COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA

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28th February, 2017

Agenda Item No. 12: Annual Report of Leitrim Joint Policing Committee 2016

Dear Member,

The Joint Policing Committee (JPC) is required to submit a report to the full Council on it's activities for the previous year in accordance with Section 36 (5) of the Garda Siochana 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, Equality and Law Reform 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 2016 and details of the public meeting of the JPC.

Item No. 1: Summary of Progress implementing JPC's Work Programme

- The JPC Annual Work Programme for 2016 was agreed in February, 2016 following the adoption of the JPC Strategic Plan.
- The JPC established a JPC Sub-Group to examine the night-time economy in Carrick-on-Shannon. The JPC considered the proposed introduction of Draft Drinking Bye-laws for Carrick-on-Shannon.
- The JPC received a presentation on the Road Safety Plan 2016-2020 was given by Ms. Johanna Daly, Road Safety Officer.
- The JPC received a presentation from Superintendent Kevin English on general policing issues in the county and they also received a presentation from Superintendent Kevin English on public order offences.
- The JPC received a presentation from Mr. Sean O'Connor, NW Regional Drugs Co-Ordinator on the mis-use of alcohol and drugs in the county.

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

1. Adoption of Leitrim Joint Policing Committee Draft Strategic Plan 2015-2020.

The JPC Strategic Plan was adopted following a public consultation process at the February meeting of the JPC.

2. Report from the JPC Sub-Committee on the Night-time economy in Carrick-on-Shannon which recommended the introduction of Draft Drinking Bye-laws for Carrick-on-Shannon.

This item was discussed by the JPC and it was agreed at the November meeting of the JPC that the proposed introduction of the draft bye-laws would be deferred for a 12-month period. It was also agreed that there will be more regular stakeholder engagement between the local authority, the Gardai and the businesses involved.

3. Leitrim County Council's Draft Anti-Social Behaviour Policy was reviewed by the JPC and recommended for adoption.

The Anti-Social Behaviour Policy was adopted at the November Council Meeting.

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 is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 28th February, 2017 at 8 p.m. in the Mayflower Hall, Drumshanbo, Co. Leitrim. The theme of the meeting is '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.

Yours Sincerely,

Mary Quinn,

Director of Services, Housing, Corporate, Culture

& Emergency Services.