Motion in the name of Cllr. Éilish Ryan

The Joint Policing Committee condemns the use of excessive violence against peaceful housing protestors last Monday at 34, North Frederick Street. It furthermore condemns the use of masks by Gardaí present at the demonstration, and their refusal to prevent violent behaviour by armed, unidentified private, hired security at the building.

"The JPC calls for a full report by An Garda Síochána back to this committee, accounting for the numbers of arrests given no charges were brought, the use of masks to conceal the identity of the Gardaí present, and the rationale for the Gardaí using valuable resources to police a private eviction.

"The JPC furthermore calls on An Garda Síochána to bring back to the Dublin City JPC a protocol on how it handles evictions and attempted evictions, and its role in protecting tenants from security firms hired by private landlords during illegal eviction attempts, a practice which is concerningly common in the Central Area at this time.