

ANNUAL REPORT

ON THE OPERATION OF THE

CORK COUNTY JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE

(JPC)

FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2015

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Introduction

This document constitutes the Annual Report of the Cork County Joint Policing Committee (JPC) for the year ended 31st December 2015

The report has been prepared in the context of the Joint Policing Committee Amended Guidelines 2014 jointly issued by the Minister for Justice and Equality and the Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government and in specific accordance with Section 36(5) of the Garda Síochána Act 2005.

Background

Legislation: Section 36 (1) of the Garda Síochána Act 2005 provides for the establishment of Joint Policing Committees to serve as a forum for consultations, discussions and recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the local authority's administrative area.

Functions of a JPC

The functions of a JPCs set out in section 36(2) of the Garda Síochána Act, state the following:

"The Joint Policing Committee's function is to serve as a forum for consultations, discussions and recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the local authority's administrative area, and in particular to –

(a) keep under review -

(i) the levels and patterns of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in that area (including the patterns and levels of misuse of alcohol and drugs),and

(ii) the factors underlying and contributing to the levels of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in the area,

(b) advise the local authority concerned and the Garda Síochána on how they might best perform their functions having regard to the need to do everything feasible to improve the safety and quality of life and to prevent crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour within the area,

(c) arrange and host public meetings concerning matters affecting the policing of the local authority's administrative area,

(d) establish, in consultation with the local Garda superintendent, as the committee considers necessary within specific neighbourhoods of the area, local policing fora to discuss and make recommendations to the committee concerning matters that it is to keep under review under paragraph (a) or on

which it is to advise under paragraph (b), in so far as those matters affect their neighbourhoods, and

(e) co-ordinate the activities of local policing fora under paragraph (d) or otherwise.”

Section 37(1) also provides:

“A local authority shall, in performing its functions, have regard to the importance of taking steps to prevent crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour within its area of responsibility.”

JPC Membership

The Cork County JPC was formally established on 26th January 2015 comprising of 32 no. members drawn from the Cork County administrative area as follows:

Name	Organisation/ Sector
Cllr. Frank O’Flynn CHAIR	Cork County Council
Cllr. Timmy Collins VICE-CHAIR	Cork County Council
Cllr. John A Collins	Cork County Council
Cllr. Noel Collins	Cork County Council
Cllr. Joe Carroll	Cork County Council
Cllr Kay Dawson	Cork County Council
Cllr. Joe Harris	Cork County Council
Cllr. Dan Joe Fitzgerald	Cork County Council
Cllr. Ted Lucey	Cork County Council
Cllr. Kevin Murphy	Cork County Council
Cllr. June Murphy	Cork County Council
Cllr. Donnchadh O’Laoghaire	Cork County Council
Cllr. Daithi O’Donnabhain	Cork County Council

Cllr. Aaron O'Sullivan	Cork County Council
Cllr. Cathal Rasmussen	Cork County Council
Mr Tim Lucey	Chief Executive, Cork County Council
Mr Niall Healy, Senior Executive Officer	Senior Executive Officer, Cork County Council
Deputy Jerry Buttimer TD	Oireachtas Member
Deputy Sandra Mclellan TD	Oireachtas Member
Deputy David Stanton TD	Oireachtas Member
Vacant	Oireachtas Member
Vacant	Oireachtas Member
Ms. Brid Coakley	Community & Voluntary Representative
Mr. Pat Dooley	Community & Voluntary Representative
Mr. Gavin Falk	Community & Voluntary Representative
Mr. John Fuller	Community & Voluntary Representative
Mr. Sean Kelly	Community & Voluntary Representative
Ms. Nuala O'Neill	Community & Voluntary Representative
Mr. Sean O'Riordan	Community & Voluntary Representative
Chief Superintendent Mick Finn	An Garda Siochana
Chief Superintendent Tom Hayes	An Garda Siochana
Chief Superintendent Ger Dillane	An Garda Siochana

Supports to JPC

- Meeting supports are provided to the JPC by Cork County Council: Mr. Fergal Gough, Local Community Development Section

Progress / Achievements in 2015

- 4 No. JPC statutory meetings held in 2015:
 - 26th January 2015;
 - 27th April 2015
 - 27th July 2015;
 - 27th October 2015;

- 4 No. JPC Steering Group meetings also held in 2015:
 - 12th January 2015;
 - 13th April 2015
 - 13th July 2015;
 - 12th October 2015

Monitoring of Levels and Patterns of Crime

An Garda Siochana provided detailed quarterly statistical reports to Cork County JPC which kept under review, and responded as appropriate, to the levels and patterns of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in Cork County (including the patterns and levels of misuse of alcohol and drugs).

Public Meeting

A full public meeting was held in the Vertigo Suite, County Hall on the 27 October 2015. The theme of the public meeting was '*Community Policing in County Cork*'. The key-note address was delivered by Assistant Commissioner John O'Mahony, An Garda Siochana. The JPC public meeting was attended by over fifty participants.

PPN Representation to the JPC

Seven community and voluntary JPC members, nominated on an interim basis to the JPC, were replaced with seven elected Public Participation Network members on 31st December 2015.

Drafting of a Six-Year Joint Policing Committee Strategy 2016-2021

A JPC strategy sub-group was formed with eight of its thirty members. This sub-group held its first meeting on the 23rd November 2015 and is tasked with preparing a six year draft plan 2016-2021 and reporting back to the full JPC. The group is chaired by Cllr Timmy Collins with appropriate representation from Elected Members, An Garda Siochana and the PPN. It is envisaged that this sub-group will complete its work in mid-year 2016.

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