



**The Chairperson and Members  
South Central Area Committee**

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**REPORT TO SOUTH WEST AREA JPC (SEPTEMBER 2013 TO NOVEMBER 2015)**

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The SWIC LPF attended the South West Area JPC meeting in August 2013. This report covers the period September 2013 to November 2015. A new management committee for the SWICLPF was established in November 2013 so the report covers the period of office of the 2013 committee. The chairperson of the Forum is Jack Roche and the secretary is Michael King. The City Council representative is the Lord Mayor Cllr. Críona Ó Dálaigh.

- The Forum held 5 **Public Meetings**, 3 in 2014 (February, May, October) and 2 in 2015 (March, October)
- Attendance at public meetings varied but when those attending in an official capacity are excluded attendances by the general public were in the order of 20-30.
- Venues: Island Street (Mendicity Institute), Meath Street (Little Flower), Thomas Street (St. Catherine's Church, NCAD).
- Issues raised at Public Meetings are summarised on a separate page.
- **Management Committee:** 16 members were nominated to the Committee in 2013 representing: community and residents groups (7), business (1), projects and services (5) and the LPF lead bodies (An Garda Síochána, DCC, LDTF). 3 further nominations were received since 2013 making 19 nominations in all. Of the 5 projects represented in 2013, 3 are no longer active due to staff movements and commitments; of the 7 community representatives 2 have not been active on LPF in 2014 or 2015.
- The Committee met 9 times - 2013 (x2 times), 2014 (x4) and 2015 (x3).
- The average attendance at Committee meetings was 8. All sectors participated but the strongest participation was by Garda/DCC/LDTF reps; participation by representatives from community and residents groups was smaller in relation to the numbers nominated.
- **Administration:** DCC manages the Management Committee nomination process. Other administration is undertaken by Committee members.
- **Publicity:** Meetings are advertised by members of the Committee using a flyer. An email contact list is maintained with approx 85 members. Promotional emails are forwarded to other relevant lists by list members.
- **Observations:** The SWIC Local Policing was set up in May 2011 and continues to be effective, at the operational level outlined above. There has been no monitoring or

evaluation of the Forum since 2011, as was envisaged in the 2011 Guideline. SWICLPF has not been linked to the JPC or to other Local Policing Forums. We do not know what percentage of residents are aware of a Local Policing Forum, or what level of knowledge those who are aware of it may have. The relatively small attendance at Forum meetings suggests that there is a lot of scope for development.

- Within the inner city, area-wide bodies such as SWICLPF tend to grow weaker with time rather than thrive. Community activists focus mainly on small neighbourhoods and on those people on the ground - Community Gardaí and DCC managers - who can address immediate issues. A Local Policing Forum capable of fulfilling the wider role envisaged in 2011 will not emerge unless the framework within which LPFs function is strengthened and supported and participants in the Forum are encouraged to work towards a realisable agreed vision for the community level bodies.
- The LPF has been successful in bringing together representatives of communities across the South West Inner City and in providing a forum for people to engage as a wider community with senior Gardaí and DCC managers.

**Jack Roche**  
Chairperson,

**Michael King**  
Secretary.

**Summary of matters raised at South West Inner City Local Policing Forum Public Meetings in the period 2014 and 2015**

<b><i>Concern about . . .</i></b>	<b><i>Issues raised . . .</i></b>	<b><i>Locations of repeated concern .....</i></b>
Alcohol, Illegal Drugs	Off-licence sales - number and location of outlets, sales to young people, persistent sale for consumption in a public place close to an outlet. Drinking alcohol and using drugs in public places - laneways, parks etc. Alcohol use by groups of young people.	Thomas Street.  Environs of St. Audoens's Park.
Waste, litter etc.	Domestic waste disposed of on the street, and not removed Dog fouling on pavements and failure to remove same Graffiti	
Anti-social behaviour	Noise related to organised social events Aggressive begging	Vicar Street, Thomas Street
Halloween events	Danger of fire, vulnerability of young people attending fires, conflict between groups related to collection of wood, need for creative and safe projects for young people and communities related to Halloween	
Burglary and theft	Numerous reports; vulnerable people targeted	
Horses	Poor condition of licenced stables and the impact of same on the community. Reckless driving of horse-drawn vehicles, inc. in crowded places Fouling of street (dung catchers not used). Vehicles not carrying licence numbers, disregard for Highway Code and etiquette by vehicles not carrying visible licence plates.	
Parking	Non-enforcement of regulations in residential permit areas, resulting in the absence of parking spaces for permit holders.	
Public toilets	A large number of people who sleep in hostels are placed on the streets all day without access to toilets, compelling them to go to the toilet in public places.	
Street trading/pavement access	Street traders encroaching on the pavement to an excessive degree	Meath Street
Community Facilities	Bridgefoot Street Greening project (consultation sought); plea to retain Boys Brigade Football pitch on SCR as a sole (all-sport) playing pitch for the area	

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### **Halloween Report 2015**

Collection of Halloween bonfire materials started in September in South Central Area. For the main part this was accomplished through crews and plant supplied by Waste Services, with the option of using contractor's vehicles and labouring crews if the occasion demanded. Tonnages of materials collected by the main Departments are still being collated and a report by the corporate Halloween Working Group will follow.

As stated above, the Public Domain Unit use contractors to bolster DCC's own resources over the Halloween period. There were 78.2 tonnes of material collected by contractors engaged by Public Domain Unit. Out of a total of 78.2 tonnes, slightly over 40 tonnes were collected on 31<sup>st</sup> October (including approx 1000 tyres).

The security arrangements with An Garda Síochana worked very well and allowed plant & crews to operate between 6am and 5pm on Halloween without incident. These security arrangements were also adequate to cover part of South East Area.

The cost of the additional plant and crews arranged by Public Domain Unit over the four weeks prior to Halloween and on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October was €18,800.

**Paul Rainsford**  
**Public Domain Officer,**  
**South Central Area.**

### Anti-Social Behaviour Statistics 2014/ 2015 Ballyfermot

		1st July – 30th September 2015	1 <sup>st</sup> April – 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2015	1 <sup>st</sup> January – 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2015	1 <sup>st</sup> October – 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2014
* (*) refers to document defining Anti Social behaviour					
<b>Ballyfermot 2015</b>		<b>3rd Quarter</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter</b>
<b>No. Anti-social complaints per 1997 Act - drug related (1)*</b>		0	0	0	0
<b>No. Anti-social complaints per 1997 Act - not drug related (2) *</b>		27	15	19	15
<b>No. other complaints (nuisance)</b>		39	43	20	5
	<b>Total</b>	66	58	39	20
<b>No. Anti-social interviews per 1997 Act</b>		24	18	25	13
<b>No. Other interviews</b>		8	37	48	48
<b>No. Requests for Mediation (3) *</b>		1	0	0	0
<b>No. complaints referred to Central Unit.</b>		0	0	2	3
<b>No. Section 20 Evictions (4)*</b>		0	0	0	0
<b>No. Excluding orders in force (5)*</b>		0	0	0	0
<b>No. Excluding orders granted in court (this period)</b>		0	0	0	0
<b>No. Excluding orders refused/failed in court (this period)</b>		0	0	0	0
<b>Breaches of Exclusion orders before the courts (this period)</b>		0	0	0	0
<b>No. of N.Q.'s served</b>		0	0	0	0
<b>No. Court Orders (Warrants) Granted</b>		0	0	0	0
<b>No. Appeals/Judicial Reviews/Challenges</b>		0	0	0	0
<b>No. Warrants Executed (Evictions)</b>		0	0	0	0

### Anti-Social Behaviour Statistics 2014/ 2015 Crumlin

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<b>Crumlin 2015</b>		<b>3rd Quarter</b>	<b>2nd Quarter</b>	<b>1st Quarter</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter</b>
<b>No. Anti-social complaints per 1997 Act - drug related (1)*</b>		0	0	0	4
<b>No. Anti-social complaints per 1997 Act - not drug related (2) *</b>		11	14	14	10
<b>No. other complaints (nuisance)</b>		13	12	12	10
	<b>Total</b>	24	26	26	24
<b>No. Anti-social interviews per 1997 Act</b>		0	0	0	2
<b>No. Other interviews</b>		10	14	14	14
<b>No. Requests for Mediation (3) *</b>		0	0	0	0
<b>No. complaints referred to Central Unit.</b>		0	0	0	3
<b>No. Section 20 Evictions (4)*</b>		0	0	0	0
<b>No. Excluding orders in force (5)*</b>		0	0	0	0
<b>No. Excluding orders granted in court (this period)</b>		0	0	0	0
<b>No. Excluding orders refused/failed in court (this period)</b>		0	0	0	0
<b>Breaches of Exclusion orders before the courts (this period)</b>		0	0	0	0
<b>No. of N.Q.'s served</b>		0	0	0	0
<b>No. Court Orders (Warrants) Granted</b>		0	0	0	0
<b>No. Appeals/Judicial Reviews/Challenges</b>		0	0	0	0

### Anti-Social Behaviour Statistics 2014/ 2015 South West Inner City

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<b>South West Inner City 2015</b>		<b>3rd Quarter</b>	<b>2nd Quarter</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter</b>
<b>No. Anti-social complaints per 1997 Act - drug related (1)*</b>		7	12	14	44
<b>No. Anti-social complaints per 1997 Act - not drug related (2) *</b>		65	54	58	131
<b>No. other complaints (nuisance)</b>		68	90	56	86
	<b>Total</b>	130	156	128	261
<b>No. Anti-social interviews per 1997 Act</b>		42	56	39	73
<b>No. Other interviews</b>		49	36	53	49
<b>No. Requests for Mediation (3) *</b>		5	4	3	1
<b>No. complaints referred to Central Unit.</b>		14	2	3	8
<b>No. Section 20 Evictions (4)*</b>		0	0	0	1
<b>No. Excluding orders in force (5)*</b>		0	0	0	0
<b>No. Excluding orders granted in court (this period)</b>		0	0	0	0
<b>No. Excluding orders refused/failed in court (this period)</b>		0	0	0	0
<b>Breaches of Exclusion orders before the courts (this period)</b>		0	0	0	0
<b>No. of N.Q.'s served</b>		0	0	0	3
<b>No. Court Orders (Warrants) Granted</b>		0	0	0	0
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<b>No. Warrants Executed (Evictions)</b>		0	0	0	0

# Dublin12 Local Policing Forum

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South Central Joint Policing Committee  
c/o Cathriona Woulfe  
Secretary  
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29/09/2015

Dear Cathriona

It has come to the attention of the Dublin 12 Local Policing Forum that a high number of people and families in Dublin 12, are impacted by drug debt-related intimidation (DDI) but are not coming forward to Gardai or Dublin City Council to report their situation. An anonymised audit of Drug Debt-related Intimidation is currently being carried out by Citywide and Health Research Board. Early indicators from Dublin 12 services participating in the Audit, show that over 60 case reports have been submitted to the researchers since Sept 2014.

As the Policing Forum, and participating services, are unclear how to address this serious matter, we are escalating it to you for guidance & instruction. Could you please raise this matter with the representatives of the Dublin South Central Joint Policing Committee, at your next meeting, please?

We await your reply.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ray Mc Hugh'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

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