



AN TÚDARÁS PÓILÍNEACHTA
POLICING AUTHORITY

Minutes of Meeting of the Policing Authority

Date: 8 January 2021

Venue: By Video Conference

Attendance

Authority: Bob Collins (Chairperson), Deborah Donnelly, Valerie Judge, Paul Mageean, Moling Ryan.

Secretary: Aoife Clabby

Staff of the Authority: Helen Hall (Chief Executive), Margaret Tumelty, Cormac Keating, Karen Shelly.

1. Meeting of Members in private

The Authority availed of the opportunity to have a meeting in private.

2. Fatal Shooting of Mr. George Nkencho

The Chairperson and the Chief Executive provided Members with an overview of a number of conversations and meetings held individually with the Acting Commissioner, the Commissioner and with the Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission (GSOC) in relation to the fatal shooting of Mr. George Nkencho.

The Chief Executive advised of the decision, by GSOC, to nominate the Policing Authority as an interested party in respect of the investigation and that the Authority would be formally provided with updates in respect of the investigation's progress, as appropriate. Members welcomed this decision.

It was agreed that, while fully understanding and respecting the independence of the GSOC investigation, a number of matters related to the fatal shooting of Mr. Nkencho would be the subject of initial engagement with the Commissioner at the 28 January meeting of the Authority.

3. Other Business

The Chairperson briefed Members on a number of other matters raised by the Commissioner, as follows:

- An indication of the current level of abstraction of Garda members and staff, due to COVID-19;
- Plans for the early attestation of student Gardaí in Templemore, in a similar manner to the process undertaken in 2020.

Members noted the appointment of two new Commissioners to GSOC, Ms. Emily Logan and Mr. Hugh Hume.

Members noted the initiation of court proceedings by Mr. John Barrett, Garda Síochána Executive Director of Human Resources and People Development.