

## COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA

Áras an Chontae,

Cora Droma Ruisc.

28<sup>th</sup> January, 2019

### **Agenda Item No. 2: Annual Report of Leitrim Joint Policing Committee 2018**

Dear Member,

The Joint Policing Committee (JPC) is required to submit a report to the full Council on its activities for the previous year in accordance with Section 36(5) of the Garda Síochána Act no later than 3 months after the end of each year. A copy of the report must also be furnished to the Minister for Justice and Equality and the Garda Commissioner. Please find outlined summary of the progress achieved by the JPC in implementing the JPC Work Programme together with a summary of the key achievements of the JPC for 2018 and details of the public meeting of the JPC.

#### **Item No. 1 – Summary of Progress implementing JPC's Work Programme.**

- An update on the progress achieved in delivering the objectives of the JPC Strategic Plan 2015 – 2020 was provided.
- The JPC Annual Work Programme for 2018 was agreed and progressed throughout 2018.
- The Chief Bureau Officer, Patrick Clavin, from the Criminal Assets Bureau addressed the JPC and gave a presentation to the Committee regarding the working of the Criminal Assets Bureau.
- The JPC commended Comhairle na nÓg on the very successful launch of the ‘Use Your Brain Not Your Fists’ public safety campaign. The JPC also expressed their gratitude to the Dolan family in particular for their assistance with this campaign.
- The JPC received an update on progress achieved in the implementation of the Road Safety Plan 2016 – 2020.
- The JPC received a demonstration on the use of a Telesis Property Marking Machine from Sergeant Jim Fox, of the Garda Crime Prevention Unit in Sligo.
- At each meeting the JPC received updates on general policing issues and statistics in relation to reported crimes in the county.

#### **Item No. 2: Three key achievements of the JPC during the year.**

1. The JPC Public Meeting on the theme of ‘Youth Safety’ provided a forum for members of the public to address any particular concerns they have in relation to policing in Leitrim. Leitrim Comhairle na nÓg delivered a presentation on their ‘Use your brain not your fist’ project. An Garda Síochána also gave a presentation on policing in Leitrim.
2. The JPC continued to implement the objectives of the JPC Strategic Plan 2016-2020

3. The demonstration from Sergeant Jim Fox , Garda Crime Prevention Unit in Sligo, on the Telesis Property Marking Machine was very informative and highlighted how together with community signage, this machine is helping to prevent the theft of property, particularly in rural areas.

**Item No. 3 – Public Meetings hosted by the JPC during the year.**

Section 36(2) (c) of the Garda Siochana Act provides that the function of a JPC is, inter alia, to 'arrange and host public meetings concerning matters affecting the policing of the local authority's administrative area'. A Public Meeting of the JPC took place on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2018 at 7.30 p.m. in Bee Park Community Centre, Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim. The theme of the meeting was "Youth Safety". Public notification issued in this regard and the public also had the opportunity to submit questions for consideration at the meeting. The next Public Meeting of the JPC is scheduled to take place in Quarter 1, 2019.

Yours sincerely,

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