



AN TÚDARÁS PÓILÍNEACHTA
POLICING AUTHORITY

Minutes of Code of Ethics Committee

Date: 12 April 2016

Venue: 90 North King Street, Dublin7

Attendance

Authority: Pat Costello (Chair), Judith Gillespie, Vicky Conway, Bob Collins

Secretary: Darragh Stapleton

Executive: Catherine Pierse, Christopher Campbell

Garda Síochána: (for item 1.2 below)

Mr. Ken Ruane, Garda Síochána Head of Legal
Chief Superintendent Mark Curran
Grainne Shorthall

No conflicts of interest were declared in relation to any of the matters for discussion.

The following matters were considered and discussed as set out in the agenda:

- 1.1 Prep for meeting with GS
- 1.2 Briefing from the Garda Síochána in relation to the process to prepare the previous draft of Code of Ethics
- 1.3 Minutes from the last meeting
- 1.4 Update from the executive in relation to the steps take to publicise the consultation
- 1.5 Update from the Executive in relation to review done of other EU Codes of Conduct and other professions [Paper to follow] , updated timeline and intended next steps.
- 1.6 Link to the disciplinary code
- 1.7 Speaking up provisions
- 1.8 AOB

2. Actions and matters of Note

2.1. The minutes from the Committee meeting of 7 March 2016 were agreed and signed by the chair.

2.2 The Garda representatives provided a brief on the process they conducted in preparing the previous draft Code of Ethics, including detail in relation to the steps taken to consult in relation to the draft Code. The chair thanked the Garda representatives for the very useful background information. Following the presentation there was a full discussion with Garda representatives exploring a range of relevant issues and challenges.

2.3 The Executive confirmed that the consultation paper was issued on Thursday 7 April and provided an update to the Committee on the steps that were taken to publicise the paper. The responses that have been received so far were brought to the attention of the Committee.

2.4 An update was provided to the Committee by the Executive on the proposed next steps to be taken in preparing the draft code. It was agreed that the Executive would provide a briefing to the Committee on a summary of the underlying themes referred to in other policing codes of Ethics and other professions at the next meeting.

2.5 The updated timeline mapping out steps that need to be taken provided by the Executive to the Committee was discussed. The Committee agreed that it would be beneficial to hold an open public forum in September to facilitate consultation.

2.6 There was a discussion about whether “speaking up” should be required or encouraged. It was agreed that this matter would be revisited.

2.7 The meetings dates for the rest of 2016 were agreed to as: 14 July at 2pm, 1 Sept at 10am, 11 Oct at 10am, 8 Nov at 10am and 5 Dec at 10am.