Central Area JPC Sub-Committee Annual Work Plan Updates December 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 2017	Implement strategies / structures to prevent opportunities for anti- social behaviour	Dublin City Council An Garda Síochána	A Unit has been set up in each District to collect and analyse data related to anti-social behaviour/quality of life issues. Such issues are being collected, collated and analysed by Small Area and individual members are given ownership of local problems. 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.			

		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.
		 Review of the Store Street District (28th October 2017) shows the following: Sector 2 – Crime figures are down/ QoL figures are not available Sector 3 – Crimes figures are down. QoL issues are up Sector 4 – Both Crime and QoL figures are up Sector 5 – Crime figures are down/ QoL figures are up Sector 6 – Crime figures are up/ QoL figures are down DCC's Central Area Community Development &
		Public Domain Offices continue to work closely with the community & Gardaí in implementing actions to mitigate against and prevent anti-social behaviour.

	New structures implemented for processing Section 15 (Housing Act) requests. 128 No. processed to date in 2017. Breakdown by Policing District Store Street – 43 Mountjoy – 45 Bridewell – 13 Outside area - 27
 Development of plan to counteract anti-social behaviour at St. Laurence's Place East 	Working Group established. Onsite meetings held and proposals developed. Continuous liaisons are continuing between AGS and DCC. Issues are regularly discussed at monthly meetings
 Reduce anti-social behaviour in relation to Halloween 	The Central Area Office and Gardaí worked with Residents Associations, Festival Steering Committees and local youth services in the lead up to Halloween and on the night itself to ensure that Halloween 2017 was a safe and enjoyable period.
	The Central Area Public Domain Unit saw a marked decrease in the stockpiling of tyres in 2017 and any associated anti-social behaviour. The Small Area of Policing

					Community Policing model continues to be employed in the 'U' District supported by dedicated analysis of the Quality of Life Issues. A comprehensive 'U' District plan was put in place for the Halloween period 2017 which focused on advanced engagement with all agencies / bodies involved with the Community and Young People. Gardai were also engaged in targeted high visibility foot / mobile & Pedal Cycle Patrols. Additional support was provided by the Public Order Unit. The night passed off without major incident and very similar measures will be implemented next year. The Killarney Street festival was very effective in entertaining young people and their families.
2)	Reduce drug related issues affecting the community	Garda Policing Plan / Dublin City Joint Policing Committee 2017	Put operations in place to deal with issues	Dublin City Council An Garda Síochána	 Drug searches in Fitzgibbon Street areas (Summer Hill and Ballybough included) Number of searches conducted this year 1240 YTD. Possession of drugs total <u>264</u> YTD

	• Increased enforcement of the Misuse of Drugs Act and focused activity on the sale and supply of Medicines (Tablets) in Dublin 1, with particular emphasis on Summerhill and surrounding areas, Mary's Mansions and surrounding areas, North Wall and surrounding areas.	 Sale and supply of drugs total <u>144</u> YTD Possession of offensive weapons total <u>63</u> YTD 'Operation Aries' has been conducted mostly in the Mountjoy Sub District in 2017. It targeted Rutland Street, Summerhill, Ballybough House and in more recent times has been targeting other areas that straddle the Mountjoy and Store Street Districts. To date there are 66 successful test purchases that have been carried out and none of them are yet recorded on Pulse in order to preserve the integrity of the operation. Of that 66, a total of 58 incidents occurred in the Mountjoy District. In addition to this, Operation Pump remains ongoing with high visibility patrols in the known areas where drug dealing is taking place.
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				Store Street - 4,950 searches of persons under Misuse of Drugs Act carried out to date in 2017. There were 258 incidents relating to simple possession of drugs and 291 incidents relating to possession of drugs for sale and supply
				Ongoing operations to deal with matter. Specific operations put in place in Sectors 3, 4 and 5 to deal with low and mid-level street dealing
3) Licensing / off- licence issues	Garda Policing Plan / Dublin City Joint Policing Committee 2017	Put operations in place to deal with issues arising	An Garda Síochána	Inspection of licensed premises continues. Agreement was secured with off-licences to remain closed until 4pm on St Patricks Day. Inspector Flanagan is the appointed Inspector in charge of liquor licencing in the 'U' District. In August 2017, a test purchasing operation took place where a 16-year-old girl attempted to purchase alcohol in a range of off licences in the 'U' District. Where a transaction took place, the licensee was invited into Mountjoy Garda Station and

				cautioned. Any further offences will result in prosecution. Further Test Purchasing Operations will continue to take place.
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	Strategic Objective 2: Enhancing Community Engagement						
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Effective engagement with communities	Garda Policing Plan / Dublin City Joint Policing Committee 2017	 Review Community Policing Fora 	Dublin City Council An Garda Síochána	 Review completed and recommendations implemented. The City Council works closely with and promotes 			
		 Strengthen community development initiatives 		40 local residents / environmental / youth groups on a continuous basis.			
				 5 new groups were established in 2017. 			
		Engage with young people		• Stoneybatter is continuing with its regular environmental works, monthly clean ups and flower planting with a major celebration taking place with the lighting of the Christmas tree.			
		Engage with older people to address their safety concerns		• Gardaí met with Central Area Age Friendly Alliance and gave a presentation on Crime Prevention.			

	•	Build on Small Areas Policing process		•	Small Areas policing endorsed by Kieran Mulvey 2017, to be properly resourced. 3 Sergeants and 40 Gardaí are currently attached to Small Area policing on a full time basis in the Store Street District
				•	Quality of life issues now featuring even more strongly than crime issues and focusing on these issues is having an overall effect on crime.
	•	Halloween		•	The Central Area Office and Gardaí supported 3 Halloween Festivals in East Wall, NEIC and Smithfield. There were also 20 locally promoted Halloween celebrations at street level on Halloween night which linked in to the 3 bigger events.
	•	Develop and deploy a restorative practice programme to address community trauma	An Garda Síochána and key partners	•	Programme developed and DCC Staff, CPF Staff and other partners trained by Garda Members from D.M.R North Central.

	There is a strong commitment from all to the Small Areas of Policing Community Policing model. The current strength of personnel permanently attached to Community Policing is 3 Sergeants and 33 Gardai.
	The inaugural North Central Garda Youth awards were launched in October 2017 with the cooperation and support of Croke Park along with many local youth and community groups. There was a fantastic response from the community where the judging panel shortlisted 12 nominees who are to receive their awards at a Gala event hosted by Croke Park on Saturday the 9 th of December 2017.
	The Mountjoy Garda Station Open Day was a huge success in 2016 with the 2017 open day scheduled for the 9 th of December 2017.

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 2017	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	 <u>Domestic violence</u> 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. <u>Burglaries</u> The dedicated Burglary Unit are operating from Fitzgibbon Street Garda Station and are recording significant successes. All victims of burglary are visited by the SAP Garda with a view to providing support, security, advice 		

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		and follow-on investigation.
		6% increase YTD in the Store Street District. However, it should also be noted that there is also a 14% increase in the detection rate in respect of the same time period.
		 <u>Victim support</u> All victims are contacted by victim support staff and their issues are addressed and information is provided to them. All victims are visited by the SAP Garda and follow-on investigations are completed and advice provided. Over 65,000 victims have been contacted by the Victims Office in Store Street since 2009.
		• <u>Case management of</u> <u>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.

		All of the above remains the current position in respect of the 'U' district. It should be noted that each of these areas form the agenda for the daily management meeting.
		Operation Thor consists of pedal cycle patrols that following analysis, target residential areas prone to burglaries.
		Operation Hybrid remains ongoing.

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 2017	Continue to work in partnership in relation to the management of planned and unplanned events in the Central Area	An Garda Síochána	 The Divisional Traffic Unit continues to plan and implement effective traffic management operations to facilitate major events whilst keeping the city moving and facilitating business activity. This has been a challenge this year with the increased number of major protests. Serious injury Collisions +150% from 4 to 10 Drink driving detections – 32% YTD St. Patrick's Day and Easter Monday events will be managed in a manner similar to last year. A Christmas Roads Policing Operation was launched on the 27th of November 2017. This operation is to target drink driving, speeding and driving while using a mobile phone. The operation will consist of a 		

	number of targeted high visibility checkpoints and patrols. The operation is reviewed and assessed on a weekly basis. The operation will run until the 4 th of January 2018.
	There are a number of upcoming events in the Store Street District, culminating with a major concert on Custom House Quay on New Year's Eve. All pertinent traffic measures will be put in
	place to deal with the resulting disruption of traffic. In addition, a traffic plan is put in place to deal with each event in the 3 Arena. The cross city LUAS works have come to a conclusion and the
	newly implemented restrictions will be enforced accordingly. All uniform, plainclothes and Divisional Traffic personnel are encouraged to be proactive in respect
	of Roads Policing and are aware of the organisation's role in this regard.