



Fingal  
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# FINGAL JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2016

## Introduction

Fingal Joint Policing Committee was established in 2008 and is a partnership between Fingal County Council, An Garda Síochána and the Community. The membership consists of Senior Garda officers, elected Councillors and Oireachtas members, and representatives of community & voluntary groups drawn from the Public Participation Network (PPN)

The Fingal JPC is intended to be a forum for discussion and a means of building confidence, trust and safety in the county. In doing this, the Fingal JPC seeks to prioritise key community policing policy issues and identify initiatives which will contribute to improved community policing and prevention or reduction of future crime in Fingal County.

## Role of the JPC

The legislative framework for the establishments of Joint Policing Committees is set out in Section 36 of An Garda Síochána Act 2005 and the amendments to this act in 2014. Section 36 (2) of the Act provides that a JPC'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:-

- 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 the local policing fora.



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## Garda Divisions Covered By Fingal Joint Policing Committee

The Fingal Administrative area falls under two Garda Divisions – Dublin Metropolitan Regions West and North as follows:

- **DMR West** - Covering the general Dublin 15 area and parts of rural and urban Finglas
- **DMR North** – Consisting of a number of Districts and Sub-Districts covering the remainder of the county.
  - Swords/Malahide Sub-District (part of Coolock District)  
Santry, Ballymun, Swords, Donabate, Portrane, Malahide, Portmarnock
  - Howth Sub-District (part of Raheny District)  
Howth, Sutton, Baldoyle
  - Balbriggan District  
Balbriggan, Skerries, Rush, Lusk, Naul, Garristown and rural North County Dublin





## Fingal Joint Policing Committee Meetings in 2016

In 2016, the Fingal Joint Policing Committee was chaired by Councillor Kieran Dennison, and Vice-Chair was Councillor Grainne Maguire.

The JPC met four times in 2016:

- Friday 04<sup>th</sup> March 2016  
*\*scheduled for Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February, postponed due to General Election*
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016
- Friday 09<sup>th</sup> September 2016
- Friday 02<sup>nd</sup> December 2016

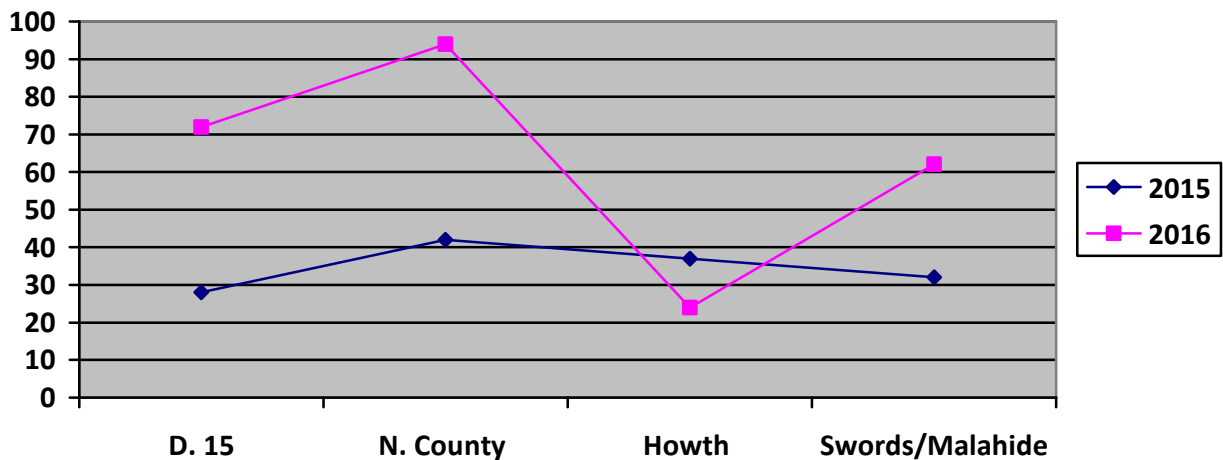
## Fingal Joint Policing Committee Public Meetings in 2016

The Fingal JPC hosted four public meetings throughout the month of April 2016 across the county, one for each District/Sub-District.

These meetings were at

- Bracken Court Hotel, Balbriggan on Wednesday 06<sup>th</sup> April 2016
- Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016
- Crowne Plaza Hotel, Blanchardstown on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2016
- Marine Hotel, Sutton on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2016

## Attendances at meetings in 2015 and 2016





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## Fingal Joint Policing Committee Membership in 2016

<b>Elected Representatives</b>	
Cllr J.P. Browne	Resigned from Committee September 2016
Cllr Jack Chambers	Resigned following General Election 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2016
<b>Cllr Kieran Dennison</b>	<b>Chair</b>
Cllr Tania Doyle	
Cllr Jimmy Guerin	
Cllr Adrian Henchy	
Cllr Anthony Lavin	
Cllr Eithne Loftus	
Cllr Mary McCamley	
<b>Cllr Grainne Maguire</b>	<b>Vice-Chair</b>
Cllr Howard Mahony	Nominated to Committee following resignation of Cllr Jack Chambers
Cllr Paul Mulville	
Cllr Mags Murray	
Cllr Roderic O’Gorman	
Cllr Tom O’Leary	Nominated to Committee following resignation of Cllr J.P. Browne
Cllr Malachy Quinn	
Cllr Natalie Treacy	
<b>Fingal County Council</b>	
Mr. Paul Reid	Chief Executive
Mr. Liam Burke	S.E.O. Housing & Community Dept.
<b>An Garda Síochána</b>	
Ch. Supt Clavin	DMR-W
Ch. Supt Wheatley	DMR-W
Ch. Supt O’Brien	DMR-N
<b>Oireachtas Members</b>	
Brendan Ryan T.D.	
Alan Farrell T.D.	
Louise O’Reilly T.D.	
Senator Lorraine Clifford Lee	
Senator James Reilly	
<b>Community Representatives</b>	
Jossy Awkuobi	Fingal Public Participation Network
Myles Caulfield	Fingal Public Participation Network
Rev. Kenneth Lindsay	Fingal Public Participation Network
Eamonn Price	Fingal Public Participation Network
Ray Smyth	Fingal Public Participation Network
Maria Tormey	Fingal Public Participation Network



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### Changes in Membership in 2016

There were a number of changes of Membership to the Fingal JPC in 2016.

- Following the General Election on 26<sup>th</sup> February, Cllr Jack Chambers was elected to Dáil Éireann and resigned from Fingal County Council. He was replaced on Fingal County Council by Mr. Howard Mahony, and Cllr Mahony then replaced Cllr Chambers on the Joint Policing Committee.
- This created a vacancy for a Community Representative on the JPC, as Cllr Mahony had previously served as a PPN member. This vacancy was not filled in 2016.
- In September, Cllr J.P. Browne resigned from Fingal County Council and Mr. Tom O'Leary was co-opted to the Council as his replacement. Cllr O'Leary was then nominated to the Joint Policing Committee
- The Oireachtas Membership came into effect from June 2016, following the General Election on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2016, and nomination process.
- In mid-2016, Chief Superintendent Clavin moved from DMR-West and was replaced by Chief Superintendent Wheatley.

### Fingal Joint Policing Committee Work Programme for 2016

The rolling Annual Work Programme for the Fingal JPC covers four sections, each with a number of strategic objectives.

#### 1. Community Engagement and Awareness

- a. Engagement between stakeholders on matters concerning Community safety
- b. Public Meetings: Forum for discussion, consultation and recommendations
- c. Public awareness of Joint Policing Committee

#### 2. Traffic and Road Safety

- a. Co-ordinated approach to traffic management for large events
- b. Road Safety measures: Education and awareness programmes in primary and post-primary schools
- c. Road Safety measures: Ongoing liaison in relation to high-frequency accident locations
- d. Compliance in Residential Estates



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### 3. Crime Reduction, Prevention and Analysis

- a. To reduce the levels of anti-social behaviour
- b. Analysis and review of levels and patterns of crime and disorder and the factors underlying
- c. Crime prevention through environmental design

### 4. People and Demographics

- a. Opportunities for young people to have positive engagement with policing of their local communities
- b. Ensure older persons feel safe and participate fully in their community as a result of feelings of safety
- c. Integration of Ethnic Minority Groups through partnership initiatives

## Presentations at JPC Meetings in 2016

JPC Meeting 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. FCC Housing and Community Annual Report on Estate Management and Anti-Social Behaviour</li><li>2. An Garda Síochána Report on Operation Thor</li></ol>
JPC Meeting 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. An Garda Síochána Presentation on Operation Irene (seasonal policing)</li><li>2. Fingal County Council Presentation on Seasonal Operations</li></ol>
JPC Meeting 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Presentation from Safer Blanchardstown</li></ol>
JPC Meeting 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2016	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Presentation on Fingal Public Participation Network</li></ol>



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Attendances at Fingal Joint Policing Committee Meetings 2016

Name	04 <sup>th</sup> Mar	27 <sup>th</sup> May	09 <sup>th</sup> Sep	02 <sup>nd</sup> Dec
Cllr J.P.Browne	P	P	N/A	N/A
Cllr Kieran Dennison	P	P	P	P
Cllr Tania Doyle	P	P	P	A
Cllr Jimmy Guerin	A	P	P	P
Cllr Adrian Henchy	P	P	P	P
Cllr Anthony Lavin	A	P	P	P
Cllr Eithne Loftus	P	P	P	P
Cllr Mary McCamley	A	A	A	A
Cllr Grainne Maguire	P	A	P	P
Cllr Howard Mahony	N/A	P	P	P
Cllr Paul Mulville	P	P	A	P
Cllr Mags Murray	A	A	A	A
Cllr Malachy Quinn	A	P	P	P
Cllr Natalie Treacy	A	P	P	A
Cllr Roderic O’Gorman	P	A	P	P
Cllr Tom O’Leary	N/A	N/A	N/A	P
Sen. Lorraine Clifford-Lee	N/A	N/A	A	A
Sen. James Reilly	N/A	N/A	P	A
Alan Farrell TD	N/A	N/A	A	A
Louise O’Reilly TD	N/A	N/A	P	P
Brendan Ryan TD	N/A	N/A	A	P
Jossy Awkuobi	P	P	A	P
Myles Caulfield	P	P	P	A
Rev. Kenneth Lindsay	P	P	P	P
Howard Mahony	P	N/A	N/A	N/A
Eamonn Price	P	P	P	P
Ray Smyth	A	P	P	P
Maria Tormey	P	A	P	P
Paul Reid (FCC Chief Executive)	P	P	P	P
Liam Burke (FCC SEO Housing)	P	P	P	P
Ethna Felten (DoS Operations)	A	D	D	P
Ch. Supt Barry O’Brien	P	P	D	P
Ch. Supt Pat Clavin	D	P	N/A	N/A
Ch. Supt Lorraine Wheatley	N/A	N/A	P	P

P = Present / A = Apologies / D = Deputy attended / N/A = Not Committee Member