

# Annual Report for Kilkenny County Council Joint Policing Committee for Year 2018



## Introduction

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

- (a) keep under review
  - (i) the levels and patterns of crime, disorder and antisocial 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 An 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) coordinate the activities of policing fora established under paragraph (d) or otherwise.

### Kilkenny County Joint Policing Committee's Work Programme for 2018

ISSUES	ACTIONS	PERSONS RESPONSIBLE	PROGRESS ACHIEVED
<p>Crime Statistics, Traffic and Road Safety.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update provided through the year with statistics on Crime, Traffic and Road Safety.</li> </ul>	<p>An Garda Síochána</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Property Crime down 14%</li> <li>•Burglary up 4% - from an already low base. (9 incidents)</li> <li>•Unauthorised taking of Vehicle – reduction of 28%</li> <li>•Theft from persons – reduction of 50% across the County</li> <li>•Theft from shop – reduction of 11% - from a low base</li> <li>•Theft from Vehicle – reduction of 22%</li> <li>•Theft from other property – reduction of 26%</li> <li>•Crimes against a person at night time – incidences of assaults down 9%</li> <li>•Criminal damage – reduction of 2%</li> <li>•Public order offences down</li> <li>•Drug offences – detection rates up 23% for sale and supply offence and up 22% for simple possession.</li> </ul>
<p>Purple Flag Initiative – Safer Socialising.</p>	<p>Kilkenny Chamber of Commerce is investigating the possibility of applying for Purple Flag Status for Kilkenny City. Purple Flag Status is an international accreditation for town centres – safer socialising in the evening and at night from 5.00 p.m. to 5.00 a.m. It is the “Gold</p>	<p>Kilkenny Chamber of Commerce agreed to coordinate with interested parties in association with An Garda Síochána and Kilkenny County Council.</p>	<p>In advance of application An Garda Síochána introduced “Operation City Safe” on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018 which including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•High Visibility Beats</li> <li>•Patrols and static points</li> <li>•Strategic Visibility points</li> <li>•Motor Cycle patrol approaching coaches arriving in City</li> </ul>

	Standard” for night time entertainment/night-time destinations for towns and cities.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Specific drop off &amp; pick up points for coaches</li> <li>•Patrol Van stationed on the Parade.</li> </ul> <p>In addition Kilkenny County Council has commenced the replacement of street lighting with LED lights. LED lights provide much better lighting and are a deterrent to crime and antisocial behaviour.</p>
Community Engagement	Meetings convened throughout Co Kilkenny as part of collaborative engagement with community Listen to Community needs Action local concerns	An Garda Síochána supported by Kilkenny County Council	Six (6) Community Engagement For a held around the County. Four (4) Operation Thor, Project Storms held.
Community Text Alert Scheme	Update on the progress of existing Text Alert Schemes and plans to set up new schemes.	An Garda Síochána	Mapping of Text Alert Schemes in Co Kilkenny ongoing. Awards night held on 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2018. Four Text Alert groups lauched in 2018 – Mulinavat; Ballyragget; Kimacow; Orchard/Ashfield/Asfield East.
CCTV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of An Garda Síochána CCTV system in Kilkenny City, Location of cameras around the City. Proposed location of new cameras and benefits of the system to An Garda Síochána and the business community being examined.</li> <li>• Assisting communities in</li> </ul>	An Garda Síochána and Kilkenny County Council  An Garda Síochána and Kilkenny	The Committee agreed to write to the Minister for Justice seeking funding for the provision of CCTV cameras in 10 – 15 locations around Kilkenny City, but initially seeking funding for 3- 4 areas. Kilkenny County Council is ensuring that cabling is in place for future CCTV requirement when developing infrastructure.

	applying for a grant to the Department of Justice for community based CCTV system.	County Council	Guidance from the Data Protection Commissioners. Community CCTV for 4 no. towns and villages progressing with applications.
Animal Welfare	Introducing bye laws for sulkies for areas in Kilkenny City. Control of horse numbers	An Garda Síochána, Kilkenny County Council and Kilkenny Traveller Movement Network	Introduction of periodical announced and unannounced inspection in areas where horses are managed. Kilkenny County Council is examining possibility of drawing up bye-laws for horse exclusion zones.
Garda Youth Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engaging young people in activities that support the reduction in Criminal and antisocial behaviour.</li> </ul>	An Garda Síochána, Kilkenny County Council and State Street	Kilkenny County Council engaging with Compass project in relation to providing opportunities for Work Experience.
Local Joint Policing Partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposal to pilot Local Policing Partnerships in Municipal Areas of Pilltown and Castlecomer</li> </ul>	An Garda Síochána and Kilkenny County Council	Engagement with Elected Representatives, Community and Social Groups. Initiative to launch in Q3, 2018- Preparation of 5 year strategic plan for Castlecomer. Piltown Local Policing Partnership is due to be launched in Q1 2019.

## **Public Meetings**

Kilkenny County Joint Policing Committee held 1 public meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018 in Urlingford.

**Record of Meetings held in 2018 and list of members**

Please enter the total number of JPC meetings held in the year   5  

Date of each meeting

	21/2/2018	25/4/2018	27/6/2018	24/09/2018	10/10/2018
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Name of Chairperson   Cllr. Fidelis Doherty  

<b>NAME OF MEMBER</b>	<b>ORGANISATION OF WHICH MEMBER</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>NO OF JPC MEETINGS ATTENDED</b>
Cllr. M. Shortall	Kilkenny County Council	Elected member	4
Cllr. David Kennedy	Kilkenny County Council	Elected member	2
Cllr. Melissa O'Neill	Kilkenny County Council	Elected member	2
Cllr. Tomás Breathnach	Kilkenny County Council	Elected member	4
Cllr. Patrick O'Neill	Kilkenny County Council	Elected member	0
Cllr. Michael Doyle	Kilkenny County Council	Elected member	1
Cllr. Fidelis Doherty	Kilkenny County Council	Elected member	5
Cllr. David Fitzgerald	Kilkenny County Council	Elected member	1

Cllr. Pat Dunphy	Kilkenny County Council	Elected member	<b>4</b>
Cllr. Pat Fitzpatrick	Kilkenny County Council	Elected member	<b>4</b>
Cllr. Michael McCarthy	Kilkenny County Council	Elected member	<b>4</b>
Cllr. Joe Malone	Kilkenny County Council	Elected member	<b>4</b>
Cllr. Patrick McKee	Kilkenny County Council	Elected member	<b>1</b>
Cllr. Eamon Aylward	Kilkenny County Council	Elected member	<b>0</b>
Cllr. Ger Frisby	Kilkenny County Council	Elected member	<b>0</b>
Supt. Derek Hughes	An. An Garda Síochána	Superintendent	<b>5</b>
Supt. Gerard Egan	An An Garda Síochána	Superintendent	<b>4</b>
Chief Supt. Dominic Hayes	An An Garda Síochána	Chief Superintendent	<b>5</b>
Ms. Mary Mescal	Community & Voluntary Forum		<b>1</b>
Ms. Breda McDonald	Community & Voluntary Forum		<b>2</b>
Mr. John Hayes	Community & Voluntary Forum		<b>4</b>
Colette Byrne	Kilkenny County Council	Chief Executive, Kilkenny County Council	<b>3</b>
Tim Butler	Kilkenny County Council	Director of Services	<b>4</b>
Anne Maria Walsh	Kilkenny County Council	Senior Executive Officer	<b>3</b>
Catherine Cooney	Kilkenny County Council	A/Administative Officer	<b>1</b>
Teresa Mahon	Kilkenny County Council	Staff Officer	<b>4</b>