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## Local Community Safety Partnerships

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Section 36, Part 4 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005 provides for the establishment and functions of Joint Policing Committees. Section 35 provides for guidelines concerning Joint Policing Committees (JPCs) to be issued by the Policing Authority.

The Policing, Security and Community Safety Act 2024 provides for the establishment of Local Community Safety Partnerships and the dissolution of JPCs. The Minister for Justice recently announced that the Policing, Security and Community Safety Act 2024 will be commenced on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

Shortly thereafter, it is expected that the Minister will sign regulations under section 114 of the Policing, Security and Community Safety Act 2024 which will deal with the formal legal establishment of Local Community Safety Partnerships (LCSPs).

### Local Community Safety Partnerships

In advance of the commencement of the relevant legislation, the Department of Justice is working with stakeholders, including Local Authorities, to plan for the establishment of Local Community Safety Partnerships.

Part of this preparatory work is the appointment of Chairs for the LCSPs so they are in place in time for the commencement of the legislation. A call for Expressions of Interest for Chairpersons of the 5 LCSPs was advertised by Dublin City Council on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2024. A renewed campaign will be launched shortly.

In addition, a campaign will be advertised shortly for recruitment of Co-ordinators and Administrators for the Dublin City LCSPs.

The Minister for Justice has also recently designated a Director for the National Office for Community Safety which will be established under the Policing, Security and Community Safety Act 2024 when the Act is commenced later this year.

### Transitional Arrangements

Given the short period until LCSPs are established, area safety forum meetings between Area Elected Members and local senior Gardai can take place.

This will ensure continuity as the LCSPs are stood up across the city. Once the LCSP has been established in a particular area, such safety forum meetings will cease.

The City Council is committed to keeping the Elected Members fully informed of progress on the establishment of LCSPs and the transition to the new structures.

The Elected Members were briefed on the LCSPs by the Department of Justice in a presentation at the City Wide JPC Meeting in Quarter 1 2024. The Area Executive Managers met Group Leaders on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2024 to inform them of and discuss the roll out of LSCP's. Further details and notice of the advertising of the Expression of Interest for LCSP Chairperson was circulated to Group Leaders on 2<sup>nd</sup> August.

Area Councillors are updated on any progress at Area JPC meetings, interim safety fora and Area Committee Meetings. The item was also on the agenda at the Lord Mayor/Councillors forum on safety with An Garda Siochana held on 19<sup>th</sup> September, the item was taken as noted at said meeting.

**Resolution:**

That Dublin City Council notes the contents of Report No. 231/2024.

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**30<sup>th</sup> October 2024**