

*Annual Report for Kilkenny County Council Joint Policing Committee  
for Year 2022*



*Garda Centenary Commemoration Parade – June 2022*

**Approved by Kilkenny Joint Policing Committee on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2023**

## KILKENNY COUNTY JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE'S WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2022

ISSUES	ACTIONS	PERSONS RESPONSIBLE	PROGRESS ACHIEVED
<p><i>Crime Statistics</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Deliver improved investigative outcomes on all aspect of crime investigation and detection.</li> </ul>	<p>Garda Síochána</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 9,004 crime patrols carried out.</li> <li>▪ Burglary (Not Aggravated) 110,</li> <li>▪ Theft from shop 299,</li> <li>▪ Theft from Vehicle 94,</li> <li>▪ Theft from other property 174</li> <li>▪ Assaults 23</li> <li>▪ Assaults Causing Harm 83</li> <li>▪ Assault Minor 188</li> <li>▪ Domestic abuse 271 (301 in 2021)</li> <li>▪ Incidents of Fraud/Economic crime 304 in 2021 and 173 in 2022.</li> </ul>
<p><i>Traffic and Road Safety</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Reduce collisions, road deaths and serious injuries through enforcement of key lifesaver offences (e.g. speeding, driving under the influence or impaired driving, seatbelt and mobile phone offences).</li> <li>❖ Promotion of the Road Safety Message through all available platforms including education, engagement, enforcement and engineering</li> <li>❖ Complete the process of drafting the Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030 for Kilkenny once guidance has been received from the RSA.</li> </ul>	<p>Garda Síochána / Kilkenny County Council.</p> <p>Garda Síochána / Kilkenny County Council.</p> <p>Kilkenny County Council.</p>	<p>526 MIT checkpoints conducted and 1,331 mandatory intoxication tests carried out.</p> <p>Traffic collisions resulting in serious injury (18) are up on 2021 (8). 6 Fatalities in 2022 and 1 in 2021.</p> <p>Secondary Schools in Kilkenny District visited by Community Engagement Unit and Road Safety Message delivered.</p> <p>Kilkenny County Council spent €397,400 on 19 schemes across the County under the Low Cost Safety programme in 2022.</p> <p>5<sup>th</sup> National Road Safety Strategy 2021 - 2030 launched in December, 2021. Work on County Kilkenny's strategy commenced in 2022 and will be completed by end of 2023.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Promotion of the Divisional Protection Service Unit to support victims including victims of domestic abuse, sexual offences and trafficking.</li> </ul>	Garda Síochána.	Kilkenny Gardaí published videos on social media to support victims of domestic abuse during period of Covid-19 pandemic. Go Purple Day and ongoing engagement with 1 million stars along with Amber women's refuge
<b>Keeping People Safe</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Maintain operation City Safe with the objective of reducing incidents of public assaults.</li> <li>❖ Implement and monitor Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy</li> </ul>	Garda Síochána.  Kilkenny County Council	Covid 19 restrictions remained in place for the greater part of 2022. Operation Citysafe continued to be undertaken by the Gardaí during any period of re-openings.
<b>Community Text Alert Scheme</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Support Text Alert Schemes and plans to set up new schemes.</li> </ul>	Garda Síochána.	In person meetings had returned for 2022
<b>Crime Prevention, Detection - CCTV</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Overview of An Garda Síochána CCTV system in Kilkenny City. Progress the provision of additional Garda cameras at additional locations.</li> <li>❖ Assist communities in applying for grant aid to the Department of Justice for community-based CCTV.</li> </ul>	Garda Síochána/ Kilkenny County Council  Garda Síochána/ Kilkenny County Council.	20 additional cameras to be provided in Kilkenny City & 4 cameras to be transferred from Kilkenny County Council to An Garda Síochána. Mapping and public consultation completed in 2021. Full application submitted to the National Community Relations Office in 2022. Consultant appointed in February 2022 to prepare Implementation and Transmission Report
<b>Animal Welfare</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Continue to prioritise the welfare of all animals in the County. Implement Bye-Laws adopted by Kilkenny County Council</li> </ul>	Kilkenny County Council, Kilkenny Traveller Movement Network supported by An Garda Síochána.	Control of Horses Bye laws 2020 adopted by Kilkenny County Council in March, 2021. Council and Gardaí implemented Bye Laws as required.
<b>Control of Drugs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Develop a multi-agency approach for reducing the availability of and harm caused by controlled drugs.</li> <li>❖ Support the Drug Awareness Task Force</li> <li>❖ Educate and advise young people on using controlled drugs</li> </ul>	Garda Síochána, Kilkenny County Council and other Agencies.  Garda Síochána, Kilkenny County Council and other Agencies.	Safer socialising talks continue to be delivered by An Garda Síochána with transition year students in Kilkenny District  An Garda Síochána commenced an awareness programme in collaboration with Kilkenny GAA in 2022 – HEED Drugs ruin Lives. 8 out of 10 events have been held to date



## PUBLIC MEETING

Kilkenny County Joint Policing Committee did not hold a public meeting in 2022 because of the Covid Pandemic restrictions.



- Restoration Improvement Works -  
*Annamult Road, Bennettsbridge, County Kilkenny*

NAME OF MEMBER	ORGANISATION OF WHICH MEMBER	TITLE	NO OF JPC MEETINGS ATTENDED
Ms. Colette Murphy	Community & Voluntary Forum		1/4
Ms. Helena Power	Community & Voluntary Forum		1/4
Mr. Sannual Morgan	Community & Voluntary Forum		0/4
Ms. Marion Acreman	Kilkenny Chamber of Commerce		4/4
Mr. Anthony Morrisson	Vintners Association		3/4
Ms. Colette Byrne	Kilkenny County Council	Former Chief Executive	1/4
Mr Sean McKeown	Kilkenny County Council	Acting Chief Executive	3/4
Mr. Tim Butler	Kilkenny County Council	Director of Services	4/4
Ms. Anne Maria Walsh	Kilkenny County Council	Senior Executive Officer	4/4
Mr. Andrew Wall	Kilkenny County Council	A/Staff Officer	1/4
Ms. Alison McGrath	Kilkenny County Council	A/Staff Officer	1/4
Ms. Teresa Mahon	Kilkenny County Council	Staff Officer	1/4