**Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Joint Policing Committee Public Meeting**

# **Report on meeting held on Tuesday, 28th May 2024, 7pm, The Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin**

The DLR JPC held an open public meeting on 28th May 2024 as part of its national requirement to hold one public meeting each year. This meeting was publicly advertised in the Dublin Gazette in May.  It was also advertised on the DLR website, through the PPN and posted on DLR social media platforms. It is estimated that 50 people attended on the night.

Below is a synopsis of the meeting:

* The Chair, Councillor Carrie Smyth welcomed everyone to the meeting.
* The Chair set out the agenda and the guidelines for the management of the meeting.
* The Chair gave a presentation on the role and functions of the JPC. The main focus of the JPC is to act as a forum between local authorities and An Garda Siochana responsible for the policing of the area. Key objectives include supporting and promoting crime prevention in the County, enhancing community safety, facilitating consultation and protecting victims and the vulnerable.
* The Chair outlined the membership of the DLR JPC and different sectors that nominate representatives onto the JPC.
* Chief Superintendent Nyland and senior team gave a presentation which included the following areas:
* Go Purple Day 2024
* Brief outline on Community Policing Events attended throughout the county
* Operation Argillite – UEFA Europa League Final
* Operation Irene 31st May – 31st August 2024, zones to be targeted for operation Irene
* Crime Stats – April 2023/2024
* DMR East Open Investigation Stats (as of 26th May 2024)
* Roads Policing Stats (January – April 2023/2024)
* DMR East Divisional Drugs statistics (1st January- 22nd May 2024)
* Following the presentation Cllr Carrie Smyth invited questions from the people in attendance. The following issues/queries arose:

JPC matters:

* + Concern in relation to Operation Irene and extending the targeted areas to include Glencairn, Cruagh Greenway, Davitt Park etc. AGS are expanding the target areas this year including all areas mentioned.
  + Question in relation to how the new legislation on e-scooters will be tackled. AGS are currently trialing in the area - with some recent successes.
  + Concern in relation to Operation Irene targeting the anti-social behaviour only. AGS – point taken on board.
  + Concerns raised regarding Ballyogan Rest Centre as an IPA centre. DLRCC - responses were given where possible and further responses will be forthcoming. AGS – engagement will happen with local representatives soon.
  + Query regarding increased patrols in Ballyogan area. AGS – extra patrols will be in place along with Operation Irene.
  + Concern from election candidate and their team members receiving abuse – AGS will discuss further and recommended to report any abuse to AGS.
  + Query regarding injuries sustained by member of the public at LUAS stop. AGS are doing what they can in relation to this.

Non JPC matters referred to DLRCC

* + Concern raised in relation to the recycling centre being closed. Is there an update on the status of that? DLRCC – response will be forthcoming.
  + Query regarding public meeting in relation to Ballyogan Rest Centre. DLRCC - a meeting with local representatives will happen soon.
  + Query regarding communication with the community engagement team in Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth. DLRCC – communications have been made, awaiting response from the Department.
* *The Chair closed the meeting at 8.00pm and thanked everyone for their attendance. She thanked both Council staff and An Garda Síochána**for their support.*