayor Brendan Carr, Gary Gannon, Kieran Binchy, Áine Clancy, Daithí Doolan, Teresa Keegan, Dermot Lacey, Ray McAdam, Michael Mullooly & Cieran Perry
- T.D.'s & Senators: All T.D.'s and Senators for the Dublin City Council administrative area
- Community / Business Representatives: Peter O'Connor, Joe Donoghue, Tony Duffin, Zéphyrin Ngaliema Mukoko, Gerry Byrne & Richard Guiney
- Dublin City Council: Declan Wallace and Brendan Kenny (Assistant Chief Executives)
- Garda Officials – Assistant Commissioner Pat Leahy & Chief Superintendent Frank Clerkin

Number and date of meetings held during 2016

6 meetings were held on the following dates: 12th January, 8th March, 10th May, 12th July, 13th September & 8th November.

North Central Area JPC Annual Work Plan – 2016

Update on meetings held during 2016

Strategic Objectives		Origin	Summary of Actions	Lead Person/Agency	Timescale for action	Action taken
1.	Community safety / Confidence building	Department of Justice Guidelines	Policing / Crime data	Area Manager: Dave Dinnigan Garda Reps: Chief superintendent Finbarr O'Brien, Superintendent Gerard Donnelly, Superintendent Joseph O'Connor	Annual work plans for six JPC Committees established – February 2015	Garda updates and statistics at each JPC meetings, on foot of October JPC meeting Garda re-issued crime prevention leaflet
2.	Antisocial Behaviour – Housing Estates	Dublin City JPC: Approved process (February 2015) for development of Dublin City 6-year Strategic Work Plans (2015-2021)	Business night-time economy			Report given at April 2016 meeting agreed to review next meeting and further report presented July 2016 JPC Committee
3.	Street Crime	<u>High Priority Issues:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Safety / confidence-building 2. Antisocial Behaviour / Housing estates 3. Street crime Annual Work Plans	Graffiti / dumping	Chair: Councillor Larry O'Toole		Report presented and adapted at January 2016 Sub-Committee outlining findings and recommendations.

Membership

Councillors: Paddy Bourke, Tom Brabazon, Declan Flanagan, Alison Gilliand and Deirdre Heney, Jane Horgan-Jones, John Lyons, Micheál Mac Donncha, Séan Paul Mahon and Edel Moran, Michael O'Brien, Damian O'Farrell, Ciarán O'Moore, Naoise Ó Muirí & Larry O'Toole
T.D.'s & Senators: Tommy Broughan, Richard Bruton, Finian McGrath & Denise Mitchell
Garda Officials: Chief Superintendent Finbarr O'Brien, Superintendents Joe O'Connor & Gerry Donnelly
Community / Business Representatives: Mr. Noel Magee, Ms. Deirdre Tobin & Ms. Rose Wall
Dublin City Council: Dave Dinnigan (Area Manager) & Elaine Mulvenny (Assistant Area Manager)

Number of meetings held during 2016 and dates of meetings

4 meetings of the North Central Area Joint Policing Sub-committee were held on the following dates: 18th January, 18th April, 18th July and 17th October.

Donaghmede Safety forum - Issues are broad based and include anti-social behaviour issues, Traffic and Road safety-related issues, Park issues, Crime prevention advice and issues relating to graffiti removal etc.

13th January 2016

2nd March 2016

11th May 2016

13th July 2016

14th September 2016

9th November 2016

Edenmore Safety forum - Issues are broad based and include anti-social behaviour issues, Traffic and Road Safety-related issues, Park issues, crime prevention advice and issues relating to graffiti removal etc.

20th January 2016

9th March 2016

18th May 2016

20th July 2016

21st September 2016

Belmayne Clongriffin Safety Forum - General topics include Environment, New Builds, Transport, Garda Updates, Community Development and General Area Update

26th January 2016

5th April 2016

24th May 2016

26th July 2016

27th September 2016

29th November 2016

Darndale Belcamp Moatview Safety Forum - General topics include Development Local Housing Sites, Waste Management/Environment, Garda matters, DCC Community Section Update, Darndale Park Renewal Project, Dublin North East Drugs Task Force and updates Local Highlights and achievements.

26th January 2016, 5th April 2016, 24th May 2016, 26th July 2016 and 27th September 2016

There were three meetings of the Darndale Park Renewal Group which includes local groups and clubs, residents, DCC and Garda personnel. It concerns plans to increase park usage and addressing anti-social behaviour. It reports to the NCA JPC Subcommittee and to the Darndale Belcamp and Moatview Safety Forum.

North West Area JPC Annual Work Plan – 2016

Update on meetings held during 2016

Strategic Objectives		Origin	Summary of Actions	Sub Group Member/Agency	Timescale for action	Action taken
1.	Community safety / Confidence building C.C.T.V.	<p>Department of Justice Guidelines Dublin City JPC: Approved process (February 2015) for development of Dublin City 6-year Strategic Work Plans (2015-2021)</p> <p><u>High Priority Issues:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Community Safety / confidence-building 5. Antisocial Behaviour / Housing estates 6. Street crime <p>Department of Justice Guidelines Dublin City JPC: Approved process (February 2015) for development of Dublin City 6-year Strategic Work Plans (2015-21)</p>	<p>Establish sub-group to prepare the Terms of Reference for a review of the policies, standards and processes associated with the provision of CCTV across the city.</p>	<p><u>Dublin City Council:</u> Mary Taylor, Marian Finglas An Garda Siochana: Insp. John Burke</p> <p><u>Community Reps.:</u> Theresa Lydon, Frank Murphy, Richie Stafford (Finglas/Cabra LDTF), Lynne O'Connor (FYRC), Maria Healy (Cabra for Youth), Christine Lodge (BRYP), Marie Griffin (Crosscare)</p> <p><u>Councillors:</u> David Costello, Emma Murphy, Cieran Perry</p>	<p>Work commenced in Q4 2015</p>	<p>C.C.T.V – Name of objective changed to C.C.T.V in the Public Domain. Well attended Inaugural meeting of subgroups held in September 2015. Work ongoing. Report due to JPC Sub Committee in March 2017.</p>

		<u>High Priority Issues:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Safety / confidence-building 2. Antisocial Behaviour / Housing estates 3. Street crime 				
2.	Antisocial Behaviour – Housing Estates Youth Services		Establish sub-group to review Youth Services in the NWA: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to support existing services 2. to identify service delivery gaps 3. to identify best practices which have the potential for citywide implementation. 		Work commenced in Q4 2015	The Subgroup met 6 times in 2016. The group engaged with the services of Dublin North West Partnership to compile relevant demographic data to assist in achieving their actions. Presented interim findings to Sub Committee in December 2016. Work ongoing.
3.	Street Crime Family Support	Department of Justice Guidelines Dublin City JPC: Approved process (February 2015) for development of Dublin City 6-year Strategic Work Plans (2015-2021) <u>High Priority Issues:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Safety / confidence-building 2. Antisocial Behaviour / Housing estates 3. Street crime 	Establish a sub-group to review Mental Health Services in the NWA to identify service delivery gaps, and best practices which have the potential for citywide implementation.	Dublin City Council: Larry Dooley Councillors: Teresa Keegan Community Reps.: Tony Byrne, Brian Wood (Barnardos), Sara Maxwell (HSE), Sandra Dillon (FSN), Gráinne Sullivan (TUSLA), Michael Noble (Mental Health Ireland), Paul Downey (DCU), Malachy Buckeridge (Dublin NW) Partnership	Work commenced in Q4 2015	Name of objective changed to Family Mental Health Support. The group have met regularly and with the help of Survey Monkey compiled a survey, the findings of which were presented to the JPC Sub Committee in September 2016. Work ongoing.

North West Area Joint Policing Committee membership

Councillors: Lord Mayor Brendan Carr, Áine Clancy, Andrew Keegan, Anthony Connaghan, Cathleen Carney Boud, Cieran Perry, David Costello, Emma Murphy, Nora Sammon, Noeleen Reilly, Paul McAuliffe, Seamus McGrattan, Teresa Keegan, Andrew Montague

Oireachtas Members: Deputies Dessie Ellis, Roisín Shortall, John Lyons & Noel Rock

Community / Business Members: Robert Murphy (Ballymun4Business), Teresa Lydon (Board of Ballymun Drugs Task Force/member of subgroup of Safer Ballymun), Tony Byrne (Order of Malta/Finglas-Cabra Drugs Task Force/Scouting Ireland), Francis Murphy (Shandon Gardens and Coke Oven Cottages Residents Association/member of Cabra Policing Forum), Martin Hoey & Triona O'Sullivan (Public Participation Network/PPN reps.)

Dublin City Council Officials: Dave Dinnigan, Area Manager & Aidan Maher, Assistant Area Manager

An Garda Síochána: Chief Superintendents Finbarr O'Brien and Lorraine Wheatley

Number of meetings held during 2016

North West Area Joint Policing Committee

(4 meetings)

14th March 2016

20th June 2016

12th September 2016

12th December 2016

Steering Group Meetings:

(4 meetings)

22nd February 2016

30th May 2016

29th August 2016

28th November 2016

Finglas Safety Fora

Finglas East SF

(St. Canice's Boys School)

– 3 meetings

15th February 2016

16th May 2016

26th September 2016

Finglas West SF

St. Fergal's Boys National School

– 3 meetings

25th January 2016

25th April 2016

19th September 2016

Finglas South SF

St. Helena's Family Resource Centre

- 3 meetings

22nd February 2016

23rd May 2016

17th October 2016

Finglas East, West & South Forum – 1 meeting

8th December 2016

South East Area JPC Annual Work Plan – 2016

Update on meetings held during 2016

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<p>1. Community safety / Confidence building</p>	<p>Department of Justice Guidelines</p> <p>Dublin City JPC: Approved process (February 2015) for development of Dublin City 6-year Strategic Work Plans (2015-2021)</p> <p><u>High Priority Issues:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Safety / confidence-building 2. Antisocial Behaviour / Housing estates 3. Street crime <p>Annual Work Plans (Action Matters for South East Area JPC listed to the left)</p>	<p>Traffic / cycling</p>	<p>Area Manager: Rose Kenny</p> <p>Garda Representatives: Chief Superintendent Francis Clerkin and Chief Superintendent Orla McPartlin</p> <p>Chair: Councillor Mannix Flynn</p>	<p>Annual work plans for six JPC Committees established February 2016</p>	<p>The South East Area JPC continued to work together to promote safe cycling in the city</p> <p>Fixed Charge Penalty Notice: Divisional Traffic and Community Policing Units regularly carried out pedal cycle enforcement campaigns, with a Fixed Charge Penalty Notice System for dealing with offending cyclists being utilised and localities where errant cyclists pose problems were targeted</p> <p>Education: Garda Schools programme & traffic policing initiatives promoted safe cycling.</p> <p>Road Safety Equipment: Distribution of RSA Road Safety equipment</p> <p>Operations: A number of operations mounted in E District to detect incidences of pedal cycle offences</p> <p>The South East Area JPC continued to work together to promote traffic safety in the city</p> <p>Events: An Garda Síochána and Dublin City Council worked in partnership with other statutory bodies to ensure that major events proceeded with minimum disruption to business and movement in the city.</p> <p>Road Safety: Divisional Traffic Units operate from Terenure and Pearse Street Garda Stations. The objective of the Units is to reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries on our roads arising from traffic collisions and to create a culture of compliance by motorists and pedestrians with road traffic legislation. Regular uniform units when available assist in Operations.</p>

					<p>Ensuring that vehicles using the road network are roadworthy at all times is a very important part of our road traffic policing strategies. Other main objectives of our road traffic policing strategies is to detect / prevent road traffic violations relating to drink / drug driving, speeding, mobile phone use, motor insurance, disobeying traffic light signals and the non wearing of safety belts by drivers and passengers.</p> <p>Road traffic operations designed on specific objectives that took place in 2016 consisted of the following:-</p> <p>Operation Artery, Operation Open City, Operation Bank Holiday, Operation Mobile Phone, Operation Learner/ Permit, Operation Slowdown, Operation Motorcyclist, Tispol Operations-Seatbelt /Speed /Truck /Bus /Commercial-Vehicle/ Alcohol /Drugs, Operation Pedestrian/Pedal Cycle, Operation Taxi/P.S.V., Operation Surround, Operation Slowdown, Operation School Bus, Operation Focus, Summer Enforcement Campaign, Safer Roads for Dublin, Christmas Enforcement Campaign, Implementation of routine M.A.T.</p> <p>Some of these road traffic operations were performed in conjunction with the Dublin Metropolitan Regional Traffic Unit based at Harcourt Square and also in conjunction with outside agencies such as the Road Safety Authority, the Revenue Commissioners and the Taxi Regulators Office.</p> <p>In DMR South Central Division, Operation Lock Down is implemented every Bank Holiday Weekend. Operation E.D.W.A.R.D (European day without a road death) a TISPOL European wide operation took place on the 21st September 2016.</p> <p>A number of Operations targeting Rickshaws, both vehicle</p>
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						<p>standards, licensing but also criminality particularly in relation to drugs offences have taken place. Successful prosecutions have been secured in the District Court for vehicle standards.</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>DMR South Central Division 61 arrests for driving whilst intoxicated in 2016 in comparison to 75 for the same period in 2015, a decrease of 19%. 1 Fatal Road Traffic Accident recorded in 2016, (0 in 2015).</p> <p>DMR South Division Terenure District 49 arrests for driving whilst intoxicated in 2016 in comparison to 36 for the same period in 2015, an increase of 36%. No Fatal Road Traffic Accident recorded in 2016, (1 in 2016).</p> <p>Sundrive Road Sub-District 23 arrests for driving whilst intoxicated in 2016 in comparison to 12 for the same period in 2015, an increase of 92%. No Fatal Road Traffic Accident recorded in 2016, as 2015.</p>
2.	Antisocial Behaviour – Housing Estates		Burglaries / theft			<p><i>An Garda Síochána and Dublin City Council worked to develop ways of local collaboration to reduce incidents of particular crime</i></p> <p><i>1. Bike Theft</i></p> <p>Communication:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ongoing liaison with 3rd level colleges in relation to bike registration scheme, bike theft and preventative measures continued. ▪ An Garda Síochána continued to liaise with Dublin City Council regarding Dublin Cycling Campaign and NTA included poster campaigns, social media campaigns, crime prevention/ advice bicycles and ‘bait bikes’ to educate the public about the crime. ▪ ‘Info bike’ placed outside the Swan Leisure Centre on the Lower Rathmines Road to display the correct way to secure bike and prevent theft.

						<p>Outcomes:</p> <p>Pearse Street Garda Station published all recovered bikes on Garda 'Flickr' account and had success in returning bicycles to owners.</p> <p>2. Create an awareness amongst the citizens of the South East Area of Crime Prevention and Community Safety Initiatives</p> <p>Information Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Google Crime Prevention Day held on 24/2/16. ▪ Supporting Community Safety Week 2nd June to 8th June 2016. ▪ A DART operation was held on 3/6/16 016- advice leaflets distributed regarding planning a safe night and Mobile Phone security. ▪ Community Safety week 20th – 27th September 2016 ▪ "Retail Safety Day" day 8th December, 2016. <p>3. Continue to recognise and respond to the needs of victims of crime and to ensure protection of vulnerable persons and groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Divisional Crime Prevention Officers are readily available to victims of crime or upon request by any individual / commercial interest to ensure provision of advice and follow-up support services. ▪ Divisional Victims of Crime Office is now fully functional in Pearse Street Garda Station. ▪ EU Victims Directive is now being fully implemented and the Garda computer PULSE system has been upgraded to identify and manage the needs of victims. ▪ Community Gardaí conducted call backs to victims of crime ▪ Pearse Street Gardai in tandem with ITAS (Irish Tourist Assistance Service) opened a full time dedicated city centre office in Pearse Street Garda Station, on the 20th June 2016
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4. Support the Neighbourhood Watch Schemes in the area.

Neighbourhood Watch Meetings regularly attended by Garda personnel and advice given to residents and businesses regarding crime prevention.

5. Reduce property crimes such as burglaries, thefts and robberies

Operations:

- Operation ACER continued with overt patrols and checkpoints.
- Operations THOR and CROSSOVER targeted and disrupted criminals involved in burglaries and other forms of crime.
- Operation IRENE continued with constant checkpoints.
- “Burglary Response Unit”: Target – Prevent and detect crime in residential communities.
- An Garda Síochána Analysts identified “crime hot spots” and crime trends
- “Garda Days of action” have been implemented and designed to arrest wanted criminals, conduct searches of properties and provide high visibility operational and traffic policing.

Outcomes:

DMR South Central Division- Pearse Street & Donnybrook Districts (as at Week 48 2016)

	2015	2016	% Change
Burglary	919	643	-30%
Robbery from the person	130	118	-9%
Robbery for the Establishment	67	26	-61%
Theft from the Person	1773	1500	-15%
Theft from MPV	479	356	-26%

Theft from shop	1050	1053	0%
Theft (other)	2016	1603	-20%
Theft of Pedal Cycle	876	752	-14%
Property Crime	7470	6190	-17%
Domestic Incidents	2015	2016	% Change
Breach of Barring Order	2	10	+400%
Breach of Protection order	13	25	+92%
Breach of Safety Order	18	12	-33%
Child Neglect and Cruelty	6	4	-33%
Domestic Violence	229	228	0%

DMR South Division Terenure District
(as at week ending 4/12/16)

	2015	2016	%Change
Burglary	440	325	- 26%
Robbery from the person	4	6	+ 50%
Robbery for the Establishment	16	9	- 44%
Theft from the Person	44	23	- 48%
Theft from MPV	209	156	- 25%
Theft from shop	300	261	- 13%
Theft (other)	266	195	- 27%
Property Crime	1,667	1,335	- 20%
Domestic Incidents	2015	2016	%Change
Breach of Barring Order	3	0	-300%
Breach of Protection order	2	4	+100%
Breach of Safety Order	3	4	+33%
Child Neglect and Cruelty	0	0	0%
Domestic Violence	0	0	0%

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South East Area Joint Policing Subcommittee Membership

- Councillors: Mannix Flynn (Chairperson), Claire O'Connor (Vice-chair), Chris Andrews, Kieran Binchy, Claire Byrne, Patrick Costello, Mary Freehill, Frank Kennedy, Dermot Lacey, Paddy McCartan, Ruairí McGinley, Paddy Smith, Sonya Stapleton, Anne Feeney,
- Oireachtas Members: Eoghan Murphy T.D., Kate O'Connell T.D., Eoghan Ryan T.D., Jim O Callaghan T.D.,
- Community / Business Representatives: Fionnuala Blake, Esther McGrath, Teresa Weafer, Martin Harte, Ciaran Flanagan and Damien Coughlan
- Dublin City Council: Rose Kenny (Area Manager) & Brian Hanney (Deputy Area Manager)
- Garda Officials: Chief Superintendents Orla McPartlin & Frank Clerkin

Number and date of meetings held during 2016

4 meetings were held on the following dates: 10th March, 23rd June, 22nd September and 15th December 2016.

List of Drug Task Force Meetings, Local Policing Fora, Safety Fora meetings etc.

Local Policing Fora held in 2016

Name	No. of Meetings
Pearse Street	3
Charlemont / Whitefriar	1
Ringsend / Irishtown	3

Bi-annual meetings between the South East Area Joint Policing Steering Committee with Local Policing Fora representatives held on 17th May 2016 and 10th November 2016.

South Central Area JPC Annual Work Plan – 2016

Update on meetings held during 2016

Strategic Objectives	Origin	Summary of Actions	Lead Person/Agency	Timescale for action	Action taken
<p>1. Community safety / Confidence building</p>	<p>Department of Justice Guidelines</p> <p>Dublin City JPC: Approved process (February 2015) for development of Dublin City 6-year Strategic Work Plans (2015-2021)</p> <p><u>High Priority Issues:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Safety / confidence-building 2. Antisocial behaviour 3. Street Crime <p>2. Antisocial Behaviour / Housing estates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Street crime 	<p>Restorative Justice</p>	<p>Area Manager: Peter Finnegan</p> <p>Garda Reps: Chief Superintendents Orla McPartlin, Lorraine Wheatley and Frank Clerkin.</p> <p>Chair: Councillor Vincent Jackson</p>	<p>Annual work plans for six JPC Committees established – February 2015</p>	<p>Regular meetings were held in 2016 to address issues across Cherry Orchard using the Restorative Practices Forum. Youth Services Providers (Familibase) continue to use restorative practice techniques in engaging with the youth in Cherry Orchard.</p> <p><u>Steering Group Priorities 2017</u> Restorative Practices Ireland is working with the Ballyfermot College of Further Education with regards to accreditation of Restorative Practices Training. Courses have been designed and submitted at QQI Level 4, Level 5 and Level 6 certification and prior learning is being negotiated as part of any accreditation. It is expected that a positive result will occur in 2017.</p> <p><u>Restorative Practices Co-Ordination</u> The position of Restorative Practices Co-ordinator has been appointed in the Cherry Orchard area and is co-funded by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government and Dublin City Council.</p>

					<p>The co-ordinator will have the remit of creating a coherent community voice in Cherry Orchard using Restorative Practices and moving forward the restorative agenda in the Ballyfermot area with the Ballyfermot Restorative Practices Steering Group.</p>
2.	Antisocial Behaviour – Housing Estates		Estate Management		<p>Quarterly Estate Management Statistics are listed on each Agenda for the Ballyfermot, Crumlin and South West Inner City areas. At the September Meeting the Members received a presentation from Mick Clarke, Anti-social Policy Unity on “Management of Housing Estates”</p>
3.	Street Crime		Parks security / Bye-laws		<p>At the November 2015 Meeting the JPC members agreed to set up a Parks Security Sub-Committee to deal with issues in parks in the South Central area, in particular the use/misuse of quad bikes/scramblers. This is a pilot scheme to be reviewed after one year. The first meeting was held in January 2016 and renamed the “Parks Health & Safety Sub Committee.” Seven meetings were held in 2016 and the membership is as follows:- Councillors Ray McHugh, Paul Hand, Greg Kelly and Hazel de Nortuin, the Parks Superintendent, An Garda Síochána, representatives from local Parks Safety Committees and the Area Manager.</p>

					<p>The membership for the Deputy rotates between Brid Smith, Joan Collins and Aengus O'Snodaigh</p> <p>The following is a brief summary of issues, ideas and actions discussed to date:-</p> <p>1. Quad bikes and scramblers: Patrick Teehan, Community & Social Development Officer and Dave O'Donovan, Cherry Orchard Project Officer worked with the committee, Familiabase and local youths to put together a programme of activities for youths with an interest in quad bikes and scramblers. The purpose of the programme was to develop skills and provide education on the safety aspects of bikes. The programme of activities was subsequently approved by the South Central Area Committee and included in the 2016 discretionary fund.</p> <p>An Garda Síochána has a difficulty establishing ownership of quad and scrambler bikes. There is no registration process on shipment into the country and at the point of purchase. It is therefore difficult to identify and prove ownership when taking enforcement measures. Improved regulation at a national level is required to support the enforcement role of An Garda Síochána.</p>
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					<p>2. Wandering horses: The Committee members agreed that the Cherry Orchard Equine Centre should be part of the solution in dealing with the problem of wandering horses in the area. The Equine Centre receives funding from Dublin City Council on an annual basis. Mr. Mark Meloitte, Equine Centre Manager made a presentation to the Committee explaining the role and function of the centre. He explained that there are horse owners that the centre is unable to reach and that they are willing to work with others to remedy this situation. Mark has agreed to put together an outreach programme with a view to working with individual horse owners. He facilitated a visit by the members to the centre in November 2016.</p> <p>3. Alcohol Use in Parks and Open Spaces An Garda Síochána informed the committee of Operation Irene which took place from June to September. This operation saw additional patrols in Parks using mountain bikes and calls to retail outlets selling alcohol.</p> <p>4. Provision of Litter Bins in Parks: Parks and Landscape Services to meet with Waste Management Services to discuss the installation of bins on streets at the entrance to Parks.</p>
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South Central Area Joint Policing Sub-Committee Membership

City Councillors: Daithí De Róiste, Pat Dunne, Daithí Doolan, Paul Hand, Vincent Jackson, Greg Kelly, Rebecca Moynihan, Críona Ní Dhálaigh, Tina McVeigh, Ray McHugh, Hazel De Nortúin & Michael Mullooly

Oireachtas Members: Deputies Aengus O'Snódaigh, Joan Collins, Catherine Byrne & Brid Smith

Community/Business Members: Aoife Carragher (Liberties Business Forum), Antoinette Curley (Dublin 12 Local Employment Services), Joe Donohoe (Fatima Groups United), Bláithnaid Dunne (Ballyfermot Local Drugs Task Force/Lower Ballyfermot Residents Association), Vincent Hibbert (Inchicore Environmental Group), Joyce Reid (St. Catherine's Street Residents)

Dublin City Council Officials: Peter Finnegan (Area Manager) & Bruce Phillips (Assistant Area Manager)

An Garda Síochána: Chief Superintendents Frank Clerkin, Orla McPartlin & Lorraine Wheatley

Number and date of meetings held during 2016

3 meetings were held on the following dates: 29th April, 5th September and 24th October 2016

List of Drug Task Force Meetings, Local Policing Fora and Park Management Committee Meetings in the South Central Area for 2016

Drugs Task Force Meetings for 2016

Name	No. of Meetings
Canal Communities Drug Task Force	12
Dublin 12 Drugs Task Force	12
Ballyfermot Drugs Task Force	10

Local Policing Forum Meetings for 2016

Name	No. of Ordinary Meetings	No. of Public Meetings
Canal Communities LPF	12	3
SWIC (South West Inner City) LPF	6	3
Dublin 12 LPF	8	4
Ballyfermot/Chapelizod LPF	4	4

List of Community Safety Groups

Name	No. of Meetings
Bluebell Community Safety Group	12
Dolphin Community Safety Group	12
Tyrone Community Safety Group	9
Inchicore Community Safety Group	12
Herberton Safe & Sustainable Group	12
St. Teresa's Gardens Safe & Sustainable Group	12

Park Management Committees

Name	No. of Meetings
Brickfield Park Management Committee	2
Markievicz/Le Fanu/California Hills Park Management Committee	4

Others

Name	No. of Meetings
Parks Health & Safety Sub Committee	7
Cherry Orchard Restorative Forum	11

Central Area JPC Annual Work Plan – 2016

Update on meetings held during 2016

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1. Community safety / Confidence building	<p>Department of Justice Guidelines</p> <p>Dublin City JPC: Approved process (February 2015) for development of Dublin City 6-year Strategic Work Plans (2015-2021)</p> <p><u>High Priority Issues:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Community Safety / confidence-building Antisocial Behaviour / 	<p>Halloween</p> <p>(Reduce anti-social behaviour in relation to Halloween)</p>	<p>Area Manager: Rose Kenny</p> <p>Garda Reps: Chief Supt. Pat Leahy, Supt. Gerry Murphy/Supt. Ann Markey/Supt. Daniel Flavin</p> <p>Chair: Cllr Ray McAdam</p>	Halloween each year	<p>The Central Area Halloween Working Group held meetings in August, September and early October to plan for Halloween.</p> <p>An extensive multi-departmental plan was put in place to ensure that Halloween was a safe, enjoyable and family-friendly project.</p> <p>There was very close co-operation between the Local Area, Waste Management, Housing, Parks, Customer Services Centre, Events Unit, Press Office, Dublin Fire Brigade and the Gardaí to ensure a safer Halloween.</p> <p>Several community events took place throughout the Central Area with the support of the Gardaí and Area Staff.</p> <p>See Appendix 1: Report on Halloween <i>Full report on Halloween 2016 was included on</i></p>

		Housing estates 3. Street crime				<i>Agenda for Central Area JPC meeting held 12th December 2016 (copy attached).</i>
2.	Antisocial Behaviour – Housing Estates	Annual Work Plans	Licensing / Off-licences			Inspection of licensed premises is ongoing and operations are put in place to deal with issues arising. Agreement was secured with off-licences to remain closed until 4pm on St Patrick's Day and other main event days associated with 1916 commemoration events.
3.	Street Crime		Victim Support		Ongoing	All victims of crime are contacted by victim support staff and their issues are addressed and information and advice provided to them. Victims are visited by the Small Areas Policing Garda and follow on investigations are carried out. Ongoing support is provided where necessary.
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Central Area Joint Policing Sub-Committee Membership

- Councillors: Ray McAdam (Chairperson), Janice Boylan (Vice Chairperson), Gaye Fagan, Nial Ring, Eilis Ryan, Ciaran Cuffe, Gary Gannon, Christy Burke
- Oireachtas Members: Deputies Maureen O'Sullivan, Mary Lou McDonald and Paschal Donohoe
- Community / Business Representatives: Richard Guiney, Angela Ruttledge, Regina Dunne, Irene Bent, Mary Reilly, Mark Fay/Geraldine Comerford (Mark and Geraldine attend alternate meetings)
- Others: Mel MacGiobuin, Peter O'Connor
- Dublin City Council: Rose Kenny (Area Manager) and Karl Mitchell (Assistant Area Manager)
- Garda Officials: Chief Supt. Pat Leahy, Supt. Gerry Murphy / Supt. Ann Markey / Supt. Daniel Flavin

Number and date of meetings held during 2016

6 meetings were held on the following dates: 18th January, 18th April, 27th May (special meeting), 27th June, 26th September and 12th December 2016.

30th November 2016

Central Area Report on Halloween

For the last number of years, Dublin City Council has adopted a co-ordinated approach to minimise the impact of Halloween activities, specifically with regard to the environmental and social consequences of bonfires and illegal fireworks.

For Halloween 2016, an extensive multi departmental plan was put in place to ensure that Halloween was a safe, enjoyable and family friendly period. There was very close co-operation between the Local Area, Waste Management, Housing, Parks, Customer Services Centre, Events Unit, Press Office and Dublin Fire Brigade.

The Central Area's Halloween operation involved working closely with the Gardai, Waste Management Services, Housing and Parks throughout with an increase in activities in the week immediately prior to Halloween.

- **Safety Campaigns**

Safety Campaigns were run by both the Gardai and Dublin Fire Brigade in schools across the Area in the run up to Halloween. Safety messages were also published in the media and on the Dublin City Council website and across social media by Dublin Fire Brigade. Information on safety and removal of stockpiled material was distributed through local safety forums, community forums and by email via the small area policing networks.

- **Co-operation with An Garda Síochána**

Several meetings were held with Gardaí and the various Dublin City Council departments to review operations, to ensure knowledge was exchanged, that plans were in place and there was an ability to respond and prioritise the safe removal of tyres and other bonfire materials once storage locations were identified.

Audits of tyre retail businesses in the Central Area, to ensure compliance with waste regulations by Waste Enforcement, were carried out in July/August and resulted in a reduction in the number of tyres in circulation.

The presence of Garda checkpoints at the Port also resulted in preventing availability of tyres from that location. Waste Enforcement also put in place a number of road checkpoints in co-operation with the Gardai to identify illegal transportation of waste.

- **Enforcement activities**

400 No. tyres and 100 No. wood pallets were collected directly by Central Area staff in the days prior to Halloween (a considerable reduction from the 2015 figure) at various locations. e.g. River Tolka, Mary's Mansions, Ballybough House, Sean Mc Dermott St, Drumalee, Sherriff St, East Wall etc.

Teams carried out daily inspections of vulnerable sites and buildings in the Central Area and worked across flat and housing complexes, open green spaces, parks and derelict sites to ensure that where there were stockpiles they were removed.

A drone was used for the first time to enable views of tops of buildings and to monitor derelict and vacant sites in the area where we suspected tyres were being stored. This proved very successful in locating stockpiles in the days prior to Halloween.





- **Rapid Response service**

The Rapid Response Crew and Housing Attendant Service in the Central Area were utilised to recover bonfire material from July/August and to ensure as much of the stockpiled material as possible was recovered. Waste Management and Parks operations also provided a service to the Central Area and After Hours cover was provided by Waste Management for the week prior to Halloween to collect stockpiles located by Gardai that required immediate removal. Arrangements were also in place with the Housing Attendant Service in the Central Area to collect material early in the mornings when the risk to staff was minimized. Central Area staff were also on call and responded to incidents over Halloween weekend.

- **Liaison with local community organisations and representatives**

Local Community Groups were met to seek assistance, co-operation and to plan diversionary events for Halloween.

Co-operation was also sought from the owners of privately owned sites identified as vulnerable to bonfires/storage of bonfire material and they were advised and offered assistance.

Reminders in relation to tenant responsibilities were issued to Dublin City Council Social Housing properties where we were aware of a risk that the storing of bonfire material maybe facilitated.

- **Promotion, and organisation of diversionary events programmes**

Events were held throughout the Central Area organised by Community Development and Public Domain staff in the Central Area some in conjunction with the Dublin City Council Events Unit.

Three large community-friendly events each attended by over 3000 people took place in 1. East Wall (Frightfest @East Wall), 2. Smithfield (The Cauldron of Smithfield) and 3. Ballymacsherriff.

The East Wall Fright Fest has become a fixture of the Halloween celebrations in the Central Area. The event in its 11th year has gone from strength to strength providing a huge diversionary programme and community friendly event in the East Wall area.

The Cauldron of Smithfield in its 2nd year. This event involved several youth groups and community groups in 5 social housing complexes in the Smithfield area partaking in Fifa tournaments on a big screen, movies and Dance Competitions in their complexes for 5 nights immediately prior to Halloween before culminating in a community event in Smithfield on Halloween night where Finals were held for the Fifa Competition along with several other community friendly events.

In the North Inner City the Ballymacsherriff Festival was organized by the local community development groups supported by the Area Office with many activities and workshops taking place for weeks prior to Halloween culminating in the BallyMacSheriff festival on Sean Mc Dermott St. on Halloween night.

In addition the Community Development Officer for the Central Area working with many community groups ensured that there were 20+ street events in the Central Area on Halloween Night, including community garden parties, intergenerational parties, seniors' parties etc. where individual communities celebrated Halloween in the courtyard of their complexes, on their streets, in their local community centre or in their community gardens.

All of the Community events received funding from the Councillors Discretionary funding budget. With the event in Smithfield supplemented by funding from Dublin City Council's Events budget and the Ballymacsherriff Festival supported by funding from the Taoiseach's Task Force.

- **24 Hour Customer Service facility**

The Central Area Litter Hotline **1800 248 348** dealt with all calls to the Central Area in relation to the stockpiling of Bonfire material and organised the removal of the stored material when it was safe for staff to do so.

- **Conclusion**

The co-ordinated approach from the various Dublin City Council Departments and the excellent co-operation between the Gardaí and the Central Area was essential to ensuring a safe Halloween and significant efforts were made by teams made up of Area Staff, Housing, Parks and Waste Management working in conjunction with the local community representatives and the Gardaí to minimise the social and environmental damage created by bonfires and associated activities.

The diversionary activities developed throughout the Central area were vital in ensuring a safer Halloween and given the success of these events both small and big consideration will be given to expanding them in a targeted manner as resources become available.

Halloween is a challenging period for this area and I would like to acknowledge the commitment of the Central Area staff, Waste Management, Parks, Events Management and the Gardaí who all worked in co-operation to ensure a safer Halloween.

Eileen Gleeson

Assistant Area Manager

Central Area