COUNTY CARLOW JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE (JPC)
ANNUAL REPORT 2018

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1. The Carlow Joint Policing Committee (JPC) held three meetings in 2018 on the following dates:
   (i) 26 February 2018
   (ii) 28 May 2018
   (iii) 22 October 2018 (Public Meeting)

2. Membership as at 01.01.2018

   Membership of Joint Policing Committee
   Number of meeting attended in brackets – Max is three.

Paton, Cllr. William (3)  Cathaoirleach Carlow County Council
Brennan, Aidan Superintendent (3)  An Garda Síochana
Butler, Joe (2)  Graiguecullen Community Alert
Cassin, Cllr. John (0)  Carlow Municipal District
Dalton, Cllr. Andrea (3)  Carlow Municipal District
Deering, Deputy Pat (2)  Oireachtas Member
Doran, Cllr. Michael (3)  Muinebheag Municipal District
Foley, Cllr. Denis (0)  Muinebheag Municipal District
Functionion, Deputy Kathleen (0)  Oireachtas Member
Gladney, Cllr. Andy (0)  Muinebheag Municipal District
Harris, Deputy Simon (0)  Oireachtas Member
Hayes, Dominic Chief Superintendent (2)  An Garda Siochana, Kilkenny.
Holohan, Kathleen (3)  Chief Executive Carlow County Council
Kinsella, Thomas (1)  Muinebheag Municipal District
McNamara, David (3)  Chamber of Commerce Rep
Maxwell, Rev Paul (1of 1)  Carlow Womens Aid
Minchin, Sinead (1)  Ballinkillen Area Community Alert
Murnane, Cllr. Ken (3)  Carlow Municipal District
Murnane O'Connor, Senator Jennifer (3)  Oireachtas Member
Murphy, Cllr. Charlie (0)  Muinebheag Municipal District
Murphy, Cllr. John (3)  Muinebheag Municipal District
O’Brien, Bernie (1, deputy attended 2)  Director of Services, Carlow County Council
O’Donoghue, Cllr. Brian (2)  Carlow Municipal District
Paton, Cllr. William (3)  Carlow Municipal District
Pender, Cllr. John (3)  Carlow Municipal District
Phelan, Cllr. Fintan (3)  Carlow Municipal District
Tuite, Martin (1)  Bagenalstown Community Alert
Vacancy E Lawlor Resig (28/10/2015)  PPN (Comm rep from Muinebheag MD)
Vacancy Ezermale, Daiga (26/02/2018)  PPN (Tullow/Hacketstown/Rathvilly)

Meetings Administrator
Brophy, Eamonn (3)  Carlow County Council
1. MATTERS CONSIDERED

Garda Policing Reports.
Criminal Assets Bureau Presentation.
Presentation from newly formed Carlow Community Policing Unit.
Carlow Town draft prohibition of Begging Bye Laws.
Issues raised by members of the public.
CCTV Carlow Town Park.
Sever Weather Co-ordination group.
Raise and Give Week I.T. Carlow.
‘Boy Racers’ incidents.
Assistance to Carlow Woman’s Aid.
Control of horses Bye Laws.
Anti Social Behaviour.
Crime Statistics.
Traffic Initiatives.
INTRODUCTION

The main aim of Carlow’s Joint Policing Committee (JPC) is to provide a forum where Carlow County Council and the senior Garda Officers responsible for the policing of County Carlow, with
the participation of the local Oireachtas members and community interests, can consult, discuss and make recommendations on matters affecting policing in the county.

From the inaugural meeting of Carlow’s JPC, the committee took the view that its work would be based on an ethos of collaboration and co-operation. The Garda Síochána Act 2005 states that ‘The JPC’s function is to serve as a forum for consultations, discussions and recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the Local Authority administrative area and in particular to -

(a) Keep under review –

   (i) The levels and patterns of crime, disorder and anti-social 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 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,

(e) Co-ordinate the activities of local policing fora

(f) A local authority shall, in performing its functions, have regard to the importance of taking steps to prevent crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour within its area of responsibility. ”

The Department of Justice and Equality, following a review of the operation of JPC’s, issued Revised Guidelines governing the operation of Joint Policing Committees in August 2014. Carlow Joint Policing Committee has been established, in accordance with these guidelines and the following is a breakdown of the representation on the committee:

- Cathaoirleach of Carlow County Council
- 13 Elected Members of Carlow County Council;
- 4 Oireachtas Representatives;
• 2 Local Authority Officials
• 2 Senior Garda Officials;
• 6 community and voluntary sector representatives.

This work plan serves as a statement of our intentions in regard to the manner in which we will address the relevant issues in accordance with our functions as set out in Section 36(2) Garda Síochána Act, 2005.

In seeking to achieve the objectives outlined here, we will help to ensure that County Carlow is developed in line with Carlow County Council’s mission statement ‘to make Carlow the best place possible to Live, Work, Visit and Invest’ and An Garda Síochána mission statement ‘working with Communities to protect and serve’.

As chairperson of the Joint Policing Committee I would like to thank all involved in developing this Strategic Work Plan and encourage all members of the committee to assist in achieving the stated aims and objectives.

Councillor Michael Doran
Chairperson Carlow Joint Policing Committee

Mission Statement

“To promote a safe and secure environment for all persons in County Carlow.”

Strategic Goals:
• Communications and Effective Engagement
• Community Policing & Rural Isolation
• Crime Prevention and Education
• Road Safety
• Public Safety

Core Values

• Work in genuine partnership to deliver for the people of Carlow
• Honesty & Integrity
• Public Interest
• Accountability
• Active Participation
• Respect and Listening
# JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE WORK PLAN 2016 - 2019

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<td><strong>OBJECTIVE 1: COMMUNICATION AND EFFECTIVE ENGAGEMENT</strong></td>
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<td>• Adopt and publish the Strategic Work Plan</td>
<td>JPC / CCC</td>
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<td>• Host a public Joint Policing Committee meeting</td>
<td>JPC</td>
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<td>• Promote school education programme</td>
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<td>• Promote Joint Policing Committee e.g. newspapers, local radio campaign, PPN newsletter, and <a href="http://www.carlow.ie">www.carlow.ie</a> website</td>
<td>Garda Síochána / PPN / CCC</td>
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<td>• Arrange appropriate training for the all JPC Members</td>
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<td>• Each meeting agenda will include a report from the Garda</td>
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<td>• Facilitate JPC input to policy submissions as appropriate</td>
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<td>Promote the establishment of Community Alert Groups throughout the county</td>
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<td>Explore the co-ordination of Community Alert areas</td>
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<td>Support the retention of a Garda presence in rural areas</td>
<td>JPC</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Participation of Carlow County Council and Garda representatives in the Community Development structures and initiatives emanating from the SICAP and other Programmes in disadvantaged areas.</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Review Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy</td>
<td>CCC in conjunction with JPC</td>
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<td>Examine adopted Estate Management strategies and initiatives with a view to developing a co-ordinated approach between Carlow County Council, Garda Síochána and HSE</td>
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<td>Develop a programme in conjunction with Comhairle na nÓg, local schools and youth groups to assist young people in dealing with issues such as crimes against children, bullying (incl. Cyber bullying), alcohol and substance abuse.</td>
<td>CCC/ PPN / JPC / Transition Year Programme</td>
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### OBJECTIVE 3: CRIME PREVENTION

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<td>Support public awareness campaign about crime prevention initiatives</td>
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<td>Review an expansion of existing CCTV systems in the County</td>
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<td>Identify any areas where additional or improved street lighting is required.</td>
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<td>Review of licensing, night time closing hours of entertainment and fast food outlets in the context of late night street disorder</td>
<td>Stakeholders / Carlow Carers Initiative</td>
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<td>Annual meeting of community policing with local community groups including briefing of PPN on Crime Prevention initiatives.</td>
<td>Garda Síochána</td>
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<td>Liaise with the South East Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force (SERDATF)</td>
<td>JPC</td>
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<td>Provide comprehensive support for victims of crime including victims of domestic and sexual violence.</td>
<td>Garda Síochána</td>
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<td>Implementation of Road Traffic legislation and enforcement</td>
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<td>Ensure traffic management issues are reported in the local media, MapAlerter etc.</td>
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<td>Liaison between An Garda Siochána / Carlow County Council and review of collision prone zones</td>
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<td>Continue to support Road Safety Education and Awareness initiatives including the annual Transition Year programme and road safety conference</td>
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<td>Conduct an ongoing review of speed limits across the county with a particular emphasis on housing estates.</td>
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<td>Carry out a review of Public Lighting networks across the County in respect of Road Safety.</td>
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**OBJECTIVE 5: PUBLIC SAFETY**

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<td>Develop protocols in respect of Public Events between the Gardaí and Carlow County Council including Raise and Give Week, Borris Fair, Cemetery masses, Duckett’s Grove events, Éigse, Taste of Carlow, Pan Celtic Festival, Triathlon, St Patrick’s Day Parades etc.</td>
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<td>Examine the Public Lighting Network with a view to improving public safety</td>
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<td>Develop protocols for addressing anti-social activity in public open space areas and parks.</td>
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<td>Review of existing Carlow County Council Bye-Laws</td>
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