

## **Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Joint Policing Committee Meeting Report**

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**23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 at 5.00 p.m., Council Chamber, County Hall,  
Dún Laoghaire (Hybrid meeting)**

The Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Joint Policing Committee hybrid meeting took place in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Dún Laoghaire on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 at 5.00 p.m.

Below is a synopsis of the meeting:

- Cllr. Smyth welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.
- Cllr Donnelly noted that the minutes of the November 2022 meeting mention that victims of crime should be made aware that counselling records could be made available as evidence in court. She queried what has been done in relation to this since the last meeting. Chief Superintendent Nyland advised that, on foot of the discussion, he is seeking advice and will revert back once the information is available.
- The minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022 JPC meeting were approved.
- Cllr Smyth noted that the new JPC Guidelines had been circulated with the agenda and hard copies of the guidelines are available if anyone would like a copy.
- Mary Ruane presented the 2022 Annual Report. She noted that we are required to prepare an annual report for submission to the Minister for Justice and Equality, the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, the Commissioner of An Garda Síochána and the Policing Authority. It will also be submitted to the elected members for noting.
- Therese Langan presented the JPC Workplan Priorities for 2023 and noted the range of initiatives under the main goals. Following this the report was agreed.
- Therese Langan provided an update on the development of the new Strategic Plan. She noted that a workshop with the JPC members will be taking place on the 9<sup>th</sup> March and the new plan will be in place until 2028. She also noted that a public consultation will be held seeking submissions from the public and stakeholders.
- A presentation was given by Chief Superintendent Matthew Nyland on the current policing issues in the County which included the following areas:
  - dlr Age Friendly Strategy and the GOPA safety and security event
  - Operation Thor
  - Domestic Abuse Co-Ordination Team (DACT) Training
  - Dart and Luas Patrols
  - Kilbogget Park
  - Kill Lane traffic
  - Crime Statistics (January 2022/2023 comparison)

- DMR East Divisional Drugs statistics (1<sup>st</sup> Jan to 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023)
- Roads Policing Stats- comparison January 2022/2023

Sergeant James Malone noted that the GOPA Safety and Security event is taking place on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 11-2pm, in the Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan.

Following the presentation, a discussion was held, and queries responded to.

- The 4 Local Policing Fora reports which were circulated prior to the meeting were all noted. Tony McCarthy noted that Rev Asa Bjork is stepping down from the Central Dún Laoghaire LPF and suggested that a letter of thanks be issued. This was agreed by the committee.
- Ian Smalley presented an overview on the dlr High Security Lock Scheme delivered in 2022. He noted that it is the second year of the scheme.

Following the presentation, a brief discussion was held, and queries raised and responded to.

- Therese Langan provided an update on the Domestic Violence Refuge and noted that a needs assessment was carried out for a refuge in the County. Elected members have been advised of a suitable site. It requires further consultation which will take place over the next week or so.
- The next JPC meeting is scheduled to take place on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023 in the Talbot Hotel Stillorgan and to include a public meeting.