



**ANNUAL REPORT**

**ON THE OPERATION OF THE**

**CORK COUNTY JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE**  
**(JPC)**

**FOR YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2018**



## **Introduction**

This document constitutes the Annual Report of the Cork County Joint Policing Committee (JPC) for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

The report has been prepared in the context of the Joint Policing Committee Amended Guidelines 2014 jointly issued by the Minister for Justice and Equality and the Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government and in specific accordance with Section 36(5) of the Garda Síochána Act 2005.

## **Background**

Legislation: Section 36 (1) of the Garda Síochána Act 2005 provides for the establishment of Joint Policing Committees to serve as a forum for consultations, discussions and recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the local authority's administrative area.

## **Functions of a JPC**

The functions of a JPCs set out in section 36(2) of the Garda Síochána Act, state the following:

“The Joint Policing Committee'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 anti-social behaviour in that area (including the patterns and levels of misuse of alcohol and drugs).
  - 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 under paragraph (d) or otherwise."

Section 37(1) also provides:

"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."



## JPC Membership

The current Cork County JPC was formally established on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2015 comprising of 32 no. members drawn from the Cork County administrative area as follows:

| Name                              | Organisation/ Sector |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Cllr. Frank O Flynn<br>CHAIR      | Cork County Council  |
| Cllr. Timmy Collins<br>VICE-CHAIR | Cork County Council  |
| Cllr Kevin Conway                 | Cork County Council  |
| Cllr. Joe Carroll                 | Cork County Council  |
| Cllr John A Collins               | Cork County Council  |
| Cllr Kay Dawson                   | Cork County Council  |
| Cllr. Joe Harris                  | Cork County Council  |
| Cllr. Ted Lucey                   | Cork County Council  |
| Cllr. Michael Ahern               | Cork County Council  |
| Cllr. Kevin Murphy                | Cork County Council  |
| Cllr. June Murphy                 | Cork County Council  |
| Cllr. Daithi O'Donnabhain         | Cork County Council  |



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| Cllr. Cathal Rasmussen                     | Cork County Council                           |
| Cllr Des O'Grady                           | Cork County Council                           |
| Cllr. Gearoid Murphy                       | Cork County Council                           |
| Mr Tim Lucey                               | Chief Executive, Cork County Council          |
| Ms Nicola Radley, Senior Executive Officer | Senior Executive Officer, Cork County Council |
| Senator Jerry Buttimer                     | Oireachtas Member                             |
| Aindrias Moynihan TD                       | Oireachtas Member                             |
| Kevin O'Keefe TD                           | Oireachtas Member                             |
| Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire TD                   | Oireachtas Member                             |
| Sean Sherlock TD                           | Oireachtas Member                             |
| Mr Gavin Falk                              | PPN C&V                                       |
| Mr John Fuller                             | PPN C&V                                       |
| Mr Sean Kelly                              | PPN C&V                                       |
| Mr Diarmuid Cronin                         | PPN C&V                                       |
| Mr Tom Howard                              | PPN C&V                                       |
| Mr Liam McCarthy                           | PPN C&V                                       |



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| Mr Jim O' Leary                    | PPN C&V           |
| Chief Superintendent Ger Dillane   | An Garda Síochána |
| Chief Superintendent Con Cadogan   | An Garda Síochána |
| Chief Superintendent Barry McPolin | An Garda Síochána |

### Supports to JPC

- Meeting supports are provided to the JPC by Cork County Council:  
Ms Claire Looney O'Sullivan, Corporate Services

### Progress / Achievements in 2018

- 4 No. JPC statutory meetings held in 2018:
  - Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018
  - Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018
  - Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018
  - Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018
- 4 No. JPC Steering Group meetings also held in 2018
  - Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018
  - Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018
  - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018
  - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018



## **Monitoring of Levels and Patterns of Crime**

An Garda Síochána provided detailed quarterly statistical reports to Cork County JPC which kept under review, and responded as appropriate, to the levels and patterns of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in Cork County (including the patterns and levels of misuse of alcohol and drugs).

## **Public Meeting**

A full public meeting was held in the Vertigo Suite, County Hall on the 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018. The key-note address was delivered by Detective Garda Michael Lynch, Electronic Crime Investigation Unit who spoke to attendees about the work of the Garda National Cyber Crime Bureau and advised on how to avoid being a victim of cyber crimes. The JPC public meeting was attended by over 40 participants.

## **PPN Representation to the JPC**

There are seven PPN representatives on the JPC and the JPC PPN Linkage group has approximately forty members. It is the role of the PPN elected representatives sitting on the JPC to keep the linkage group informed about the matters discussed at the JPC. The 7 PPN reps do this by facilitating meetings of the Linkage Group members.

The Cork County JPC Linkage group is made up of PPN Members who have expressed an interest in being kept informed about policing matters in Cork County, and specifically, the work of Cork County JPC. At these meetings Linkage Group members are informed about proceedings at JPC meetings and they also have the opportunity to have their voice heard at JPC by raising issues that concern them with the PPN reps.



## **Six-Year Joint Policing Committee Strategy 2016-2021**

The Cork County Joint Policing Committee Strategic Plan 2016-2021 was completed in June 2016. The strategy sets out a range of priorities, strategic objectives and strategic actions following an analysis of the county and an extensive consultation process. The plan is intended to deliver on opportunities afforded by maximising cooperation between all of the key actors involved in safety and security of the county by working in a coherent, efficient and integrated manner. It is also intended to link with other appropriate plans and strategies in particular the relevant objectives in the Local Economic and Community Plans that serve County Cork.

The Plan is now at implementation stage and an implementation subgroup was formed in 2017 to oversee this stage.

To date over 80% of the strategic actions have been achieved or are ongoing.

### *Actions achieved in 2018 include:*

- Completion of a draft Communications Strategy
- Updating of the JPC Section of the Cork County Council Website
- Community Alert Information sessions ongoing
- Ongoing rollout of the Property Asset Log Book including plans to develop an accompanying app
- Attendance by Gardai at Community Safety Meetings.
- Ongoing operations regarding drink retailers including test purchases and need for staggering of closing times





- High visibility patrols ongoing to prevent crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour.



**Cork  
County Council**  
Comhairle Contae Chorcaí



**PATRICIA LIDDY**

**DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES**

**CORK COUNTY COUNCIL**

**DATE: 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019**