

COUNTY MAYO
JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE (JPC)

ANNUAL REPORT
2018



COMHAIRLE CONTAE MHAIGH EO
MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL



Message from the Chairman

As Chairperson of the County Mayo Joint Policing committee, I welcome the publication of the 2018 Annual report. The Report details the key actions of the Committee in delivering on the objectives of the Strategic Plan 2016-2021 and is an important means of communicating the role and work of the Committee.

The Joint Policing Committee aims to develop greater consultation and co-operation on policing and crime issues between the Gardaí, the local authority, community representatives and elected public representatives. During 2018, the JPC continued to take a strategic approach to its work while also addressing local issues.

The JPC held four meetings during 2018 and a list of the key actions achieved is set out in the Annual Report.

On behalf of the Committee I would like to thank the Garda Síochána team led by Chief Superintendent Patrick Diskin and Mayo County Council team led by Chief Executive Mr Peter Hynes for their valued contributions to the work of the Committee. I also wish to place on record the excellent level of participation by the elected and community representatives on the Committee. I'd also like to acknowledge the contribution to the work of the committee of the following - The Garda Drugs Unit, Western Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force, Criminal Assets Bureau, Mayo Women's Support Services, the Road Safety Office of Mayo County Council and the Older Person's Council.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank outgoing committee member Willie Nolan for all his hard work and wish him all the best in the future.



Cllr. Al McDonnell
Chairperson
County Mayo Joint Policing Committee

Introduction

The Annual report 2018 sets out how the County Mayo Joint Policing Committee carried out its functions for this period in accordance with Section 36(2) of the Garda Síochána Act 2005 and in accordance with the revised Joint Policing Committee Guidelines 2014.

Role of the Joint Policing Committee

The legislative framework for the establishment of Joint Policing Committees is set out in Section 36(2) of the Garda Síochána Act 2005.

Section 36(2) provides that the Joint Policing Committee is to serve as a forum for consultations, discussions and recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the local authority's administrative area. The Act refers specifically to the following matters:

- Keep under review
 - (a) the levels and patterns of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour (including the patterns and levels of misuse of alcohol and drugs) and
 - (b) the underlying factors that contribute to these issues.
- Advise the local authority and the Garda Síochána on how they might best perform their functions and do everything feasibly possible to improve the safety and quality of life, to prevent crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour.
- Arrange and host public meetings concerning matters affecting the policing of the local authorities' administrative area.
- Establish in consultation with the local Garda Superintendent and specific neighbourhoods, local policing fora to discuss and make recommendations to the JPC.
- Co-ordinate the activities of local policing fora.

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Item 1: Summary of progress in implementing the JPC's work Programme.

The strategic plan for 2016-2021 was adopted at the October Meeting in 2016:

Strategic Objectives		Summary of action taken and progress made during the year.	Summary of advice given by the JPC to the Local Authority and the Gardaí.	Results of advice. Identify the feedback received for the LA and the Gardaí.
	High Priority Objectives			
1	Promoting the concept of the JPC's.	Representatives from the Mayo JPC Committee gave a presentation on the work of the JPC at an Association of Local Government (ALG) training event in Westport.	Overarching job of the JPC is to promote public awareness of policing matters.	The JPC works closely with local media to promote the work of the Committee.
2	To monitor and review serious crime, drug supply and public order in Co Mayo.	Representatives for the Garda Drugs Unit and the Western Region Drug & Alcohol Task Force gave a presentation on programmes rolled out to date.	JPC members were invited to attend the "Planet Youth Survey" in Galway. This is an Icelandic Model of substance use prevention, which is being piloted in the West.	Ongoing monitoring of and review of crime, drug and public order at each meeting of JPC.
3	To encourage collective community initiatives which nurture a sense of community and promote the role for the Gardaí in the community.	Engagement with the Older Person's Council	In conjunction with Mayo County Council the "Drive Safer for Longer" event was very successful. Also Mayo scored	Ongoing collaboration.

			the highest under the HaPAI survey and found that 97% of older people living in Mayo feel safe in their home and when out and about.	
4	To reduce the incidence of fatal and serious injuries from road collisions and to improve road safety in Co Mayo.	Mr Noel Gibbons, Road Safety Officer gave a presentation on "Being Winter Ready"	A very important message on driving in the winter.	Ongoing collaboration.

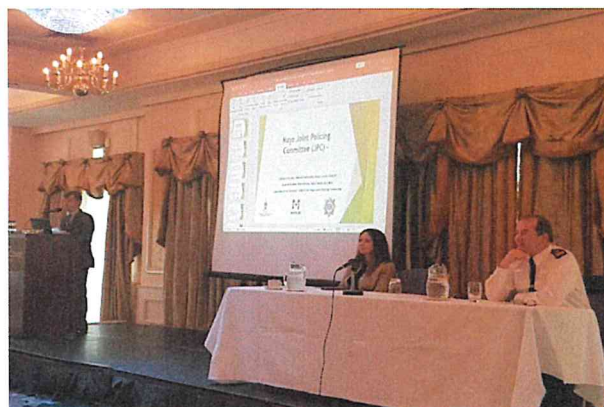
Item 2: Please highlight three key achievements of the JPC during the year and give reasons why they are significant.

Achievement 1

Promotion of the Mayo JPC

The Chairman Councillor Al McDonnell and committee member Superintendent Joe McKenna along with staff members of Mayo County Council attended an Association of Local Government (ALG) training event in Westport which was also attended by a high number of county councillors from around the country. Speakers from the Mayo JPC gave a briefing on how the Mayo JPC committee works and outlined its achievements to date. A number of questions were taken from the floor and new learnings on both sides were achieved.

As a result of this event, the presentation given on the day is now available on the ALG website as a training resource entitled *"Module 2 May 2018 – Councillors & Community Safety – A briefing on Joint Policing Committees – Speaker Síofra Kilcullen, Mayo County Council"*.



Achievement 2

Raising awareness on Domestic Violence

The Mayo Women's Support Services gave a presentation to the JPC on domestic violence against women and the new Domestic Violence Act 2018 which now recognises, for the first time, that coercive control is a criminal offence. As a result of this meeting, the JPC put out a press release through the Council websites and social media highlighting the changes to the Act and the role of Mayo Women's Support Services along with their contact details.

Following the discussion on domestic violence on the JPC, Mayo County Council partnered with other organisations in the region to support the Community Response to Domestic Violence Western Regional Network to up-date and launch its 'Responding to Domestic Violence code of practice' in line with the most up to date research, best practice and current legislation.

Achievement 3

Planet Youth Survey

A presentation was given by the Western Region Drugs and Alcohol Task Force on all programmes that have been rolled out recently. As this meeting the Mayo JPC were invited to attend the "Planet Youth Survey" in Galway. This is an Icelandic approach to teen substance abuse that is being piloted in the west of Ireland, which will involve 7,000 young people in Galway, Roscommon and Mayo.

In collaboration with the Western Region Drugs and Alcohol Task Force, Mayo JPC will aid in the initiation, promotion and support of this Survey. To date 1,500 teenagers aged between 15 and 16 years old have been surveyed, making this the biggest survey of this age group to date.

Item 3: Record of Members and Meetings held during the year.

Four meetings were held during the year.

Dates of the meetings: -

26 th January 2018	27 th April 2018	14 th September 2018	30 th November 2018
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Name of Member	Organisation Represented	No of meetings attended
Cllr. Al McDonnell	MCC Elected Member	2
Chief Superintendent Pat Diskin,	An Garda Síochána	3
Superintendent Joe McKenna,	An Garda Síochána	4
Peter Hynes, Chief Executive	Local Authority official	2
Cllr. Teresa Whelan	MCC Elected Member	1
Cllr. Neil Cruise	MCC Elected Member	3
Cllr. Christy Hyland	MCC Elected Member	2
Cllr. Gerry Ginty	MCC Elected Member	4
Cllr. Michael Kilcoyne	MCC Elected Member	1
Cllr. Michael Holmes	MCC Elected Member	1
Cllr. Blackie K. Gavin	MCC Elected Member	3
Cllr. Brendan Mulroy	MCC Elected Member	0
Cllr. Michael Loftus	MCC Elected Member	2
Cllr. Damien Ryan	MCC Elected Member	2
Cllr. John O'Hara	MCC Elected Member	3
Cllr. Patsy O'Brien	MCC Elected Member	1
Cllr. Gerry Coyle	MCC Elected Member	0
Lisa Chambers T.D.	Oireachtas members	
Senator Rose-Conway Walsh	Oireachtas members	2
Senator Michelle Mulhern	Oireachtas members	1
Enda Kenny T.D.	Oireachtas members	
Senator Keith Swanick	Oireachtas members	
Michael Ring T.D.	Oireachtas members	
Dara Calleary T.D.	Oireachtas members	
Senator Paddy Burke	Oireachtas members	
Mary G Duffy	Community	3
Edith Geraghty	Community	1
David Tuomey	Community	2
Willie Nolan	Community	3
Bernard Burke	Community	0
Adrienne Walker	Community	1