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## **Re-establishment of the Dublin City Joint Policing Committee (JPC) and five Area Subcommittees**

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Section 36 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005 provided for the establishment in 2006 of Joint Policing Committees (JPCs) in each Local Authority. In Dublin City, this consisted of both a Citywide Joint Policing Committee and five Area Subcommittees corresponding with the five area management structures. Guidelines for their operation originally came under the responsibility of the Department of Justice and Equality.

However, with effect from April 2016, responsibility for issuing guidelines in respect of Joint Policing Committees comes under the remit of the Policing Authority, established by the Minister for Justice and Equality in January 2016, to oversee the performance of An Garda Síochána in relation to policing services in Ireland. The Authority consists of a Chairperson and eight ordinary members. The Authority has not made any amendments to the existing guidelines to date (up to August 2019) and their representatives continue to attend meetings of the JPC on a regular basis.

It is now proposed to establish a new Dublin City Joint Policing Committee and five Area Subcommittees in line with the Guidelines from the Department of Justice and Equality:

- Dublin North West
- Dublin North Central
- Dublin Central
- Dublin South Central
- Dublin South East

The selected Councillors will appoint a Chairperson and Vice-chairperson for the respective Committees and a rotation system will apply for the selection of Oireachtas Members in the event that there are more than six members interested in becoming a member of the JPC. Dublin City Council will appoint three officials; Chief Executive (Ex-officio) and two senior officials. An Garda Commissioner will nominate two members of a senior rank. With respect to Community representatives, Dublin City Council (through the PPN) will seek expressions of interest to sit on both the Dublin City JPC and the 5 Joint Policing Subcommittees. In terms of Business Representatives, Dublin City Council will similarly seek expressions of interest from the Business Community.

A Steering Group, comprising the Chairperson, Assistant Garda Commissioner and Assistant Chief Executive (DCC) will facilitate the functioning of the Dublin City JPC.

Membership of the Dublin City Joint Policing Committee (JPC) will comprise the following:

<b>Dublin City Joint Policing Committee</b>		
<b>No</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Selection Process</b>
13	City Councillors	Agreed by Council
6	Oireachtas Members	Selected from those who register their interest
6	Community and Business representatives	Community representatives selected by the Public Participation Network (PPN) Business representatives selected by the City Joint Policing Committee Steering Group
1	Chief Executive	Ex-Officio
2	City Council Officials	Appointed by the Chief Executive
2	An Garda Síochána	Appointed by the Commissioner

Membership of the Area Joint Policing Subcommittees will be as follows:

<b>5 Area Subcommittees</b>		
<b>Number</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Selection Process</b>
Varies	City Councillors	Councillors for the relevant Area Committee
Varies	Oireachtas Members	Those who registered their interest / numbers of representatives in area
6	Community and Business	Community representatives selected by the Public Participation Network (PPN). Business representatives selected by the Area Joint Policing Committee Steering Group.
2	City Council Officials	Appointed by the Chief Executive
2	An Garda Síochána	Appointed by the Commissioner

All Area Committee Councillors are automatically members of that Area Joint Policing Subcommittee, in addition to any TD's and Senators representing that Area. Dublin City Council will appoint both Directors of Services (North City and South City) and the relevant Local Area Manager as members of the Subcommittee. An Garda Commissioner will nominate two members of a senior rank.

Similar to the Dublin City Joint Policing Committee (JPC), it is the responsibility of the Councillors of each Area to elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, and a Steering Group will oversee the effective running of the JPC in each case.

Accordingly, the Council is requested to approve the establishment of the Dublin City Joint Policing Committee (JPC) and five Area Joint Policing Subcommittees, as outlined above.

**Resolution:**  
**That Dublin City Council notes**

**Brendan Kenny**  
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