

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Joint Policing Committee

Meeting Report

Wednesday 04th September @ 6.00pm

Old Council Chamber, County Hall

Meeting report:

The Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Joint Policing Committee meeting took place in the Old Council Chamber, County Hall on the 4th 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/Ferneigh 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 21st 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.