



AN TÚDARÁS PÓILÍNEACHTA  
POLICING AUTHORITY

## Minutes of Meeting of the Policing Authority

**Date:** 31 August 2022

**Venue:** 90 North King Street

### Part A – Authority Meeting

#### Attendance

**Authority:** Bob Collins (Chairperson), Donal de Buitléir, Deborah Donnelly, Paul Mageean, Shalom Binchy, Molling Ryan.

**Apologies:** Valerie Judge, Elaine Byrne.

**Secretary:** Aoife Clabby.

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

#### 1. Meeting of Members in Private

The Authority did not exercise its option to have a meeting in private.

#### 2. Chairperson's Opening Remarks

At the outset of the meeting, the Chairperson advised that he had met with the Commissioner on 30 August and would provide Members with a briefing in relation to the meeting on 29 September.

#### 3. Senior Garda Appointments

The Chief Executive advised that material was still awaited in relation to clearance processes for candidates on both the Chief Superintendent and Superintendent panels. Consequently, Members agreed to defer consideration of the agenda item until the 29 September meeting of the Authority.

#### 4. Policing, Security and Community Safety Bill

At the outset of the agenda item, the Chairperson noted that the purpose was to provide the Executive with the Authority's initial observations on the draft Policing, Security and Community Safety Bill to enable the development of a comprehensive submission to the Department of Justice, which would be considered at the Authority's scheduled meeting on 29 September. Members made a number of observations in relation to the Bill's provisions and expressed concern in relation to a number of areas where the changes proposed appeared to represent a weakening of the framework for independent oversight.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the draft submission would be developed to incorporate the Authority's further views and would be tabled for consideration at the 29 September meeting.

<i>No.</i>	<i>Action point</i>	<i>By Date</i>	<i>By Whom</i>
<b>A_111_01</b>	Finalise the submission on the draft Policing, Security and Community Safety Bill and table for consideration at the 29 September Authority meeting.	ASAP	Chief Executive

## **5. Inspection of Places of Detention Bill**

Members gave detailed consideration the draft General Scheme ('the Scheme') of the Inspection of Places of Detention Bill 2022 and had regard to a draft submission prepared by the Executive on the Scheme's provisions. Members made a number of observations in relation to specific Heads of the Bill, in particular having regard to the extent to which the proposed provisions would intersect with the provisions of the Policing Security and Community Safety Bill and the envisaged role and functions of the Policing and Community Safety Authority.

<i>No.</i>	<i>Action point</i>	<i>By Date</i>	<i>By Whom</i>
<b>A_111_02</b>	Finalise submission on the draft General Scheme of the Inspection of Places of Detention Bill 2022 and submit to the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Justice	ASAP	Chief Executive

## **6. Other Business**

There were no matters for discussion under this agenda item.