

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA

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Cora Droma Ruisc.

27th February, 2018

Agenda Item No. : Annual Report of Leitrim Joint Policing Committee 2017

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 2017 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 2017 was agreed and progressed in 2017.
- Mr. Joe Dolan addressed the JPC in relation to the proposed installation of a CCTV system as a Community Led Scheme in Carrick on Shannon. The JPC pledged their support for the proposal which is identified as an action in the JPC Strategic Plan.
- Mr. Philip Rooney, Manorhamilton Enterprise Forum addressed the JPC in relation to the proposal to enhance, upgrade and extend the Manorhamilton Community CCTV system in order to encompass the full North Leitrim area. The JPC pledged their support for the proposal which is identified as an action in the JPC Strategic Plan.
- The JPC received an update on progress achieved in the implementation of the Road Safety Plan 2016 – 2020.
- The JPC received a presentation on Child Internet Safety from Detective Sergeant Smyth, from the Garda National Protective Services Bureau.
- At each meeting the JPC received updates from Superintendent Kevin English on general policing issues in the county.
- The membership of the JPC was extended to make provision for the inclusion of representatives from the Business Community in Carrick-on-Shannon and Manorhamilton.

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

1. The JPC Public Meeting on the theme of 'Community Safety in Leitrim' was well attended and provided a forum for members of the public to address any particular concerns they

have in relation to policing in Leitrim. An informative presentation by the Victims Support Unit of An Garda Siochana was also given at the meeting.

2. The JPC continued to implement the objectives of the JPC Strategic Plan and in particular pledged support for the expansion of the CCTV Scheme in Manorhamilton and for a new CCTV Scheme in Carrick-on-Shannon.
3. The presentation on Child Internet Safety form Detective Sergeant Smyth, from the Garda National Protective Services Bureau was very informative and raised an awareness of the dangers that young people may encounter through their on-line activities. This item received considerable publicity in the local media.

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 Tuesday 28th February, 2017 at 8 p.m. in the Mayflower Hall, Drumshanbo, Co. Leitrim and was well attended. The theme of the meeting was "Community Safety in Leitrim". 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, 2018.

Yours sincerely,



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& Emergency Services