

**Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Joint Policing Committee**  
**14<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 5pm, Hybrid, Council Chamber, County Hall,**  
**Dun Laoghaire**

<b>In attendance</b>	
Cllr. Anna Grainger	DLRCC
Cllr. Carrie Smyth (Chair)	DLRCC
Cllr. Denis O'Callaghan	DLRCC
Cllr. Elizabeth Eva Dowling	DLRCC
Cllr. Kazi Ahmed	DLRCC
Cllr. Oisín O'Connor	DLRCC
Cllr. Michael Clarke	DLRCC
Cllr. Shay Brennan	DLRCC
Cllr. Mary Hanafin	DLRCC
Cllr. John Kennedy	DLRCC
Cllr. Lettie McCarthy	DLRCC
Deputy Cormac Devlin	Member of the 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'Keefe	An Garda Síochána
Tony McCarthy	DLR Public Participation Network
Eimear McAuliffe	DLR Public Participation Network
Reverend Asa Bjork	Central Dún Laoghaire LPF
Liz Roche	Sandyford/Stepaside LPF
David Bradshaw	DLRDATAF
<b>Apologies</b>	
Cllr. Deirdre Donnelly	DLRCC
Cllr. Lorraine Hall	DLRCC
Cllr. Frank McNamara	DLRCC
Anne Harrington	DLR Public Participation Network
Bébhinn Murphy	DLR Public Participation Network
Georgina Potts	Ballybrack/Loughlinstown/Shankill LPF
Deputy Jennifer Carroll MacNeill	Member of the Oireachtas
Minister Josepha Madigan	Member of the Oireachtas
Deputy Neale Richmond	Member of the Oireachtas
Senator Barry Ward	Member of the Oireachtas
<b>Present</b>	
Ian Smalley	DLRCC
Eoin Kelly	DLRCC
Shahruz Mirmirani	DLRCC
Gerry Flaherty (Guest)	DLRCC
Sean McGrath (Guest)	DLRCC
Maeve O'Conaill	An Garda Síochána

## **Welcome and Introductions**

Cllr. Smyth welcomed everyone. Apologies were noted.

## **Minutes and matters arising**

The minutes of the public meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were proposed by Deputy Devlin, seconded by Cllr Grainger and agreed by the committee. There was one amendment proposed to the minutes of the committee meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022 by Cllr Donnelly, namely: "Cllr Donnelly expressed concern over the way victims are treated in the justice system." This amendment was proposed by Cllr O'Callaghan, seconded by Cllr Clarke and agreed by the Committee, and the minutes as amended were agreed.

## **Ministerial/Departmental/Other Correspondence**

It was noted that there was no business to discuss under this heading.

## **LA16 Collision Reporting**

It was noted that there was no business to discuss under this heading.

## **Update on DLR Road Safety Plan 2022 - 2030**

Gerry Flaherty, Senior Executive Engineer, Traffic and Road Safety Section, gave a brief presentation on the DLR Road Safety Plan 2022 - 2030 noting its background in national road safety strategy and Vision Zero. It was noted that a public consultation was held over the summer. The road safety targets were noted and it was also noted that the road safety working group was well attended by various groups including the Garda and the HSE. It was noted that consultants are looking at a methodology of reducing speed in coordination with the Garda and the RSA.

Following the presentation, a brief discussion took place during which Gerry Flaherty and Therese Langan responded to queries raised, including Councillor representation on the Road Safety group and road safety education for motorists.

## **DLR Joint Policing Committee Workplan 2022 Updates**

Therese Langan gave a presentation on the progress of the workplan under the three goals below.

- Supporting and promoting Crime Prevention in DLR
- Enhancing Community Safety & Security in DLR
- Facilitating Community Engagement and Collaboration on safety issues

Following the presentation, a brief discussion took place during which Therese Langan responded to queries.

## **Update on current Policing Issues**

Chief Superintendent Matthew Nyland introduced Superintendent Fergal Harrington, the recently appointed Superintendent for the Dún Laoghaire district. CS Nyland gave a presentation which included the following areas:

- Breakdown of crime statistics – August 2021/2022
- DMR East Divisional Drugs Statistics
- Roads Policing Statistics 2021/2022
- Update on Divisional Child Protection Unit
- Autumn/winter policing initiatives:
  - Crime Prevention Stands
  - Operation Tombola
  - DART/LUAS operation
  - Operation Thor
  - Divisional Roads Policing Unit
- Safe – The new Garda call system
- Centenary of An Garda Síochána
- Community Policing & Divisional Bike Unit

It was noted that accessibility works on Dun Laoghaire Garda station are due to commence in mid-October 2022 until January 2023. The celebrations of An Garda Síochána centenary were noted.

Following the presentation, a discussion was held and queries responded to, including issues relating to roads policing and education, wildlife crime, drugs enforcement, the new Garda call management system, Cherrywood and Stepside policing, Kilbogget Park, and the run up to Halloween.

Chief Superintendent Matthew Nyland thanked everyone for their support during the year.

### **Development of new JPC Strategic Plan**

It was noted that there was no update under this item. The National Policing Plan from An Garda Síochána would inform this.

### **Local Policing Fora Reports**

Ian Smalley presented the highlights of the four local policing fora reports.

It was noted that a subgroup has been set up under the auspices of the Central Dun Laoghaire LPF to address issues of anti-social behaviour in the Cualanor and Honeypark estates.

A brief discussion followed during which the questions were responded to and the reports were noted.

### **Questions submitted for noting**

The questions submitted were noted.

### **AOB**

Therese Langan gave an update on the Domestic Violence Refuge for DLR. It was noted that the Department of Justice had given approval for ten units in the County. Work was ongoing to identify a suitable site. It was noted that DLRCC will act in a facilitator role and that consultations were ongoing between DLRCC and SONAS on the matter.

It was agreed that the Domestic Violence Refuge would remain on the Committee agenda as a standing item.

**Date of the next meeting**

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting will be the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022 (hybrid).

Minutes agreed:

Signed: Carmie Myles  
(Chairperson)

Date: 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022