

# Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Joint Policing Committee

## Wednesday March 7<sup>th</sup> 2018 @ 6.00pm

### The Annex, DLR County Council

<b>Attendance:</b>	
Cllr. Cormac Devlin	DLRCC
Cllr. Mary Hanafin (Chairperson)	DLRCC
Cllr. Michael Merrigan	DLRCC
Cllr. Barry Saul	DLRCC
Cllr. Deirdre Donnelly	DLRCC
Cllr. Deirdre Kingston	DLRCC
Cllr. John Kennedy	DLRCC
Cllr. Peter O'Brien	DLRCC
Cllr. Patricia Stewart	DLRCC
Cllr. Shay Brennan	DLRCC
Dearbhla Lawson	DLRCC
Mary Ruane	DLRCC
Helen Griffin	DLRCC
Jason O'Sullivan	DLRCC
Chief Superintendent Anne Marie Cagney	An Garda Síochána
Superintendent Martin Fitzgerald	An Garda Síochána
Gay Wright	DLR Public Participation Network
Tony McCarthy	DLR Public Participation Network
Anne Harrington	DLR Public Participation Network
Barry Cullen	DLR Drugs and Alcohol Task Force
Rev. Asa Bjork	Dún Laoghaire Local Policing Forum
Detective Chief Superintendent Patrick Clavin (Chief Bureau Officer)	Criminal Assets Bureau
Detective Garda Tom Anderson	Criminal Assets Bureau
Detective Sergeant Fergal Harrington	Criminal Assets Bureau
<b>Apologies:</b>	
Deputy Catherine Martin	Member of the Oireachtas
Senator Gerry Horkan	Member of the Oireachtas
Gina Hogan	Loughlinstown Local Policing Forum
Cllr. Chris Curran	DLRCC
Cllr. Liam Dockery	DLRCC
Cllr. Lynsey McGovern	DLRCC
Cllr. Ossian Smyth	DLRCC
Cllr. Barry Ward	DLRCC
Superintendent Martin McGonnell	An Garda Síochána
Richard Phillips	DLR Public Participation Network

#### Welcome and Introductions

The Chairperson opened the meeting with a welcome to the members and the new Chief Superintendent, Anne Marie Cagney. It was noted that Cllr. Chris Curran, Cllr Liam Dockery, Cllr Ossian Smyth, Cllr. Barry Ward, Cllr. Lynsey McGovern, Deputy Catherine Martin, Senator Gerry Horkan, Superintendent Martin McGonnell, Richard Phillips and Gina Hogan had sent their apologies for the meeting.

#### Minutes from the JPC meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Cllr Merrigan requested a grammatical edit in the Committee Meeting minutes. Minutes were proposed by the Chair and subsequently approved unanimously. The Minutes from the JPC Public Meeting which was held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017 were agreed.

## **Presentation from Criminal Assets Bureau**

A presentation was made by Detective Chief Superintendent Patrick Clavin (Chief Bureau Officer) from the Criminal Assets Bureau in relation to the Proceeds of Crime Amendment Act 2016. It was explained that the threshold for eligibility was reduced from €13,000 to €5,000 and authorised CAB to seize property for 24 hours and to extend to 21 days without court order.

Chief Superintendent Patrick Clavin responded to questions from Cllr Hanafin, Cllr Donnelly, Cllr Stewart, Cllr Merrigan, Cllr Devlin and Cllr O'Brien.

## **Feedback on Local Police Forum Reports**

The Chair invited members to consider the LPF reports circulated. Dearbhla Lawson presented the combined LPF report.

Chief Superintendent Anne Marie Cagney and Dearbhla Lawson responded to queries raised by Cllr. Hanafin and Cllr. Merrigan.

## **DLR JPC Annual Report 2017**

Dearbhla Lawson presented the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Joint Policing Committee Annual Report for 2017. Notable achievements were outlined under the three Goals set out in the JPC Strategic Plan 2016 – 2021.

The following comments and suggestions were noted:

Tony McCarthy requested that the Highlights/Achievement Section 1 should thank GOPA and acknowledge their work in organising Tea Dances for older people in residential care.

Cllr. Devlin wished to acknowledge the superb work done by the Council and the Gardaí in Dunedin which was referenced in Section 2 and welcomed confirmation from Supt. Fitzgerald of the appointment of a Community Garda for the area.

Cllr. Merrigan suggested that the wording under on Social Inclusion under Section 3 should be amended to say "Irish society and local communities".

It was suggested by Cllr Hanafin and agreed by the Committee that a letter should be issued to the Garda Commissioner to welcome the appointment of Chief Superintendent Anne Marie Cagney and requesting that she remain in the District for the foreseeable future.

A discussion took place on the difficulties of attending meetings on Wednesdays for Members of the Oireachtas with Cllr Hanafin suggesting that a rotation system for the meetings might be helpful.

The Annual Report was approved with one change - "committees" to replace "organisations on page 4.

## **Presentation on LPF Review**

A presentation was made by Helen Griffin on the review of the LPF's, covering the Terms of Reference, Process, Findings and Key Recommendations. Contributions from Cllr Hanafin, Cllr. Stewart, Cllr Merrigan and Tony McCarthy were responded to by Dearbhla Lawson, Chief Superintendent Anne Marie Cagney, Superintendent Martin Fitzgerald and Helen Griffin.

It was agreed by the Committee that Annual Plans for LPF's should be fluid so as to be in a position to respond to local considerations and issues.

## JPC 2018 Priorities

Cllr. Hanafin outlined the proposed priority Actions under the three (3) Strategic Goals and responded to queries and comments.

Cllr. Merrigan asked if Councillors are welcome to attend annual meeting of transport providers, Gardaí and dlr officials in advance of implementation of Operation Irene. Dearbhla Lawson advised that this matter would be checked and a response issued to Cllr. Merrigan.

Cllr. Mary Hanafin advised the Committee of an advertising campaign in France relating to harassment of women on public transport.

Tony McCarthy raised the issue of a lack of privacy in the public office of Dún Laoghaire Garda Station. Superintendent Fitzgerald acknowledged this issue and advised that a business case has been prepared for funding to address this matter.

Cllr. Merrigan, Cllr. Devlin & Cllr. Hanafin asked if it was planned to develop a Garda Station in Cherrywood. Superintendent Fitzgerald advised that a working group has been established and is in the early stages of examining this matter.

Cllr. Patricia Stewart - Requested that the boundaries of the Dublin Metropolitan East District be re-examined.

JPC 2018 Priorities were proposed by Cllr. Hanafin and approved unanimously.

## Presentation by An Garda Síochána on Current Policing Issues

Chief Superintendent Cagney outlined her experience and commitment to this Garda Division and passed on the apologies of Superintendent Martin McGonnell who was unable to attend due to his attendance at another meeting. She presented a report on policing in the County, outlining the work done by Gardaí during the recent adverse weather conditions, the positive engagement between Gardaí and other agencies and provided up to date crime statistics.

### Crime Statistics

Offence	
Property Crime	+1%
Burglary (not aggravated)	-8%
Theft/Unauthorised taking of vehicle	-11%
Theft from Shop	+21%
Theft from person	+31%
Theft from vehicle	-7%
Theft/Unauthorised taking of a pedal cycle	-8%
Theft of other Property	+19%
Robbery from the Establishment	-4%
Robbery from the person	-21%
Criminal damage DMR (not arson)	-7%
Arson	-10%
Crimes Against the Person	+17%
Assault Causing Harm	+3%
Minor Assaults	+24%
Sexual Offences	+11%

Public order offences	-1%
Drunkenness Offences	+68%
Trespass on Lands or enclosed Areas	-2%
Possession of Drugs for Sale and Supply	+65%
Possession of Drugs for personal use	+61%

Chief Superintendent Cagney explained that she had received notice of a reduction of 8.9% in the 2018 Budget and explained that funding for additional operations will be looked at on a case by case basis, including Operation Imeacht.

Tony McCarthy acknowledged the success of the collaboration of the Bikes4Africa initiative and the Shankill/Dún Laoghaire Rotary Club while Cllr. Devlin complimented the work of the Drugs Unit.

Superintendent Cagney responded to questions and comments from Cllr. Hanafin and Cllr.Devlin.

### **A.O.B.**

No business.

Cllr. Hanafin thanked the Committee and closed the meeting.

### **Dates for Further JPC Meetings in 2018**

27th June proposed (and subsequently changed to 14<sup>th</sup> June for operational reasons).

14th Nov (to include a public meeting)