

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Joint Policing Committee

20th February 2024 at 5.00pm, Hybrid Teams Meeting, Council Chamber

In attendance	
Cllr Carrie Smyth (Chairperson)	DLRCC
Cllr Denis O' Callaghan	DLRCC
Cllr Oisín O'Connor	DLRCC
Cllr Anna Grainger	DLRCC
Cllr Eva Dowling	DLRCC
Cllr Lettie McCarthy	DLRCC
Cllr Deirdre Donnelly	DLRCC
Cllr Kate Ruddock	DLRCC
Cllr Kazi Ahmed	DLRCC
Cllr Mary Hanafin	DLRCC
Cllr Shay Brennan	DLRCC
Cllr John Kennedy	DLRCC
Deputy Cormac Devlin	Oireachtas
Therese Langan	DLRCC
Mary Ruane	DLRCC
Chief Superintendent Matthew Nyland	An Garda Síochána
Superintendent Gordon Woulfe	An Garda Síochána
Superintendent Fergal Harrington	An Garda Síochána
Detective Superintendent Brian O'Keeffe	An Garda Síochána
Superintendent Brian Halligan	An Garda Síochána
Sergeant James Malone	An Garda Síochána
Tony McCarthy	DLR Public Participation Network
Eimear McAuliffe	DLR Public Participation Network
Liz Roche	Sandyford/Stepaside LPF
Kay Gleeson	Central Dún Laoghaire LPF
Georgina Potts	Ballybrack Loughlinstown Shankill LPF
Present	
Frank Curran (CEO) (guest)	DLRCC
Ian Smalley	DLRCC
Eoin Kelly	DLRCC
Barbara Henry	DLRCC
Maeve O Connell	An Garda Síochána
Nicola Carroll	An Garda Síochána
Apologies	

Welcome and Introductions

Cllr. Smyth welcomed everyone.

Minutes and matters arising

The minutes of the JPC meeting held on the 14th November 2023 were proposed by Tony McCarthy, seconded by Eimear McAuliffe and agreed by the Committee.

Ministerial/Departmental/Other Correspondence

Correspondence had been received from the Minister of State for Transport and Road Safety Authority regarding the letters that were issued regarding Driving Test Wait Times. They advised that it would take longer than originally anticipated for wait times to revert to normal.

Therese Langan informed the JPC that the new Policing, Security and Public Safety Act 2023 was enacted on the 31st January 2024. This includes provision for the new Local Community Safety Partnerships. Guidance is awaited in this regard and will be circulated once received.

LA16 Collision Reporting

There was no LA16 Collision Report since the last meeting. It was noted that there had been a recent fatal collision in Ballinteer.

DLR JPC Annual Report 2023

Therese Langan presented the JPC Annual Report 2023.

Following the presentation, queries were raised in relation to the Road Safety Working Group not having met since summer 2023, and in relation to the DV refuge. Following discussion, the queries were responded to. It was agreed that mention of the Road Safety Working Group not having met since summer 2023 would be included in the report. The report, as amended, was approved.

Action: Refer report to Council for noting.

DLR JPC Annual Workplan 2023 Updates (Workplan based on JPC Strategic Plan 2023-2028)

Mary Ruane presented the workplan updates that were circulated to the members prior to the meeting.

Following the presentation queries were raised in relation to providing updates on GOPA within the workplan, progressing the Interagency goals within the workplan, and the possibility of holding a public meeting with youth from the County. Following discussion, the queries were responded to, and the workplan updates were noted.

Updates on current Policing issues – Chief Superintendent Matt Nyland

Chief Superintendent Matt Nyland gave a presentation on updates on current policing issues.

Superintendent Fergal Harrington and Superintendent Gordon Woulfe gave updates on Community Policing.

Detective Superintendent Brian O’Keeffe gave updates on the crime statistics.

Chief Superintendent Nyland introduced Superintendent Brian Halligan, assigned to New Garda Operational Model.

Following the presentation queries were raised in relation to delays in investigation/prosecution of serious crimes, nuisance parking, cyclists running red lights and cycling on footpaths, traffic cameras, the level of car thefts in the Sandyford/Carrickmines area, the Halloween joint operation with DLRCC, where will the HR function sit within the new Garda structure, traffic offence blackspots, policing of the Marlay concerts. Members complimented the work of Garda Morris who has now left Blackrock.

Following discussion, queries were responded to, and the Policing Issues update was noted.

Action: Presentation on Parking Enforcement to be included on agenda for May meeting. Request for engagement between Chief Superintendent responsible for Marlay Concerts and public representatives to be forwarded to the Chief Superintendent.

Update on Development of Domestic Violence Refuge – Therese Langan

Therese Langan gave a verbal update. The details of the proposal are to be placed on public display in Kilcross Community Centre. Legal advice will be sought as to whether the address of the facility can be omitted from public reports. The update was noted.

Local Policing Fora Reports

Ian Smalley read out the key actions from the 4 Local Policing Fora reports which were circulated to members prior to the meeting.

A discussion was held as to whether the name of a halting site could be omitted from one of the reports.

The reports were noted.

Action: The Chair of the Ballybrack Loughlinstown Shankill LPF will be asked if it is possible to remove the name of the Halting Site from future reports.

Questions Submitted

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

AOB

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Denis O Callaghan, thanked the Chief Superintendent for facilitating his recent visit, with Councillor colleagues, to a number of Garda stations. This was echoed by the Chair, Cllr Carrie Smyth.

Date of the next meeting

The date of the next JPC meeting is Tuesday 28th May 2024 in the Talbot Hotel Stillorgan, to be followed by a public meeting of the JPC.

Minutes agreed:

Signed: Carrie Smyth
(Chairperson)

Date: 28th MAY 2024