Report No. 18/2019 Report of South Central Area Joint Policing Committee



Breviate for the month of November 2018

In accordance with Standing Orders of the Dublin City Council, the Breviate of the meeting of the Dublin South Central Joint Policing Committee held on the **26th November 2018** is set out hereunder:

Presentation from Mick Clarke, Evictions Office

The following points of interest were discussed and comment given by the members present.

- New legislation in regards to evictions and exclusion orders for Local Authority Housing came into effect in 2014.
- Successful training programme carried out.
- Current tenancy agreement under review.
- Policy and Procedures surrounding the execution of both evictions and exclusion orders.
- The number of tenancy warnings, evictions and exclusion orders carried out by Dublin City Council in the last 12 months.
- The time scale involved with bringing cases of anti-social behaviour from investigation stage through to completion in the courts.
- Policy and procedure in relation to the reporting of Anti- social complaints and the protection of the people making the complaint.
- The difficulties faced by Dublin City Council when engaging in the court process.

Garda Matters

Garda reports from: -

- (i). DMR South Division for Crumlin District & Terenure Sub-District
- (ii). DMR South Central Division for Kevin Street and Kilmainham Stations
- (iii). DMR West Division for Ballyfermot Garda Station
 Order: Reports noted. The following issues were raised and a response was given by members of An Garda Síochána present at the meeting:
 - The need for a dedicated drug squad for the South Central Area.
 - The proposed Supervised Injection Centre at Merchants Quay.
 - The increase in certain drugs such as Crack Cocaine in the South Central Area.
 - Increase in Anti-Social Behaviour in the Drimnagh Area specifically around the Benbulbin Road area.
 - A newly opened Hemp shop on Windmill Road in Crumlin.
 - The large increase in particular crime statistics.
 - The issues surrounding construction traffic from the hospital site. Particularly at core school times when construction trucks have been seen speeding.
 - Parking enforcement in the South Central Area.

Anti-social Behaviour

Dublin City Council Estate Management Reports from:

- (i). Ballyfermot Area Office
- (ii). Crumlin Area Office
- (iii). South West Inner City Area Office
 - South West Inner City Area Office

Order: Noted – It was explained that an amendment was needed on the statistics for the South West Inner City Area – agreed and will be amended.

Emergency Motion from Councillor Daithí De Róiste referred from the November Area Committee Meeting

That this Area Committee deplores the anti-social behaviour visited upon residents in Cedarbrook, Cherry Orchard at the weekend which follows on from a recent escalation of thuggish activity and calls on DCC Management to liaise with local Gardaí for an update on the incident, and to arrange a meeting where plans will be presented to prevent such instances occurring in the future.

Order: Noted.

The members discussed the serious anti-social behaviour in the Cedarbrook area, in particular the incidents over the preceding weekend. It was proposed that Dublin City Council examine the residents request that some of the access routes to the Cedarbook Estate could be blocked to stop car racing and joyriding. Superintendent Brendan Connolly committed to a full investigation of the incident and endeavoured to work with the local community regarding these issues.

Submission from Cllr. Criona Ni Dhalaigh

a. Anti-Social Behaviour around the environs of the 40 Steps James St/Ceannt Fort. Order: Noted.

Inspector Karen Barker explained that a community Garda does patrol the area however, they would look at increasing the patrol.

(v) Late submission

The Dublin South Central JPC subcommittee supports the establishment of a task force, as agreed at the recent South Central Area Committee, to tackle the causes and consequences of anti-social behaviour in Drimnagh. The JPC encourages the Chief Superintendent to fully engage with other stakeholders in the process.

Order: Noted

(vi) The date of next JPC meeting is Monday 25th February 2019 @ 2.30pm

(vii) Anti-social behaviour in Bluebell.

Members discussed the serious anti-social incident which occurred on Sunday night in the Bluebell area and the following issues were discussed.

- The great loss to the community
- The need for 24-hour security manned security.
- Extra Garda presence in the area

Councillor Vincent Jackson Chairperson 5th December 2018

Attendance:

Councillors:

Councillor Pat Dunne, Councillor Críona Ní Dhálaigh, Councillor Vincent Jackson, Councillor Michael Mullooly, Councillor Greg Kelly, Councillor Rebecca Moynihan

Gardaí:

Chief Superintendent Kevin Gralton, (Crumlin), DMR South. Chief Superintendent Lorraine Wheatley (Ballyfermot) DMR West Superintendent Brendan Connolly, (Clondalkin/Ballyfermot/Blanchardstown), DMR West. Inspector Karen Barker (Kevin Street and Kilmainham) DMR South Central

Community Representative:

Joe Donohoe, Eddie Darcy.

Officials:

Bruce Phillips, Acting Area Manager, South Central Area; Kay Noonan-Cork, Acting Senior Executive Officer, Ballyfermot Area Office; Tony Smithers, Acting Area Housing Manager, South Central Area Office; Chris Butler, Area Housing Manager, Crumlin Area Office Ruth Dixon, Staff Officer, South Central Area Office.

Apologies:

Councillor Hazel de Nortúin, Councillor Daithí Doolan, Superintendent John P. Gordon, Councillor Ray McHugh, Joyce Reid, Aoife Carragher, John MacEvilly, Acting Senior Executive Officer, South Central Area;