

GALWAY CITY JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE (JPC)

ANNUAL REPORT 2019

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Message from the Chairperson of Galway City Joint Policing Committee

As Chairperson of the Galway City Joint Policing Committee (JPC) I welcome the publication of the Annual Report for 2019. The report details the work of the committee in delivering on its work during 2019 and is an important means of communicating the role and work of the committee.

The Joint Policing Committee aims to develop greater consultation, cooperation and synergy on policing and crime issues between An Garda Síochána, Galway City Council, Community Representatives and Elected Local Representatives. During 2019, the JPC continued to take a strategic approach to its work in addressing local issues collectively and strategically.

2019 was an election year for local authorities, which meant that all committees set up under the local authorities were reconstituted in line with the Annual Meeting, which took place for Galway City Council on 7th June 2019. This included the JPC, which saw a change in the local authority members for the lifetime of the Council and also the appointment of a new Chairperson and Vice Chairperson thereafter. I would like to thank the previous members of the JPC for their support and work and would also like to welcome our new members to the Committee and look forward to working with you all.

The Galway City JPC convened on five occasions during 2019. A meeting of the JPC that was scheduled to take place on Monday 3rd December 2018 was rescheduled and took place on Monday 7th January 2019.

I want to record my appreciation to An Garda Síochána and acknowledge the excellent level of participation by the elected and community representatives on the Committee and to each member of the JPC for their continuing support in fulfilling the role and purpose of the JPC. Finally I would like to acknowledge and thank Galway City Council for the administration of the Committee.



Councillor Niall McNelis

Chairperson of the Galway City Joint Policing Committee

Introduction

This document constitutes the Annual Report on the operation of the Galway City Joint Policing Committee (JPC) for the year ended 31st December 2019. 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

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 JPC 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),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, and

(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."

Summary of Progress

Monitoring of Levels and Patterns of Crime

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

Chief Superintendent Curley presented the Garda Report at each JPC meeting, noting some of the key crime statistics and approaches proposed to address identified priorities. Areas covered included property crime, drugs, roads policing, public order and assault. Each report covered how the crime types are trending in comparison to the same period in the previous year. On property crime the report included an insight into the modus operandi of the crimes, for example how entry is gained, what type of property is being targeted and crime prevention advice is included. The report included detail on the value of drugs seized and any emerging trends on new, or increasing levels of drug types in the City. An update on roads policing, with a particular focus on enforcement was presented, including the number of Fixed Charged Penalty Notices issued. A Fraud Incident Report also formed part of this report from mid-2019 onwards, detailing the number of cases of the different types of fraud happening in Galway City.

An Garda Síochána Garda Statistics Report 2019

Galway City	Year to 31st of December 2019			
	2018	2019	Difference	% Difference
Property Crime				
Burglary/ Buirgléireacht	281	222	-59	-21%
Theft from M.P.V./ Goid as Feithicil	137	175	38	28%
Theft from Person/ Goid Ó'n Duine	50	76	26	52%
Theft from Shop/ Goid as Siopa	591	624	33	6%
Theft Other/ Goid eile	257	333	76	30%
Drugs/ Drugaí				
For Sale or Supply,,/Le díol nó soláthar	87	79	-8	-9%
Simple Possession/ Seilbh shimplí	223	265	42	19%
Drugs Seized/ Urghabháil Drugaí				
Cocaine/ Cócaon	€114,340			
Ecstasy/ Eacstais	€113,470			
Cannabis/ Cannabas	€197,165			
Heroin/ Hearóin	€83,360			
Other Eile	€26,508			
Road Accidents/ Statistící Timpistí Bóthair				
Fatal/ Marfach	0	0	0	
Serious Injury/ gortú tromchúiseach	19	14	-5	-26%
Speeding FCPN/ Bhrostú	2463	2715	252	10%
No Insurance/ Gan Árachas	254	192	-62	-24%

Intoxicated Driving/ Tiomáint faoi thionchar alcóil nó drugaí	167	146	-21	-13%
MAT Checkpoints/ Seicphointí - Teist Alcóil Sainordaitheach	932	1163	234	25%
FCPN Parking Offences	2091	1680	-411	-20%
FCPN Traffic Lights Driving Past	228	229	1	0%
FCPN Pedal Cycles	25	71	46	184%
Public Order Incidents				
Public Order Offences/ Coireanna Ord Poiblí	590	590	0	0%
Begging	49	19	33	11%
Assaults/ Ionsaithe				
Assault causing Harm/ Ionsaithe Ag déanamh dochar	96	102	6	6%
Minor Assault/ Mion-ionsaí	292	325	33	11%
Domestic Incidents/ Eactraí Intíre				
Breach of Barring Order, Safety Order and Protection Order Bearnaigh d'Orda Cosanta, Orda Cosaint agus Orda Sábháilte	47	58	11	23%
No Offence Disclosed	196	327	131	67%

*Data is provisional, operational and may be subject to change

An Garda Síochána Fraud Incident Report 2019

Fraud Type	Number in 2019
Accommodation Fraud	5
Account Take Over Fraud	11
ATM Fraud/Black Box attacks	1
Bogus Tradesman Fraud	3
Business E-Mail Compromise	12
Card Not Present Fraud	10
Cheque Fraud	2
Counterfeiting Notes and Coins	21
Counterfeiting of Goods	1
Deception/Other	91
Employee/Internal Fraud	3
Forgery / False Instrument Offences	11
Insurance Fraud	8
Money Laundering	2
Phishing/Vishing/Smishing Frauds	10
Romance Fraud	3
Shopping/Online Auction Fraud	6
Welfare/Benefit Fraud	4
Grand Total	204

Key Actions 2019

Vision for Policing in Ireland

Following a request from the Galway City JPC in early January 2019, the Garda Commissioner Drew Harris attended and presented on the 'Vision for Policing in Ireland' at their meeting held on 25th March 2019. This was the first JPC meeting that the Garda Commissioner attended, giving a detailed presentation on the new Garda operating model and what this will mean for the Galway Division. He noted that the Divisional Policing Model commenced on 25th February 2019 in the Galway Division with the aim of increasing visibility to enable greater community engagement and promote public safety, professionalise services to support operational policing and improve performance and accountability by strengthening governance, leadership and supervision. He further noted that his vision for An Garda Síochána is to build a victim centred policing service, focused on keeping people safe, protecting the most vulnerable and providing a consistently high standard of service. He identified six headings that would drive changes in the force, with enhanced community policing, protecting people and an improved focus on State security among the considerations. Answering questions in relation to community policing, Commissioner Harris said this should be based on a visible, problem solving approach that needed to be adaptable to suit requirements in different parts of the county. The Commissioner said there would be a significant increase in the number of new Garda recruits this year, noting the offset with the retirement of a number of members. Finally he spoke about the new regional cybercrime units that would be developed this year to enhance the Garda response to these types of offences.



Commissioner Harris signing the visitors book after attending the Galway City JPC meeting on 25th March 2019



Commissioner Harris outside City Hall with the former Chairperson of the Galway City JPC meeting on 25th March 2019

Stay Safe Halloween

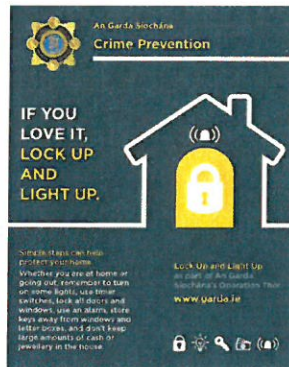
Galway City Council, Galway County Council, An Garda Síochána and Galway Fire & Rescue Services launched a public awareness campaign concerning some of the public safety issues surrounding Halloween celebrations following a meeting of the Galway City Joint Policing Committee on Monday 21st October 2019. The JPC members collectively noted the importance of safety over the Halloween period. Halloween is an exciting time of year for many people, however there are a number of safety concerns associated including bonfires, fireworks, burning of hazardous materials, potential damage to green spaces, safety concerns for older residents and animal welfare. Galway Fire & Rescue Services, who are also involved in the awareness campaign urged the public to consider some of the dangers on what proves to be one of the busiest nights of the year for emergency services in the city and county. It is emphasized that fireworks and bonfires are a safety hazard and are an unnecessary burden on emergency services. As well as being dangerous, fireworks and bonfires, in particular, can cause damage to the environment. Galway City Council Environment Department offer a reminder that households or individuals who hand over waste for bonfire purposes can be liable for prosecution.



During 2019, the Joint Policing Committee received a number of briefings / presentations to aid delivery on the strategic objectives as detailed in the Galway City JPC Strategic Plan 2017 – 2020.

In accordance with the strategy 'to enhance community safety responses in Galway City with a view to crime prevention' the JPC received a presentation from Sergeant Michael Walsh, Crime Prevention Officer. He specified the importance of identifying crime risk before it happens so you can remove or reduce the crime.

He spoke regarding the many types of crime in Galway city, including a number of Crime Prevention campaigns and circulated information on fraud and cyber-crime.



In addition and as part of the consultation on the development of the Galway City Alcohol Strategy 2019 – 2023 prior to its adoption, the JPC received a presentation on the findings from consultations from Dr. Ann Hope, Department of Public Health and Primary Care and Ms. Evelyn Fanning, Health Promotion Officer, HSE. The presentation outlined the consultation process and methodology that was undertaken by the Galway City Alcohol Forum earlier in 2019 in order to inform the development of a second Alcohol Strategy for Galway City. A number of issues were highlighted following the responses received, with a number of priority actions identified to be addressed which included the availability of alcohol, exposure of children to alcohol, availability of alcohol treatment and alcohol related crime. A number of questions were raised by members, in particular the advertising of alcohol, lack of alcohol treatment services that are much needed, enforcement of licensing laws, education in schools and ongoing work with young people, full implementation of the Public Health (Alcohol) Act 2018 and the introduction of Minimum Unit Pricing. It was proposed and agreed by the JPC that support and action should be taken to introduce Minimum Unit Pricing to stop below cost selling of very cheap alcohol especially in supermarkets, seeking the immediate introduction of this as included in the Public Health (Alcohol) Act 2018.

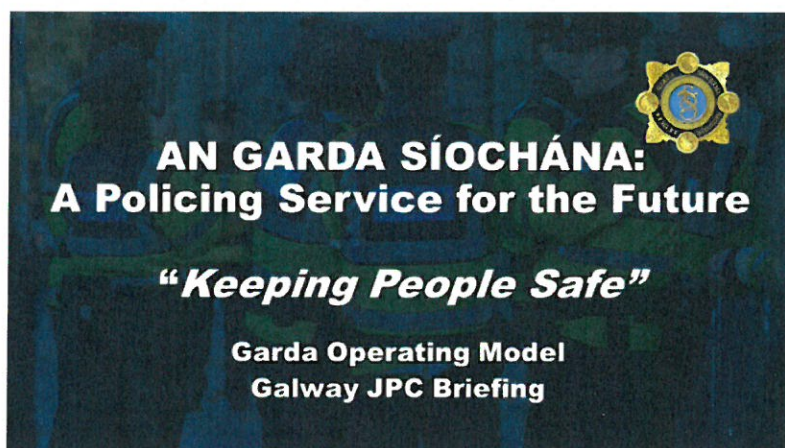


Consultation on developing a new plan to reduce alcohol related problems in Galway City

SUMMARY REPORT 2019

Prepared by Ann Hope and Evelyn Fanning

At the JPC meeting which was held on 16th December 2019 in the Western Regional Headquarters (An Garda Síochána), Chief Superintendent Tom Curley gave a detailed presentation on the Divisional Policing Model, Operating Model and Policing Plan for the Galway Garda Division. He outlined to the members the journey taken to the new Operating Model, which included consultation to date with both internal and external personnel. He presented an overview of the Operating Model, noting that it will bring increased consistency of high quality policing services and will increase the number of frontline Gardaí, deliver a more localised service to communities, and maximise the local operational impact of An Garda Síochána. He further outlined the community benefits, timeline for implementation with a particular emphasis on the local focus and what this will mean for the Galway Garda Division. In relation to Community Engagement, he further outlined that the Galway Garda Division will have two geographically dispersed Community Engagement Hubs, each led by a Superintendent and the benefits of these. Finally he spoke about the dedicated Community Policing Teams, noting that each will be responsible for a number of geographic Community Policing Areas, with strong partnership with the JPC among others critical to their effective functioning.



The JPC also received a verbal update on the Control of Horses Act 1996 in Galway City as requested, with a written report issued afterwards.

Public Meeting Hosted by the JPC

Following discussion during Q4 2019, it was agreed by Galway City JPC to host a Public Meeting during Q1 2020. The Galway City JPC held a Public Meeting which took place on Tuesday 25th February 2020 at 7.00pm in the Knocknacarra Community Centre.

Members of the public were invited to attend this meeting to express their views and any person affected by the policing of Galway City were invited to put questions to the Galway City JPC on general policing matters affecting the policing of Galway City. Questions to be considered by the JPC were also invited from the public prior to the meeting, noting that the meeting would focus on the strategic aims as outlined in the Galway City Joint Policing Committee 4 year Strategic Plan 2017 – 2020 as follows:

Strategic Goal 1 - To Promote the Safety of All Road Users in Galway City

Strategic Goal 2 - To Enhance Community Safety Responses in Galway City with a view to crime prevention

Strategic Goal 3 - To Reduce and prevent anti-social behavior in Galway City

Strategic Goal 4 - To support Community Engagement Models of Practice in Galway City

A total of 12 written questions were submitted in advance, which related to a range of matters including the enforcement of parking regulations and illegal parking; speeding which included speed limits for certain areas; community safety concerns; CCTV etc. A number of other questions were taken from members of the public during the meeting, with the following items being discussed:

- Garda and Fraud Incident Report up to the end of 2019. Areas covered included statistics on property crime, drugs, roads policing, public order and assaults.
- Community Policing
- Community Engagement

Chief Superintendent Tom Curley gave a very informative update on the Divisional Policing Model, Operating Model and Policing Plan for the Galway Garda Division. He outlined at the meeting the journey taken to the new Operating Model, which included consultation to date with both internal and external personnel. He presented an overview of the Operating Model, noting that it will bring increased consistency of high quality policing services and will increase the number of frontline Gardaí, deliver a more localised service to communities, and maximise the local operational impact of An Garda Síochána. He further outlined the community benefits, timeline for implementation with a particular emphasis on the local focus and what this will mean for the Galway Garda Division. In relation to Community Engagement, he further outlined that the Galway Garda Division will have two geographically dispersed Community Engagement Hubs, each led by a Superintendent and the benefits of these. Finally he spoke about the dedicated Community Policing Teams, noting that each will be responsible for a number of geographic Community Policing Areas, with strong partnership with the JPC among others critical to their effective functioning.

As part of Galway City Councils role in relation to promoting the safety of all road users in Galway city a number of road safety items were available to members of the public at the meeting, which included high visibility vests, bags and information leaflets.

Cllr. Niall McNelis, Chairperson of the Galway City JPC then brought the meeting to a close by thanking the speakers and those in attendance for their contributions and their participation in the meeting. The Policing Authority were in attendance at the Public Meeting, in line with their statutory functions in relation to JPCs which includes responsibility for issuing guidelines to local authorities and the Garda Commission concerning the establishment and maintenance of JPCS, in addition to their role in convening meetings of JPC chairpersons for the purpose of coordinating or facilitating the performance of their functions.

Record of Members and Meetings held during 2019

The total number of JPC meetings held in the year 2019 was 5 meetings. In line with the Schedule of Meetings for 2018 a meeting that was scheduled to take place on the 3rd of December 2018 was rescheduled and took place on Monday 7th January 2019. The remaining 4 meetings during 2019 were held as follows:

25 th March 2019	22 nd July 2019	21 st October 2019	16 th December 2019
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Name of Member	Organisation	No. of meetings attended
Cllr. Níall McNelis (Chairperson)	Galway City Council	5
Cllr. Mike Cubbard	Galway City Council	5
*Cllr. Pdraig Conneely	Galway City Council	2
*Cllr. Mark Lohan	Galway City Council	1
*Cllr. Billy Cameron	Galway City Council	2
*Cllr. Mairead Farrell	Galway City Council	0
*Cllr. Declan McDonnell	Galway City Council	2
*Cllr. Peter Keane	Galway City Council	0
Cllr. Frank Fahy	Galway City Council	5
Cllr. Donal Lyons	Galway City Council	5
Cllr. Terry O'Flaherty	Galway City Council	5
Cllr. Michael Crowe	Galway City Council	0
Cllr. Pauline O'Reilly	Galway City Council	3
Cllr. Eddie Hoare	Galway City Council	3
***Cllr. Martina O'Connor	Galway City Council	0
Cllr. Noel Larkin	Galway City Council	1
Cllr. Alan Cheevers	Galway City Council	3
Cllr. Owen Hanley	Galway City Council	3
# Deputy Sean Kyne TD	Oireachtas	4
Chief Supt. T Curley	An Garda Síochána	4
Supt. Marie. Skehill	An Garda Síochána	3
Supt. Sean Glynn	An Garda Síochána	1
Acting Supt. Karen Maloney	An Garda Síochána	1
Inspector Peter Conlon	An Garda Síochána	3
Sgt. Sinead Cunniffe	An Garda Síochána	3
**Mr. Joe Loughnane	Galway City Community Network (GCCN)	1
Mr. Tommy Flaherty	Galway City Community Network (GCCN)	5
Ms. Nicola Tierney	Galway City Community Network (GCCN)	2
Mr. John Rabbitte	Galway City Community Network (GCCN)	4
Mr. Cameron Keighron	Galway City Community Network (GCCN)	2
Mr. John Cleary	Galway City Community Network (GCCN)	4
Mr. Brendan McGrath	Galway City Council (Chief Executive)	1
Mr. Thomas Connell	Galway City Council	3
Mr. Gary McMahon	Galway City Council	1
Mr. Brian Barrett	Galway City Council	1

Changes in Membership during 2019

* Ceased membership following the Local Election held on 24th May 2019

** Ceased membership following his resignation in April 2019

*** Ceased membership following her resignation in November 2019

Ceased membership following the General Election held on 8th February 2020

Mr. Joe Loughnane, representing Galway City Community Network (GCCN) resigned from the Galway City JPC during March 2019 and an interim replacement Mr. Cameron Keighron was nominated onto the committee in June 2019. Following the GCCN elections held on 25th September 2019, Mr. Cameron Keighron was elected as a GCCN representative onto the Galway City JPC. There was no further change to the GCCN representatives on the committee.

Cllr. Pdraig Conneely retired from Galway City Council in May 2019 and resigned from the committee. Following the Annual meeting of Galway City Council on the 7th June 2019 following the local election, 11 elected members were nominated onto the committee. Cllr. Martina O'Connor resigned from the committee in November 2019, with Cllr. Noel Larkin being appointed as her replacement by Galway City Council at its November 2019 Ordinary meeting.

Joint Policing Sub-Committees Membership (December 2019)

Strategic Goal 1 To Promote the Safety of all Road Users in Galway City	Strategic Goal 2 To Enhance Community Safety Responses in Galway City with a view to crime prevention	Strategic Goal 3 To reduce and prevent anti-social behaviour in Galway City	Strategic Goal 4 To devise & support Community Engagement models of best practise in Galway City
Cllr Eddie Hoare	Cllr Donal Lyons	Cllr Terry O'Flaherty	Mr Tommy Flaherty
Cllr Frank Fahy	Cllr Mike Cubbard (Chairperson)	Cllr Niall McNelis (Chairperson)	Cllr Owen Hanley
Mr. John Cleary	Mr Cameron Keighron	Cllr Noel Larkin	Cllr Pauline O'Reilly
Mr. John Rabbitte (Chairperson)	Mr Tommy Flaherty	Mr. John Cleary	Mr. Nichola Tierney
		Mr. John Rabbitte	
		Mr. Nichola Tierney	Mr Cameron Keighron
Supt Noel Kelly, Inspector Conor Madden and Inspector Finbarr Philpott	Serg. Michael Walsh and Inspector Peter Conlon	Serg. Michael Walsh, Serg. Peadar Ryan / Sgt. Darragh Browne	Serg. Peadar Ryan / Sgt. Darragh Browne
Mr Francis McEvoy	Ms Caitriona Morgan	Ms Sharon Carroll	Ms Theresa Donohue

Strategic Goal 1: To Promote the Safety of All Road Users in Galway City

	Strategic Objectives (Please list in the same order as on JPC Strategic Plan)	Summarise the actions taken and the progress achieved during the year and any significant difficulties which were encountered	Summarise the advice given by the JPC to the local authority / Gardaí - identify specific recommendations made	Results of advice / Recommendations -identify the feedback received from the local authority / Gardaí
1	School Flashing Lights	New set of solar panel LED lights installed in early 2017 at Menlo School. The following locations had LED upgrades to the School Flashing Lights in 2017: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boleybeg • Bushypark • Castlegar • Headford Road • Renmore 	Advised of areas which should be focused on.	Continued maintenance of School Flashing Lights was carried.
2	Increase cyclist visibility and promote awareness	Highlighted at JPC meetings and subcommittee meetings which brought Gardaí attention to it and asked for extra enforcement in this area. Distribution of High Visibility gear to community groups and general public.	Further enforcement needed. Promotion of road safety campaigns directly, on website and Social Media: Road Safety Week; Bike Week; Project EDWARD – European Day Without A Road Death; Check it Fits Campaign	Very difficult to enforce as you must see a cyclist with poor lighting, no Hi Vis etc. in order to enforce. Ongoing enforcement being carried out.
3	Illegal parking at Walter Macken Road	Raised issue at meetings and requested Galway City Council Community Wardens monitor and patrol the area at certain times i.e. school drop off and pick up.	Galway City Council Community Wardens to be advised of this and asked to attend.	Ongoing

A major programme to assess housing estates in Galway City in regard to the provision of 30km/hr 'slow Zone' Speed Limit zones was carried out and included a full public consultation process. 120 estates were deemed suitable to be designated as 'Slow Zones' and these were incorporated into new Bye-Laws in December 2017, with the programme being completed in January 2018.

Assessment was carried out of Yield signs throughout the city and upgrading works were carried out on same, which resulted in reducing the speed of motorists. The roll out of Driver Speed Feedback Signs within the city was carried out.

Strategic Goal 2: To Enhance Community safety responses in Galway City with a view to Crime Prevention

	Strategic Objectives (Please list in the same order as on JPC Strategic Plan)	Summarise the actions taken and the progress achieved during the year and any significant difficulties which were encountered	Summarise the advice given by the JPC to the local authority / Gardaí - identify specific recommendations made	Results of advice / Recommendations - identify the feedback received from the local authority / Gardaí
1	Support the existing the safety networks to enhance community safety	We endorsed pub watch to support the business community in their new system. A mapping exercise was requested to see what CCTV the Gardaí and Galway City Council have in operation.	Full JPC endorsed this scheme. The Gardaí list has been provided with the GCC work on-going.	Welcomed the support. When complete it will identify where we need to install CCTV.
2	Optimize the use of technology to ensure public safety	Again, we explored the idea of expanding CCTV.	On-going	On-going
3	Support networking with a view to reducing Drug Misuse	Invite issued to the Western Region Drug & Alcohol force to address JPC. Motion sent to full JPC to endorse installation of sharp boxes in all Garda cars in Galway	Invite issued Gardaí were to revert back	Task force visited the JPC meeting. Successful roll out of sharps boxes took place
4	Support networking with a view to addressing domestic and sexual violence	TBA	TBA	TBA

The successful roll out of sharps boxes in all Garda cars now ensures the immediate collection of drug paraphernalia when reported.

A successful mapping exercise commenced of all CCTV in 2018 which will now feed into an action plan where we will recommend to the full JPC the need for further CCTV.

The JPC rolled in behind the business community in endorsing pub watch which supports pubs, restaurants and clubs in communicating as one to ensure Galway's status of a Purple Flag city is upheld.

Strategic Goal 4: Support Community Engagement Models of Best Practice in Galway City

	Strategic Objectives	Summarise the actions taken and the progress achieved during	Summarise the advice	Results of advice / Recommendations
1	Enhance community awareness and participation in schemes offered by various organisations.	<p>The committee chose to focus on developing community relations with elderly residents in the East side of the city and government bodies, in particular a trust and understanding of the Older People Register among residents. The Older People Register is part of the Garda Síochána's Older People Strategy. This register sees the collection of elderly residents' contact details and emergency contact details, which can then be stored at Garda Stations and used if there are concerns about the welfare of a resident.</p> <p>It was agreed in order to progress this that a meeting should be held with the various groups and organisations which assist the elderly. This would also provide information to all residents of any schemes and programmes which they may avail of from both government agencies and the voluntary sector.</p>		

The Sub Committee worked with residents of the Walter Macken flats in an attempt to boost the willingness to participate in The Older People Register. House to house calls were done and individuals were approached and the Older People Register explained to them and residents engaged in the process. There was some uptake on this, however, further work is required to develop a more substantive register. This was considered a first step in advising residents of the services available to them.