

Arrangements for attending Authority meetings held in public

Introduction

The Policing Authority holds at least four meetings in public annually with the Garda Commissioner. These meetings are open to members of the public and the media, and are an opportunity to see the work of the Authority in action. These meetings are notified on the Authority website and announced in the media. The meetings are live-streamed through a link on the Authority website and recordings are made available after the meeting.

The minutes of all Authority meetings, including meetings in public are published periodically.

Advance preparation for those interested in attending Authority meetings in public

- To facilitate with planning capacity and managing health and safety issues, attendees are required to register in advance of the meeting. Details on how to register will be published on the Authority's website in advance of each meeting. Upon registration, applications will be issued with a ticket which they must bring with them to gain admittance to the meeting.
- There is no charge for attendance;
- Attendees must produce their ticket and sign-in for admittance to the venue;
- Visitors are requested to be seated ten minutes before the meeting commences;
- Attendees must follow the directions of the stewards while on the premises;
- Any member of the public who requires any special assistance should contact the Policing Authority in advance of the meeting, by phone at 01 8589090 or by email to info@policingauthority.ie

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During the meeting

The meeting is an engagement between the Authority and the Garda Commissioner which members of the public and media are present to observe. There will be no opportunities for the audience to participate in the meeting.

Attendees should note the following:

- All business at the Authority meetings will be conducted through the Chairperson. The Chairperson may:
 - direct that a particular matter not be discussed in the meeting for reasons of confidentiality;
 - direct that a matter be referred to a meeting to be held in private, without public or press present, in order to protect confidentiality;
 - request that an individual be silent, resume their seat or leave the meeting if their behaviour is disruptive;
- Silence must be observed at all times and if an attendee needs to leave the room during the meeting, they are asked to do so quietly without disturbing the meeting;
- Mobile phones should be switched off and attendees may be asked to switch off other electronic devices if interfering with the meeting;
- Food and drink may not be consumed in the meeting room;
- Please note that this event will be streamed live on the internet and a video recording will be made of the meeting for online broadcast. Attendees should be aware that anyone present may appear as part of that record.