



**SOUTH EAST AREA
JOINT POLICING SUB-COMMITTEE
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HIGH PRIORITY OBJECTIVE 1 – COMMUNITY SAFETY

(An Garda Síochána Policing Plan – Goal 3)

Work together to ensure that people feel safe in their homes and their communities by reducing crime and the fear of crime

Strategic Objectives	Summary of actions to be taken	Lead person/agency key partners	Timescale for action	Summarise Progress Achieved
<p>Create an awareness amongst the citizens of the South East Area of Crime Prevention and Community Safety Initiatives</p>	<p>Crime Prevention advice tweeted after quarterly meetings (where relevant)</p> <p>Safety information leaflets circulated to members</p> <p>Safety information leaflets circulated to all Community/Business Groups in the Area.</p> <p>Safety initiatives promoted by South East Area Councillors in clinics & newsletters.</p> <p>List of "Victim Help Groups" promoted by South East Area JPC</p>	<p>South East Area JPC</p>	<p>On going</p>	<p>Despite the restrictions associated with COVID 19, Community Gardaí have maintained links with the community.</p> <p>Mobile phones continue to be managed by the Pearse Street Community Policing Unit, ensuring that all calls from the vulnerable & elderly are answered, ensuring that they felt safe and looked after throughout this time.</p> <p>Operation Thor continues to be in operation in this Division. All burglaries reported are subject to Technical Examination. Crime Prevention advice is given to victims.</p> <p>Burglary Response Unit continues to tackle offenders.</p> <p>Meetings with Residents & Business Associations in Q4 – Meeting Grand Canal Dock key stakeholders, i.e. Docklands Business Forum, Arramark Property Management, etc.</p>

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<p>Support the Neighbourhood Watch Schemes in the area.</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Watch Stickers, crime prevention advice and booklets distributed through local Neighbourhood Watch meetings</p>	<p>An Garda Síochána</p>	<p>On going</p>	<p>Despite the restrictions associated with COVID 19, Community Gardaí have maintained their links with the Neighbourhood Watch schemes, and continue to liaise with local representatives and residents in response to specific issues, targeting anti-social and or criminal behaviour.</p> <p>Crime Prevention advice was circulated through the Local Policing Fora and published in the Link Magazine.</p> <p>Continued liaison through Quarter 4 with UCD, RCSI, TCD campus, Union reps, staff and residents on regular basis.</p> <p>Hi-Viz Operation at Glovers Court and Mercer House continues each evening, to discourage anti-social and criminal behaviour and to reassure local residents.</p>

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<p>Continue to recognise and respond to the needs of victims of crime and to ensure protection of vulnerable persons and groups</p>	<p>Continued implementation of the Garda Diversity Strategy, the Garda Older People Strategy & the Safer Communities Campaign Continued engagement with individuals and victim groups. Continued liaison with Family Liaison Groups.</p>	<p>An Garda Síochána</p>	<p>On going</p>	<p>Despite the restrictions associated with COVID 19, the Gardaí have maintained a full service to victims of crime.</p> <p>A very limited number of people across the South East Area are cocooning any more, due to the elderly & vulnerable people receiving their vaccine. The majority of the people who had been receiving food & prescription etc from the Gardaí throughout the pandemic, are now happy to carry out their day to day activities independently without the assistance of An Garda Síochána.</p> <p>Gardaí continue to conduct Domestic Violence call backs under Operation Faoiseamh and ensure that any concerns from victims are being addresses. In-person call-backs to victims of domestic abuse and residential burglaries have been conducted by Community Gardaí, within 7 days of an incident throughout 2020 and into 2021.</p>

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<p>Ensure that major events proceed with minimum disruption to business and movement in the city</p>	<p>Continue to work in partnership in relation to the management of planned and unplanned events in the South East Area</p>	<p>Dublin City Council & An Garda Síochána</p>	<p>On going</p>	<p>There is ongoing communication and co-operation between DCC and Divisional Events Offices in Pearse Street & Donnybrook in the lead up to all major events demonstrations and protests.</p> <p>All events that took place were effectively policed and managed.</p>

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Work together to promote safe cycling in the city	Road Safety Awareness Programmes held in schools	Dublin City Council & An Garda Síochána	On going	<p>There continues to be information on the Garda Síochána Social Media pages, with lots of information in respect of safe cycling.</p> <p>Unfortunately, there has been no Public Road Safety, basic cycle safety or bicycle maintenance clinics conducted since the start of the pandemic. These would usually be held on Grafton Street, St Stephens Green and many schools in the SE area.</p> <p>School talks recommenced in Q4 and bike safety was incorporated into these talks with the children. More than 10 school talks have taken place in the South East Area so far in Q4.</p>

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<p>Dublin City Council and An Garda Síochána to continue to work in partnership in relation to the management of Events in the South East Area</p>	<p>An Garda Síochána and South East Area staff involved in the consultation process of all events in the area.</p>	<p>Dublin City Council and An Garda Síochána</p>	<p>On going</p>	<p>Ongoing communication and co-operation between DCC and Divisional Events Offices in Pearse Street & Donnybrook in the lead up to Demonstrations and protests.</p> <p>Since the "Re-opening" of the City, liaison continued between the Events Units in Pearse Street & Donnybrook, DCC and Event Management companies to ensure the safe re-opening of restaurants and licensed premises.</p> <p>Gardai from Crumlin liaised with stakeholders in relation to the planning and management of an event in Eamon Ceannt Park, Sundrive Road.</p>

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<p>Continue to implement bye-laws and existing legislation to combat drinking on open spaces and in public places throughout the area</p>	<p>Stringent application by An Garda Síochána is applied where large crowds gather particularly on event days (concerts, matches etc).</p> <p>Continued liaison with the licensed trade and those involved in the management of the night time economy</p>	<p>An Garda Síochána</p>	<p>On going</p>	<p>There is regular engagement with all local businesses and licensees across the South East Area, to ensure compliance with the Intoxicating Liquor Act and also that the potential fines are outlined for selling alcohol to underage and/or drunk individuals.</p> <p>Nightclubs that have been closed since March 2020 reopened in Q4, but have now reverted back to a midnight closing time.</p> <p>There continues to be regular protests in the South East Area. Policing plans are prepared and there is a strong police presence at all times. The public order unit is available when necessary.</p> <p>There has been a number of events that have taken place in Q4, including matches in the Aviva stadium, all of which have ran smoothly. More matches & concerts are planned for the remainder of Q4 and into the 1ST Quarter of 2022.</p>

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HIGH PRIORITY OBJECTIVE 2 – CRIME PREVENTION

(An Garda Síochána Policing Plan – Goal 3)

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Strategic Objectives	Summary of actions to be taken	Lead person/agency key partners	Timescale for action	Summarise Progress Achieved
Reduce property crimes such as burglaries, thefts and robberies	Crime “hotspots” targeted	An Garda Síochána	On going	<p>Operation Thor, Winter Initiative 2021/2022 is now in operation. Delivery will incorporate the deployment of all operational personnel including crime detective units, divisional crime task force, drugs units, community policing units, roads policing units, CIO’s and crime prevention officers. The objective is to have a focused, targeted and integrated approach to criminals involved in committing Burglary related crime in the Winter months.</p> <p>The Divisional Burglary Response Unit carry out targeted patrols across the SE Area.</p> <p>The Crime Prevention Officer has conducted a number of security surveys and assessments to reduce the incidents of property crime. Also targeted intelligence-led patrolling has been utilised to reduce burglaries.</p> <p>Prolific offenders were targeted and objections to bail made in District Court. Bail was revoked before the District Court where breaches of bail were detected.</p> <p>Ongoing engagement with key stakeholders, DCC, Docklands Business Forum, Arramark & Apleona Property Mgmt., etc... in a joined up approach to a successful reduction in anti-social and criminal behaviour.</p>

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Identify individual "hot spots" including laneways in the area in the context of anti- social behaviour.	Regular monitoring of "hotspots" including laneways is carried out by the Gardaí and Dublin City Council on an ongoing basis.	Dublin City Council & An Garda Síochána	On going	<p>Public disorder hotspots are continually monitored and targeted by a range of Garda Units, including Community Policing, Operation Pier, Public Order Unit and the Task Force Unit.</p> <p>Operation Citizen was launched on the 22nd of October, a joint initiative between the South Central & North Central, its main objective to prevent & detect anti-social behaviour with the Pearse St Area broken into 3 zones identified as having provided significant anti-social behaviour in recent months. The zones are- Temple Bar/Parliament Street/South Quays, Grafton St/South William St/Dame Lane and Camden St/Harcourt St/Stephens Green.</p> <p>Through Operation Soteria Gardai have targeted individuals and hotspots in the context of anti-social behaviour.</p>
Continuing to target the organised crime groups harming communities through violence and the sale and supply of drugs	Quarterly reporting on our success in targeting organised crime groups, emerging threats and challenges	An Garda Síochána	On going	<p>Community Policing members & Operation Pier, with the assistance of the Divisional Drugs Unit, continue to target the sale and supply of drugs in the Pearse Street Community Engagement Area, specifically within the environs of Pearse House & Mercer House. Challenges include the increase of incidents between rival groups in the Pearse St area V the Store Street Area. A comprehensive Policing Plan is in force to deal with this specifically.</p>

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Drugs Detection	Quarterly reporting on the sale/supply of drugs.	An Garda Síochána	On going	<p>There have been 25 detections in DMR South Central for Sale & Supply of Drugs for Q4 to date (1st of October, 2021 – 1st of December, 2021)</p> <p>The Crumlin District drug unit have actively targeted known drug dealers and concentrated much of their efforts in local parks where individuals gather to sell drugs.</p>

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<p>The Local Authority & An Garda Síochána to develop ways of local collaboration to reduce incidents of particular crime.</p>	<p>Promote the pilot pedal cycle registration scheme which is in operation in the E & D districts in an effort to thwart stolen bikes being circulated and to facilitate the return of "found" bikes to owners by the Gardaí.</p>	<p>An Garda Síochána</p>	<p>On going</p>	<p>Garda Flickr website continues to be promoted to identify recovered bicycles and reunite them with owners.</p> <p>Staff at PEMS (Property) offices across the Division continue efforts to return all seized and recovered bikes to their rightful owners through the use of the Pulse database.</p> <p>Pictures of stolen & found bikes are also put on the Garda Síochána Facebook page to gather information and return the bicycle to its rightful owner.</p> <p>Two blue bikes have been strategically placed in locations within the Heuston Station terminal, where there is high levels of footfall. This was also highlighted across the Garda Social Media platforms.</p> <p>Gardai and Council officials meet on a regular basis to reduce incidents of anti-social behaviour.</p>

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To utilise a partnership approach to the removal of graffiti in the South East Area.	<p>Ongoing liaison between Dublin City Council and the Gardaí.</p> <p>Evidence provided by Dublin City Council to An Garda Síochána in relation to graffiti incidents where relevant.</p>	Dublin City Council & An Garda Síochána	On going	<p>No Complaints of Note to the Garda in Q4.</p> <p>All incidents of graffiti continue to be investigated when reported throughout COVID.</p> <p>560 sq. m of graffiti has been removed throughout the South East area by the DCC appointed contractor in October and November to-date.</p> <p>Graffiti is also removed by individual traders and residents, Traders groups, Community & Resident groups, DCC Waste Management and other DCC Department crews.</p> <p>There have been over 40 incidents of Graffiti investigated by the South East area whether reported via the CRM portal or spotted by Public Domain staff when out and about.</p>
Elimination of incidents of illegal dumping in the South East Area	<p>Monitoring of litter black spots</p> <p>Enforcement of relevant legislation</p>	Dublin City Council	On going	The South East Area office received over 344 reports of Litter Offences, Bonfire Materials and illegal dumping throughout the area since 1st October bringing the total to over 1200 in 2021.

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<p>Continue to enforce the Criminal Justice Public Order Act 2011 (Begging Legislation) to combat begging in the area.</p>	<p>Continued Garda Enforcement.</p>	<p>An Garda Síochána</p>	<p>On going</p>	<p>Community Policing members and Operation Pier attached to Pearse Street continue to focus on problem areas, namely Georges Street, Lower Baggot Street, Main Street Ranelagh, Sandymount village, Grafton Street etc.</p> <p>The enforcement of the legislation where applicable continues, with prosecutions through the District Court. There are 14 detections under the Begging legislation in Q4 to date (1st of October, 2021 – 1st of December, 2021)</p>

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<p>Provide Estate Management Statistics in relation to anti-social behaviour complaints in Dublin City Council complexes</p>	<p>Statistics provided for Quarterly meetings</p>	<p>Dublin City Council</p>	<p>Quarterly</p>	<p>Complaints received and dealt with by Housing staff, from 1st October to date are as follows:</p> <p><u>SEIC and Pembroke Wards:</u></p> <p>Anti-Social Complaints , 1997 Act :</p> <p>11 drug-related 6 not drug-related.</p> <p>Other Complaints include 22 Nuisance 19 Tenancy Breach</p> <p>84 complaints were dealt with by Housing Manager and Project Estate Officers.</p> <p>5 Interviews were held.</p> <p><u>Kimmage/Rathmines Ward:</u></p> <p>Anti-Social Complaints, 1997 Act :</p> <p>1 drug-related 4 not drug-related</p> <p>Other Complaints (Nuisance) – 32</p> <p>37 complaints were dealt with by Housing Manager and Project Estate Officer.</p> <p>2 Interviews were held.</p>

To reduce the levels of anti-social behaviour in public parks, open spaces and on beaches by improving co-ordination between An Garda Síochána, Dublin City Council and community representatives

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<p>Establish regular liaison between An Garda Síochána and Dublin City Council to address factors contributing to anti- social behaviour in public parks and open spaces</p>	<p>Regular meetings held between Dublin City Council & An Garda Síochána</p>	<p>Dublin City Council & An Garda Síochána</p>	<p>On going</p>	<p>Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, there has been regular patrols of all public parks in the South East Area and this has continued throughout Q4.</p> <p>There is ongoing liaison with DCC, An Garda Síochána and all stakeholders in a effort to reduce anti-social behaviour in parks.</p> <p>All Community Gardaí and core unit members regularly patrol the parks in the area, which include, St. Stephens Green, Merrion Square & Ringsend Park, to capture breeches of Liquor Licensing Laws, DCC By Laws and/or anti-social behaviour.</p>

**To work together to provide alternatives to anti-social behaviour for young people
(target audience age 10 – 21years)**

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<p>To support the use of sport as an effective tool in engaging young people at risk of drug misuse into more structured and positive activities</p>	<p>Co-ordinate and implement sustainable sporting programmes for young people of the South East Area</p>	<p>An Garda Síochána & Dublin City Council</p>	<p>On going</p>	<p>Gardai have continued to work with young people through sport and other positive activities to promote healthy life choices</p>

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<p>To continue to work in partnership with schools, community groups and centres to increase access for young people to sports and recreational facilities in the South East Area.</p>	<p>To provide sports programmes using city council facilities and facilities provided by other organisations. This is achieved by the continuing co-ordination of partnership programmes in the South East Area.</p>	<p>An Garda Síochána & Dublin City Council</p>	<p>On going</p>	<p>Despite the restrictions associated with COVID 19, Gardai have continued the work with the two Garda Youth Projects (BRU and Clay).</p>

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<p>Support the work of the Garda Juvenile Diversion Programme, the City of Dublin Youth Services Board, the South East Area Sports Development Officer, National Governing Bodies, School Completion Coordinator, Local Drugs Task Force and Local Community Groups .</p>	<p>Identify priority groups through effective communication with the relevant organisations. Implement partnership programmes between the Sports Development Officer and the relevant groups.</p>	<p>An Garda Síochána & Dublin City Council.</p>	<p>On going</p>	<p>Despite the restrictions associated with COVID 19 Gardaí have continued the work with the two Garda Youth Projects (BRU and Clay)</p> <p>Gardaí participated in the National Youth Awards 2021.</p>

HIGH PRIORITY OBJECTIVE 3 –PROMOTING THE BENEFITS OF DIVERSITY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

(Lord Mayors Commission on Anti-Social Behaviour & South East Area JPC)

To work together to promote the positive benefits of diversity within the community

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<p>Promote Garda Services and the role of the Garda Ethnic Liaison Officers to make migrant communities aware of the Garda Intercultural and Diversity Office to encourage them to report crimes including racist incidents</p>	<p>Support community organisations to help promote good relationships between different communities and to establish links between immigrant communities and the Gardaí and facilitate and promote the appropriate reporting of racist incidents.</p>	<p>An Garda Síochána</p>	<p>On going</p>	<p>Diversity Officers and Community Garda continue to support new communities and encourage them to report crime. There are now 15 trained Diversity Officers, after 10 new members received training this quarter. Further training has been sought for the 1st quarter of 2022.</p> <p>The ASIAM presentation, cancelled due to the rise in Covid numbers, will be rescheduled for early next year.</p> <p>Continual identification of new communities in conjunction with partner agencies and targeted police service to meet their needs.</p> <p>Liaison is ongoing with the community, with Community Gardaí in Donnybrook visiting Clonskeagh Islamic Cultural Centre mosque 4 times and the Gurdwara Temple 3 times so far in Quarter 4.</p> <p>Continued communication with all embassies located in the area, including the American, British, Turkish, Israeli etc.</p> <p>Garda Barry Curtin, ELO, liaises with ethnic minorities in the G district</p>

HIGH PRIORITY OBJECTIVE 4 - WORK TOGETHER TO IMPROVE THE PERFORMANCE OF THE SOUTH EAST AREA JPC

(South East Area JPC)

To enhance the structure and relationship between the Joint Policing Subcommittee and the Community Safety Fora

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<p>Enhance the structure and relationship between the Joint Policing Subcommittee and the Community Safety Fora</p> <p>Review & evaluate the effectiveness of JPC and CSF structures with the objective of improving performance.</p>	<p>Quarterly meetings of South East Area JPC Steering Committee to review and evaluate performance of JPC</p> <p>Bi- annual meetings with the Steering Committee and CSF representatives</p>	<p>JPC Steering Committee</p>	<p>Quarterly</p>	<p>Regular meetings of the Local Policing Forum have taken place which were attended remotely or otherwise as COVID restrictions allow.</p> <p>No formal issues have been raised via the JPC for this Quarter.</p>