

20th March 2018

Report to Central Area Joint Policing Committee 22nd March 2018

Community Impact Assessment

We have agreed a number of stages in order to implement the community impact assessment. The methods agreed will be consistent across designated areas. The first phase will entail engaging with residents in order to identify impact and level of criminal activity

- Nature of activity
- Impact on people living nearby
- How they or others neighbours have responded
- Their sense of how well authorities and services have responded
- Their ideas about what needs to happen to address the issues

This stage should be completed by April. We will then assess and move to stage two.

C.P.F. Review

At our board of management 15th February 2018 we agreed to conduct a review and planning seminar for board members, staff and other invited participants on Wednesday 28th March from 4.30pm-6.30pm in Store Street Garda Station. The aim of the seminar is to have a comprehensive review of the C.P.F. and agree an annual work plan. The recent report by Paula Brundell, especially its recommendations, will play a key part in our deliberations.

Community Activity

We continue to meet regularly with local residents groups and projects. Open dealing of drugs, tablets in particular, remain the main issue of concern. Projects and residents are very concerned regarding the age profile of those participating in drug activity. Recent shootings in the area have once again instilled a sense of fear within the community. Residents are reluctant to engage with the project for fear of reprisals. Other issues raised at local meetings relate to ease of access to guns and other weapons and the indiscriminate use of same. Access to inexpensive cars by youth and the damage caused by dangerous and uncontrolled driving in many parts of the area is also a concern. We welcome the announcement that extra Gardaí will be deployed within the division.

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