

# Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Joint Policing Committee

## Meeting Report

### Wednesday 04<sup>th</sup> September @ 6.00pm

### Old Council Chamber, County Hall

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#### Meeting report:

The Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Joint Policing Committee meeting took place in the Old Council Chamber, County Hall on the 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 6pm.

Below is a synopsis of the meeting:

- Ian Smalley provided a briefing on the role and remit of the JPC ahead of the JPC meeting.
- Dearbhla Lawson (DL) welcomed everyone to the meeting, and in particular extended a welcome to the new members and invited round table introductions. Apologies were noted.
- DL requested nominations for the position of Chairperson for the JPC and following a proposal which was seconded and agreed by all, Cllr. Mary Hanafin was re-elected as Chairperson of the Joint Policing Committee.
- Detective Superintendent Aidan McCarthy (Garda National Protective Services Bureau) gave a presentation on Domestic Abuse and Sexual Crime which highlighted some of the following:
  - ❖ Garda National Protective Services Bureau was established in 2015
  - ❖ Amalgamation of specialist units under one Bureau focused on investigating serious crimes against the person including domestic, sexual and gender-based violence.
  - ❖ Victim Focus
  - ❖ Lead by a Detective Chief Superintendent, three (3) Detective Superintendents and three (3) Detective Inspectors.

Following the presentation, members noted the significant work done by the Garda National Protective Services Bureau.

- Ian Smalley presented the headlines from the combined LPF report, and a number of points raised:

#### **Shankill/Loughlinstown Ballybrack**

The Shankill/Loughlinstown/Ballybrack Local Policing Forum continued to work on implementation of actions set out in the work plan and some of the items highlighted were as follows:

- Considerable de-escalation in anti-social behaviour and crime in a number of hotspots in the Shankill sub-District although Shankill Dart station remains an area of concern.
- An Garda Síochán will continue to liaise with the LAB Project, Hollyhouse, the School completion officer etc; to support with diverting young person's away from crime and also to identify and target potential future offenders
- Ongoing issues of anti-social behaviours being addressed in a number of areas as detailed in LPF report

### **Sandyford / Stepside LPF**

The Sandyford /Stepside Local Policing Forum continued to work on implementation of actions set out in the work plan and some of the items highlighted were as follows:

- Exploring solutions to address public safety concerns in respect of pedestrians using Sandyford Hall/Murphystown Road Roundabout, at Holy Trinity School and at Leopardstown Heights/Fernleigh Estate/Glencairn.

### **Dun Laoghaire LPF**

The Central Dún Laoghaire Local Policing Forum continued to work on implementation of actions set out in the work plan and some of the items highlighted were as follows:

- Traffic and Parking issues
- Alcohol misuse issues and anti-social behaviour in specific locations
- Theft of bicycles in Dún Laoghaire
- Communication with residents on community safety issues

### **JPC Annual Workplan**

- DL reported on the Annual Workplan priorities for 2019 and outlined progress on key actions in relation to the 3 goals:

- Supporting and Promoting Crime Prevention
- Enhancing Community Safety and Security
- Facilitating Community Engagement and Collaboration on safety issues

Following a discussion of the report, the report was noted.

- Chief Superintendent Anne Marie Cagney gave a detailed report on current policing issues and crime statistics to date in the DMR East Division.

This included the following:

-Statistics from burglaries, theft from vehicles, bike theft, criminal damage, public order offences. In relation to traffic she reported there has been one fatal collision to date this year.

Following a discussion, the committee thanked the Chief Superintendent for the detailed report and work being done.

- Following an observation from the PPN representative, the Chief Superintendent advised that further discussions would take place in relation to Garda restructuring.
- The Chair advised that the next meeting is on the 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019 and will include a Public Meeting.
- The Chair advised of the retirement of Superintendent Martin Fitzgerald and acknowledged his support and dedication to the work on the committee.