

Frequently Asked Questions

Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Local Community Safety Partnership (dlr LCSP)

What is the dlr LCSP?

The dlr LCSP aims to prioritise the voice of local people in identifying and addressing community safety issues in collaboration with a broad range of stakeholders including local councillors, An Garda Síochána, community representatives, business, education representatives and a range of statutory agencies including the HSE, Tusla and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council.

What legislation underpins the Local Community Safety Partnerships?

The Policing Security and Community Safety Act 2024, which came into operation on 2 April 2025, places the LCSPs on a statutory footing. Under the Act, 36 Partnerships will be rolled out nationwide covering each Local Authority area. The **Policing Security and Community Safety Act 2024 (Section 114) (Safety Partnership) Regulations 2025 (S.I. No. 279/2025)** provides the legislative framework that supports the operational elements of the Act.

What is the purpose of the dlr LCSP?

The purpose of the dlr LCSP is to bring the relevant bodies together with communities in a collaborative manner, by focusing on the safety concerns identified and prioritised by local people. The newly established dlr LCSP will be required to develop and implement its own tailored local community safety plan so that community safety issues can be dealt with in a coordinated manner and responded to by the relevant service providers in partnership with the community.

Who will be represented on the dlr LCSP?

Membership on the dlr LCSP cannot exceed 30 people. Members will be nominated by their organisations or through the dlr Public Participation Network (dlr PPN).

The following is indicative of representation on the dlrLCSP.

- 7 Councillors from Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council
- Senior members from An Garda Síochána
- A senior representative from the Child and Family Agency (Tusla)
- A senior representative from the HSE
- A Director from Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council
- 6 residents from residents' associations across the County

- A representative from the education sector
- Representatives from business
- Members representing new and minority communities, sport, social inclusion, domestic and gender-based violence, youth and others

How will the membership from the community/voluntary sector be determined?

Expressions of interest will be sought linked to the specific sector that is to be represented on the dlr LCSP. This is the process.

- The Expression of Interest must be signed off by the Chairperson/CEO of the sector that is being represented.
- The nominee must represent a local community/voluntary body
- The nominee must represent a local community or and otherwise possess experience or expertise in this area
- The nominee must wish to actively contribute to shaping local safety priorities and developing solutions
- This Individual must commit to a 3-year term and to attend 6 meetings per year and input into the dlr Local Community Safety Plan
- There should be broad representation of the geographic area of the County (6 LEAs)
- The Council must consider factors such as levels of disadvantage, social exclusion and the demographic composition of the community who may be adversely affected by community safety issues to ensure that these groups are not underrepresented
- There should be at least 40% gender balance on the dlr LCSP
- The nominations will be signed off on by the dlr Chief Executive and sent to the National Office of Community Safety
- The Minister for Justice Migration Home Affair and Migration will appoint the members

If I become a member of Dun Laoghaire Local Community Safety Partnership, what commitment will I have to make?

You will actively participate in community engagement and advocate for the organisation that you represent regarding local community safety issues and concerns.

You will be required to help the dlr LCSP identify a wide range of safety issues. You will engage with the full membership of the dlr LECP in developing and implementing the **Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Local Community Safety Plan**. You will attend meetings, contribute to strategic discussions and work alongside the statutory agencies, An Garda Síochána and councillors to

deliver practical actions that improve safety and wellbeing in the County. Matters considered may include community spaces, the built environment, anti-social behaviour and other issues.

Will I have to attend meetings?

There will be at least 6 meetings in 2026 and each year thereafter. However, dlrLCSP will hold so many meetings as may be required for the performance of its functions. The chairperson will determine the time, date and place of meetings. Meetings may take up to 2 hours depending on the business on the agenda.

Members of the public will be invited to at least 1 of the meetings of dlrLCSP per annum.

Members of the Oireachtas and elected members Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council will also be invited to 1 of the meetings of the dlr LCSP.