

Minutes of Meeting of the Policing Authority

Date: 11 July 2016

Venue: 90 North King Street, Dublin 7

PART A - AUTHORITY MEETING

Attendance

Authority: Josephine Feehily (Chairperson), Bob Collins, Vicky Conway, Pat Costello, Moling

Ryan.

By Conference call: Noel Brett, Judith Gillespie, Valerie Judge.

Apologies: Maureen Lynott

Secretary: Aileen Healy

Executive: Helen Hall (Chief Executive)

1. Chairpersons opening remarks

The agenda was approved and no conflicts of interest were declared in relation to any of the matters for discussion.

2. Response to the Department's request for advice

The Chair referred to the request from the Department of Justice and Equality asking for the Authority's input as a matter of urgency on a number of matters, namely organisational structures in the Garda Síochána and the Authority's view on Garda resources in the context of the forthcoming estimates campaign for 2017 as provided for in section 62H (2)(b) of the Act. The response to this request was discussed in detail.

It was agreed that the Chairperson and the CEO would finalise and issue the response to the Department, taking account of the discussion and the consensus of the meeting. It was agreed that once finalised and submitted to the Department that this response would be shared with the Garda Commissioner.

No.	Action point	By Date	By Whom
A_008_01	The Chairperson and CEO to finalise and issue a	Immediate	Chairperson
	response to the Department of Justice and Equality.		and CEO

3. Other Business

It was noted that correspondence has been received from the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality requesting that the Authority oversee a review of the boundaries of Garda districts and the dispersement of Garda stations. A short paper on the approach to this project will be tabled for discussion at the next meeting of the Authority.