

Item No. 4

A. Ballymun

Following on from the last JPC meeting in December 2021, a number of commitments were agreed between Dublin City Council, An Garda Síochána at subsequent meetings to address areas of concern and issues raised by residents and public reps. Short term actions have been agreed and implemented to address anti-social behaviour and drug dealing in specific locations.

Dublin City Council & the Ballymun Local Drugs Task Force secured funding to appoint an External Safety Coordinator to coordinate the delivery of the actions in the Ballymun Safety Strategy adopted in March 2021. We advertised the post in December, however none of the candidates that applied met the criteria outlined. We will re-advertise the post in the coming weeks.

A Ballymun Steering group meeting will be arranged in April, followed by a public Safety Forum meeting. Dublin City Council have established a Youth Advocacy Group in Ballymun it is the intention that these youths will engage with the Safer Ballymun Network and will be represented on the Safer Ballymun Steering Committee. We endeavour to bring their voice, ideas and potential solutions to issues raised to fruition.

The main safety matters of concern raised over the past few months are:

- Open drug dealing around the Dolmen Court
- Anti-social behaviour & drug dealing at St. Josephs Hill
- Increased levels of anti-social behaviour and intimidation at Poppintree Sports Centre
- Increased number of scramblers and stolen cars in the area
- Large gatherings of youths around Poppintree Parade shops
- Increased levels of anti-social behaviour at Hampton Woods

Our Housing Manager and Project Estate Team have continued to work closely with the local Gardaí to follow up on and investigate complaints as received.

Statistics outlined below since 6th December 2021 to date;

- 6 Tenancy Warnings have been served
- 1 technical eviction
- 1 Section 20 request to An Garda Síochána (remove illegal occupiers from DCC property)
- 1 property returned to stock through abandonment notice

B. Finglas

The Finglas Safety Forum Coordinator, in conjunction with Dublin City Council and the local Gardaí, have agreed and arranged dates to hold Safety Forum meetings in the respective areas of Finglas on the following dates:

- Finglas South, Erin's Isle –Monday 14th March 2022.
- Finglas East, St Canice's BNS – Tuesday 15th March 2022.
- Finglas West, St Fergal's BNS – Monday 28th March 2022.

The meetings will be held in person and the details of meetings have been circulated to residents via the Safety Forum email, text and address database, as well as via social media platforms ie. Safety Forum Facebook and Twitter.

The main policing issues raised to the Finglas Safety Forum Co-ordinator have been:

- Serious concerns raised by the community of large numbers of males aged 9-15 years of age from the Finglas and Cabra area engaging in anti-social behaviour. One incident that occurred early January resulted in young people from both areas confronting each other at Broombridge, many of whom were reportedly armed with sticks, baseball bats, golf clubs, bicycle saddle bars and possibly some concealed weapons. The Family Safety Forum Coordinator in conjunction with the Cabra Community Policing Forum Coordinator arranged a meeting with representatives from the youth services in both areas and Gardai from both respective areas. The Safety Forum, Cabra Policing Forum and youth services are continuing to engage with the local Guards in respect to this matter and further information that may be received.
- Reports of anti-social behaviour at Kilshane Court senior citizens complex e.g. garden furniture being stolen.
- Reports of drug dealing occurring in Mellowes Park, Finglas West.
- Reports of anti-social behaviour occurring at Gortbeg e.g. joyriding and a car being.

