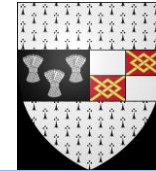


Annual Report for Kilkenny County Council Joint Policing Committee for Year 2017



Introduction

Section 36(2) of the Act provides that a JPC'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 antisocial 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 An 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) coordinate the activities of policing fora established under paragraph (d) or otherwise.

Kilkenny County Joint Policing Committee's Work Programme for 2017

ISSUES	ACTIONS	PERSONS RESPONSIBLE	PROGRESS ACHIEVED
Operation of Prohibition of Consumption of Alcohol in Public Places	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on amendment of Bye Laws. 	Kilkenny County Council	Bye Laws adopted by Kilkenny County Council on 15 th May, 2017.
Crime Statistics, Traffic and Road Safety.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update provided through the year with statistics on Crime, Traffic and Road Safety. 	An Garda Síochána	Reduction in burglary/serious crime. Reduction in Fatal Traffic Collisions Increased Traffic resources
Purple Flag Initiative – Safer Socialising.	Kilkenny City to make application for Purple Flag Status which is the international accreditation for town centres in the evening and at night from 5.00 p.m. to 5.00 a.m.	An Garda Síochána, Kilkenny County Council and Kilkenny Chamber of Commerce.	Revitalise the Kilkenny City Cares group for the purposes of inviting a number of groups to set up a sub-committee to look at the specification required to achieve Purple Flag Status. Kilkenny Chamber of Commerce has agreed to take on the application process. The Local Authority will provide funding for the application process and annual fee of €1,000.
Community Engagement	Meetings convened throughout Co Kilkenny as part of	An Garda Síochána supported by Kilkenny County Council	Six (6) Community Engagement Fora

	collaborative engagement with community Listen to Community needs Action local concerns		Seven (7) Operation Thor, Project Storm
Community Text Alert Scheme	Update on the progress of existing Text Alert Schemes and plans to set up new schemes.	An Garda Síochána	Mapping of Text Alert Schemes in Co Kilkenny ongoing. Awards night held on 5 th October, 2017.
CCTV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of An Garda Síochána CCTV system in Kilkenny City, Location of cameras around the City, Update on 2016, proposed location of existing cameras and benefits of the system to An Garda Síochána and the business community. • Assisting communities in applying for a grant to the Department of Justice for community based CCTV system. 	<p>An Garda Síochána</p> <p>An Garda Síochána and Kilkenny County Council</p>	<p>The Committee agreed to write to the Minister for Justice seeking funding of €150,000 for the provision of CCTV cameras in Kilkenny City.</p> <p>4 no. towns and villages progressing with applications.</p>
Animal Welfare	Licensing Regime is required to be implemented.	Kilkenny County Council and Kilkenny Traveller Movement.	
Local Joint Policing Partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal to pilot Local Policing Partnerships in Municipal Areas of Pilltown and Castlecomer 	An Garda Síochána and Kilkenny County Council	Engagement with Elected Representatives, Community and Social Groups. Initiative to launch in Q3, 2018

Public Meetings

Kilkenny County Joint Policing Committee held 1 public meeting during 2017 in Callan.

Record of Meetings held in 2017 and list of members

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Date of each meeting

	20/1/2017	12/4/2017	20/9/2017	7/12/2017
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Name of Chairperson Cllr. P. Cuddihy

NAME OF MEMBER	ORGANISATION OF WHICH MEMBER	TITLE	NO OF JPC MEETINGS ATTENDED
Cllr. M. Shortall	Kilkenny County Council	Elected member	5
Cllr. David Kennedy	Kilkenny County Council	Elected member	5
Cllr. Melissa O'Neill	Kilkenny County Council	Elected member	2
Cllr. Tomás Breathnach	Kilkenny County Council	Elected member	4
Cllr. Patrick O'Neill	Kilkenny County Council	Elected member	3
Cllr. Michael Doyle	Kilkenny County Council	Elected member	3
Cllr. Fidelis Doherty	Kilkenny County Council	Elected member	5
Cllr. David Fitzgerald	Kilkenny County Council	Elected member	3

Cllr. Pat Dunphy	Kilkenny County Council	Elected member	5
Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick	Kilkenny County Council	Elected member	4
Cllr. Michael McCarthy	Kilkenny County Council	Elected member	4
Cllr. Joe Malone	Kilkenny County Council	Elected member	4
Cllr. Patrick McKee	Kilkenny County Council	Elected member	3
Cllr. Eamon Aylward	Kilkenny County Council	Elected member	
Cllr. Ger Frisby	Kilkenny County Council	Elected member	
Supt. Derek Hughes	An. An Garda Síochána	Superintendent	4
Supt. Gerard Egan	An An Garda Síochána	Superintendent	4
Chief Supt. Dominic Hayes	An An Garda Síochána	Chief Superintendent	5
Ms. Mary Mescal	Community & Voluntary Forum		4
Ms. Breda McDonald	Community & Voluntary Forum		1
Mr. John Hayes	Community & Voluntary Forum		3
Colette Byrne	Kilkenny County Council	Chief Executive, Kilkenny County Council	4
Tim Butler	Kilkenny County Council	Director of Services	5
Anne Maria Walsh	Kilkenny County Council	Senior Executive Officer	4
Catherine Cooney	Kilkenny County Council	A/Administative Officer	5