

Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Joint Policing Committee Annual Report 2016.

Introduction:

Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Joint Policing Committee (JPC) was established in 2009 and is a partnership between Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, An Garda Síochána and the Community. The membership comprises of senior Garda Officers, elected councillors and Oireachtas members and representatives of community & voluntary groups.

The DLR Joint Policing Committee is intended to be a forum for discussion and a means of building confidence, trust and safety in the county. In doing this, the DLR JPC seeks to prioritise key community policing policy issues and identify initiatives which will contribute to improved community policing and prevention or reduction of future crime in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown.

Role of the JPC

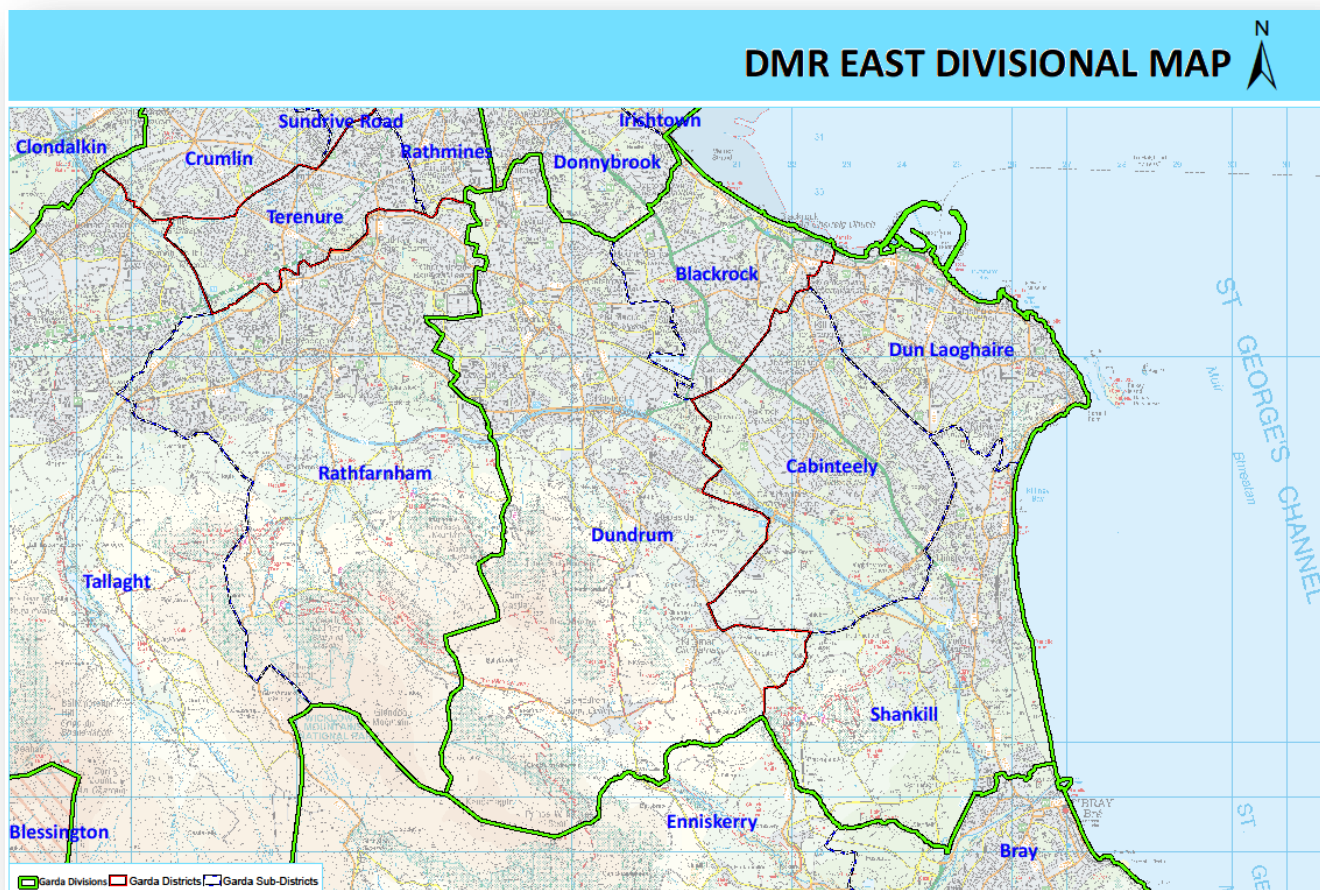
The legislative frame work for the establishments of Joint Policing Committees is set out in Section 36 of An Garda Síochána Act 2005 and the amendments to this act in 2014. Section 36(2) of the Act provides that a JPC's function is to serve as a forum for consultations, discussions and recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the local authority's administrative area, and in particular to:-

- Keep under review, a) the levels and patterns of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour (including the patterns and levels of misuse of alcohol and drugs) and b) the underlying factors that contribute to these issues.
- Advise the local authority and the Garda Síochána on how they might best perform their functions and do everything feasibly possible to improve the safety and quality of life, to prevent crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour.
- Arrange and host public meetings concerning matters affecting the policing of the local authorities administrative area.
- Establish in consultation with the local Garda Superintendent and specific neighbourhoods, local policing fora to discuss and make recommendations to the JPC.
- Co-ordinate the activities of local policing fora.

Garda Districts Covered by the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Joint Policing Committee.

The majority of Dun Laoghaire Rathdown is located within the Dublin Metropolitan East District.

Within the DMR East District there are two sub districts of “F” covering Dún Laoghaire, Shankill and Cabinteely and the “W” covering the Blackrock, Stillorgan and Dundrum areas.



Joint Policing Committee Meetings in 2016.

In 2016 the DLR Joint Policing Committee was chaired by Cllr Mary Hanafin.

The Joint Policing Committee holds three meetings per year. In 2016 these meetings were held on March 9th, June 15th, and November 9th.

A special meeting of the Joint Policing Committee was held on September 6th to develop a submission on the draft code of Ethics for An Garda Síochána as requested by the Policing Authority.

The DLR JPC host an open public meeting in the Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan on November 9th. This meeting was very well attended.

Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Joint Policing Committee Membership 2016.

Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Representatives	
Cllr. Barry Saul	Elected representative
Cllr. Barry Ward	Elected representative
Cllr. Chris Curran	Elected representative
Cllr. Cormac Devlin	Elected representative
Cllr. Deirdre Donnelly	Elected representative
Cllr. Deirdre Kingston	Elected representative
Cllr. John Kennedy	Elected representative
Cllr. Liam Dockery	Elected representative
Cllr. Lynsey McGovern	Elected representative
Cllr. Mary Hanafin <i>Chairperson</i>	Elected representative
Cllr. Michael Merrigan	Elected representative
Cllr. Ossian Smyth	Elected representative
Cllr. Patricia Stewart <i>Vice Chair</i>	Elected representative
Cllr. Peter O' Brien	Elected representative
Cllr. Shay Brennan	Elected representative
Dearbhla Lawson	Director of Service, EC&CD.
Dave Lawless	Administrative Officer EC&CD

An Garda Síochána	
Orla Mc Partlin	Chief Superintendent
Martin Fitzgerald	Superintendent

Community Representatives	
Gay Wright	DLR Public Participation Network
Anne Harrington	DLR Public Participation Network
Richard Phillips	DLR Public Participation Network
Tony McCarthy	DLR Public Participation Network
Gina Hogan,	Loughlinstown, Shankill LPF
Reverend Asa Bjork	Dun Laoghaire, LPF
Des Byrne	Sandyford / Stepside LPF

Members of the Oireachtas (5)	
To be appointed	

Changes in Membership in 2016

Chief Superintendent. Orla Mc Partlin was the district officer for the DMR East until September 2016. The newly appointed Chief Superintendent, Gerry Russell, attended the September and December meetings of the DLR JPC.

Joint Policing Committee work programme highlights for 2016.

New Six year Strategic Plan developed for the DLRJPC.

Each JPC is required to make a six year strategic plan for their area which links with other appropriate plans and strategies. As part of the process of creating this strategy a consultation process was undertaken with key service providers and residents in the county.

Three strategic objectives emerged as a result of this consultation around which this strategy has been developed. These include:

1. Supporting and promoting Crime Prevention in DLR
2. Enhancing Community Safety & Security in DLR
3. Facilitate Community Engagement and Collaboration



The Strategic plan was developed and contains 18 individual actions across the three strategic objectives. The Plan was adopted at the June 15th meeting of the DLR JPC and has been submitted to the Policing Authority.

Submission to the Policing Authority on the new An Garda Síochána Code of Ethics.

The Policing Authority hosted a national meeting for Joint Policing Committees in July 2016 at which the policing Authority requested Joint Policing Committees to make a submission on the development of a new Code of Ethics for An Garda Síochána.

The DLR JPC held a special meeting on September 6th in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council to discuss the Draft Code of Ethics for An Garda Síochána, prepared by the Policing Authority and a document was developed and submitted to this process.

Draft Anti-Social Behavior Strategy 2016 - 2022

Mary Ruane Senior Executive Officer from DLRCC Housing Department gave an overview presentation regarding the development of the new DLRCC Anti Social Behaviour Strategy 2016 - 2022. A DLR JPC document was developed and submitted as part of this process.

Development of Local Policing Forums in the County

There are three Local Policing Forums established in the County under the auspice of the Joint Policing Committee. There include:

1. Loughlinstown / Shankill & Ballybrack (Chaired by Insp, James Murphy)
2. Sandyford / Stepside (Chaired by Insp, John O Driscoll)
3. Central Dun Laoghaire (Chaired by Insp, Tom Condon)

The role of these Policing Forums is to enhance the collaboration and communication between An Garda Síochána, Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, The main Transport companies, and local residents associations and organisations.

Each of these three LPF's met 6 times in 2016 and each developed a work plan to address local concerns and issues.

Monitoring of key safety / security issues in the county.

The Chief Superintendent, at each of the DLR JPC meetings presented an overview of the key policing priorities for the DMR East District, noting some of the key crime statics and approaches proposed to address identified priorities.

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