

## Minutes of Meeting of Policing Strategy and Performance Committee

Date: 14 July 2016

Venue: 90 North King Street, Dublin7.

## Attendance

Authority: Judith Gillespie (Chair), Vicky Conway, Josephine Feehily

Apologies: Maureen Lynott, Noel Brett

Secretary: Richard O'Neill

**Executive:** Christopher Campbell, Helen Hall

## Garda Síochána:

- Deputy Commissioner Dónall O'Cualáin, Strategy and Change Management
- Assistant Commissioner Jack Nolan, Organisation Development & Strategic Planning
- Superintendent John Keegan, Strategy and Change Management
- Dr. Gurchand Singh, Head of the Garda Analyst Service
- 1. The following matters were considered and discussed as set out in the agenda:
  - 1.1. Strategy Statement 2016-2018
  - 1.2. Policing Plan 2016 Performance to date
  - 1.3. 2017 Policing Priorities

## 2. Actions and matters of note

- 2.1. Minutes of the Committee meeting of 14 June 2016 were agreed.
- 2.2. The Committee welcomed and noted the updated Garda Strategy Statement and agreed changes to same with the Garda representatives. It was agreed that this concluded the consultation with the Garda Commissioner anticipated in section 21 of the Act and that the Authority would proceed to submit the Strategy Statement to the Tánaiste for her consent in accordance with the Act. The Chair expressed her appreciation for the constructive discussion which led to the mutual agreement and approval by the Authority of the final draft Strategy Statement.
- 2.3. The Committee discussed current performance against the Policing Plan 2016, focusing on the fall in detections generally and in the area of roads policing, and remedial action being taken by the Garda Síochána. It was agreed that a presentation or paper by the Garda

- Traffic Bureau on the science underpinning road safety campaigns would be of benefit at a future Committee meeting and potentially at a future meeting of the Authority.
- 2.4. The initial draft Policing priorities for 2017 were discussed and Garda representatives expressed broad satisfaction with same. It was agreed that the priorities would form the basis of a joint workshop on 13 September 2016 which will discuss matching performance indicators and targets to these priorities.
- 2.5. It was agreed that a facilitator would enhance the work at the 13 September 2016 workshop and that Garda representatives will source an appropriate person for this role.
- 2.6. The Committee agreed that the Authority will refine its thinking on broadening the Garda Síochána Public Attitudes Survey and would revert to the Garda representatives once this has been considered by the Authority.
- 2.7. The Committee requested the results of the latest Garda Síochána Public Attitudes Survey.
- 2.8. The Culture audit was discussed and it was agreed that it was important that while the audit would be commissioned by the Garda Síochána that it be independently carried out. It was further agreed that appropriate time should be given to designing what was required from the audit, that the views of the Authority would be sought, and that the contract to conduct the Audit would be awarded before the end of 2016.