

19th September 2017

Report to Central Area Joint Policing Committee 25th September 2017

Community Impact Assessment

The final presentation will be made to South Central J.P.C. today. Thereafter the group will meet and identify specific geographical communities, where it is feasible to carry out the pilot, within each area based on the local knowledge of the CPF's and it is proposed to allow an 18 month period to A) carry out a benchmark assessment B) identify appropriate interventions and C) carry out follow-up assessment to measure changes and outcomes. Each CPF will monitor the implementation of the tool as part of its own work plan and the working group will continue to meet to provide co-ordination and support for the pilot. We are also hoping to put in place an independent evaluation of the pilot, but this will be dependent on accessing an additional resource to fund it.

Halloween

Plans for Halloween Festival are well advanced. Three separate events are planned for the week before Halloween, one in each community of Ballybough, Sheriff Street and Diamond Park, Sean McDermott Street. The main event will be held on Killarney Street on Halloween night. Youth services are organising a series of events for young people in the lead up to Halloween.

All events are supported by the community, Gardaí, DCC, Fire Service and various groups within the North East Inner City.

Garda Activity

As referred to on a number of occasions the main issues, given its open and visible activity, dealing of tablets remain a major concern for residents. Gardaí have disrupted, searched and charged a large number of individuals with this offence. Until such time as individuals receive appropriate sentences through the judicial system this situation will continue. That been said residents have welcomed the pro-active approach deployed by Gardaí. An example of this is the 1,100 searches conducted by Gardaí in an area where this behaviour is rampant. A number of Garda raids took place recently in the same area. This provides residents with a sense of security and assurance that garda are, for their part, dealing with the issues presented as best they can given the limitation on resources.

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