

# Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Joint Policing Committee

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 at 5pm, Online meeting

In attendance	
Cllr. Anna Grainger	DLRCC
Cllr. Lettie McCarthy	DLRCC
Cllr. Carrie Smyth	DLRCC
Cllr. Denis O' Callaghan	DLRCC
Cllr. Elizabeth Eva Dowling	DLRCC
Cllr. Séafra Ó Faoláin	DLRCC
Cllr. Shay Brennan	DLRCC
Cllr. Frank McNamara	DLRCC
Cllr. John Kennedy	DLRCC
Cllr. Kazi Ahmed	DLRCC
Cllr. Mary Hanafin	DLRCC
Cllr. Michael Clarke	DLRCC
Cllr. Oisín O'Connor	DLRCC
Therese Langan	DLRCC
Mary Ruane	DLRCC
Chief Superintendent Matthew Nyland	An Garda Síochána
Superintendent Paul Reidy	An Garda Síochána
Superintendent Karen Duffy	An Garda Síochána
Detective Superintendent Martin Creighton	An Garda Síochána
Eimear McAuliffe	DLR Public Participation Network
Bebhinn Murphy	DLR Public Participation Network
Tony McCarthy	DLR Public Participation Network
Anne Harrington	DLR Public Participation Network
Liz Roche	Sandyford/Stepaside LPF
Deputy Cormac Devlin	Member of the Oireachtas
Senator Barry Ward	Member of the Oireachtas
Deputy Neale Richmond	Member of the Oireachtas
Reverend Asa Bjork	DLR LPF
David Bradshaw	DLRDATAF
Ian Smalley	DLRCC
Bernie King	DLRCC
Eoin Kelly	DLRCC
Barbara Henry	DLRCC
Fiona Neary (Guest)	Neary & Associates
Melvin Benders (Guest)	DLRCC
Liam O' Donovan (Guest)	DLRCC
Jim Ryan (Guest)	DLRCC
Apologies	
Minister Josepha Madigan	Member of the Oireachtas
Cllr. Lorraine Hall	DLRCC
Deputy Jennifer Carroll MacNeill	Member of the Oireachtas
Georgina Potts	Loughlinstown/Ballybrack/Shankill LPF

**Welcome and Introductions**

Cllr. Hanafin (The Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were noted by the Chair. The Chair advised that she would need to leave before the meeting concluded and Cllr. O' Callaghan would chair the meeting in her absence.

**Minutes from May 26th, 2021 JPC Committee Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021 were proposed by Tony McCarthy, seconded by D.S Martin Creighton and agreed by the Committee.

**Ministerial/Departmental/Other Correspondence**

The following items of correspondence were noted:

**a) Correspondence issued**

- Letter issued to the Garda Commissioner and the Minister for Justice regarding anti-social behaviour and Garda Resources for the DMR East division particularly in relation to Cherrywood.
- Letter of thanks issued to John O' Driscoll former Chair of the Sandyford/Stepaside LPF to wish him well on his retirement.
- Letter issued to Chief Superintendent DMR South regarding the issue of anti-social behaviour at Badger's Glen and Orwell Gardens.

**b) Correspondence received**

- Correspondence received from Corporate Services Department of An Garda Síochana, dated 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021- Garda Resources for Cherrywood
- Correspondence received from Minister for Justice Heather Humphreys, dated 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021 - anti social behaviour and Garda resources for Cherrywood
- Correspondence received from Corporate Services Department on behalf of the Dundrum area Committee Meeting (HEPI), dated 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021 - anti social behaviour at Badger's Glen and Orwell Gardens.
- Correspondence received from Chief Superintendent DMR South, dated 20<sup>th</sup> September- anti social behaviour at Badger's Glen and Orwell Gardens.

Cllr. Hanafin advised that Cllr. Colgan had sought information with regard to the new Local Community Safety Partnerships and advised that an update would be provided at a later meeting.

## Update Presentation on the Study Commissioned by DLRCC into the Assessment of Need for Provision of Domestic Violence Refuge in the DLR Area.

Fiona Neary gave an update presentation on the study commissioned by DLRCC into the assessment of need for the provision of domestic violence refuge in the DLR area.

Following the presentation, the chair opened the floor to questions from members, after which the Chair thanked Fiona for the presentation and for her work to date on the study.

The following queries were raised by members and responded to:

- To what degree did Covid/lockdown impact on this issue
- What are the next steps in the process

The Chair noted that a letter was received from the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in relation to capital funding for a domestic violence refuge for DLR in which he advised that support provided by his Department towards domestic violence services is in relation to the capital cost for the development of refuges. This funding support is delivered through the local authorities to housing associations delivering such facilities, using the Capital Assistance Scheme (CAS). It is a matter for the Council to submit any such proposals by AHB's to the Department for funding consideration under CAS. Following a discussion, it was agreed that a letter be issued to the Chief Executive to consider proposals under CAS seeking capital funding for a refuge in DLR. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Smyth and agreed by the Committee.

**Action:** Letter to be issued to Chief Executive to consider seeking capital funding under CAS for a refuge in DLR.

## Presentation on Current Policing Issues

Chief Superintendent Nyland advised that Superintendent Reidy is leaving the DMR East Division and that Superintendent Wolfe will be replacing him. He also introduced Superintendent Duffy and Detective Superintendent Creighton.

Chief Superintendent Nyland presented a report to the JPC on the current policing issues in the County which included the following areas:

- Update on the number of patrols in parks and open spaces
- Update on Operation Irene
- Community engagement and patrols
- Crime prevention and bike security
- Update on crime statistics
- Update on roads policing statistics

- Following the presentation, The Chair invited questions from the members. The following issues/comments were raised by members and responded to:
  - Anti-social behaviour in Kilbogget Park
  - Mountain bike unit – will it continue during the year
  - Breaking of red lights by drivers
  - Speeding of vehicles at crossroads on Kill Lane
  - Illegal parking
  - Reactivation of Garda Older Persons Association (GOPA)
  - Appreciation to AGS for work done and response times of the units in responding to an incident in Killiney in July

Following a discussion, the committee thanked Chief Superintendent Nyland for the report and for the work of An Garda Síochána in the county.

### **Draft Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy 2022-2028**

Liam O’ Donovan Senior Inspector, Tenancy Management Section, gave a presentation on the Draft Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy 2022- 2028 which included the following areas:

- Definition of anti-social behaviour
- Legislation relating to anti-social behaviour
- Process for developing the strategy
- Consultation process
- Initiatives to combat anti-social behavior

The Council is required to consult with the JPC with regard to this document. The Committee were advised that the deadline for making submissions on the draft strategy was 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

- Following the presentation the Chair thanked Liam for the presentation and invited questions from members. The following questions/comments were raised by members and responded to:
  - Does the JPC need to make a collective submission or can individual submissions be made
  - Are RAS and HAP tenants included in the policy
  - How often is CCTV checked
  - Exclusion orders

The Committee was advised that the JPC would need to make a submission collectively and the chair advised that if a member wishes to make a submission to send it to Cllr. Hanafin for inclusion.

### **DLR Joint Policing Committee Annual Workplan Updates**

The report was noted by members.

### **Local Policing Fora Reports**

Bernie King presented the main points of the Local Policing Fora reports for Central Dun Laoghaire LPF, Shankill/Ballybrack/Loughlinstown LPF and Sandyford/Stepaside LPF. Each report was circulated to the members prior to the meeting.

Following the presentation members queries were responded to and the reports were noted.

### **Questions submitted**

Questions received from JPC members and replies were circulated prior to the meeting and were noted.

Items raised in the questions included:

- Anti-social behaviour, Kilbogget Park
- Dlr Parklet, Sallynoggin
- Anti-social behaviour, Boylan Centre
- Speeding of vehicles, Kill Lane
- Anti-social behaviour, Blackrock
- Update on the work of the Domestic Abuse Coordination Team
- Query on the number of sexual offences reported to An Garda Síochána across the division during 2020 and up to current day, compared to 2018 & 2019
- Query on the new legislation that would replace Joint Policing Committees with Community Safety Partnerships
- CCTV, Kilbogget Park
- Scrambler bikes, Kilbogget Park
- Anti-social behaviour, Booterstown
- Nude bathers at local swimming points
- No of Gardai currently serving in Shankill Garda Station
- Query on any plans to have a new police station brought into commission in the Cherrywood area

### **AOB**

Cllr. Smyth noted that a letter was issued from Cllr. Colgan to Cllr. Hanafin regarding the Local Community Safety Partnerships that would replace JPC's and also that she had raised a question about the Local Community Safety Partnerships.

### **Date of the next meeting**

The next JPC meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 23rd November 2021 in the Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan, at 5.30pm following by a public meeting at 7pm in the same venue.