



AN TÚDARÁS PÓILÍNEACHTA
POLICING AUTHORITY

Minutes – Policing Strategy and Performance Committee Meeting

Date: 14 June 2018

Venue: 90 North King Street, Dublin 7.

Part A – Committee Meeting

Attendance

Authority: Judith Gillespie (Chair), Noel Brett, Maureen Lynott, Ronan Nolan, Vicky Conway,

Secretary: Fiona Larthwell

Executive: Margaret Tumelty, David Pasley, Karen Shelly, Mark Nother, Úna Ní Éigeartaigh

Apologies:

1. Closed session – Authority Members only

The standing option to conduct a closed session was not exercised.

2. Chair's Opening Remarks

Minutes of the previous meeting were noted, there were no matters arising or interests declaration. The chair briefed the committee on two updates arising from the May Authority meeting:

- Meeting with Dr. Cyril Sullivan (Garda Síochána Audit Committee Chair)
- Discussion on the Domestic Violence Act 2018

3. Executive Update

The Committee received a briefing from the Executive on a number of engagements in the previous month, including:

- meetings with stakeholders such as ENAR, Pavee Point and BeLong To relating to diversity and inclusion;
- site visits to Cork, Galway and Rosslare;
- a meeting held with Assistant Commissioner Finn about the national plan for improving detections; and
- a meeting held to discuss the approach to the development of the Policing Plan 2019.

It was agreed that a new approach would be taken to the observation of PAF meetings whereby the Executive would coordinate with PALO to attend a series of linked PAF meetings at different levels of the organisation.

The Committee was informed of an upcoming interdepartmental working group progress report on roads policing.

The Executive briefed the Committee on the ongoing review of homicides, and the receipt of an interim review report covering 8 of the 41 cases under review immediately prior to the meeting. The Executive noted that the Garda Síochána had confirmed that these cases had been signed off by the full review team. It was noted that the Executive would be attending an upcoming meeting with the review team.

4. Meeting Dates

Meeting dates were agreed to the end of December 2018.

5. Policing Plan Performance Evaluation

The Committee noted that a report on Garda performance against the Policing Plan was received as agreed. However, there were concerns with the standard of the report as not all targets were reported against and there were inconsistent RAG statuses throughout.

The Committee agreed that the A/Cs and Executive Directors responsible for areas in the Plan not reported on in recent monthly reports will be invited to upcoming Committee meetings to discuss the progress being made in these areas of the Plan. The Committee agreed that the primary focus of the June meeting would be performance against the Policing Plan in the year to date, in order to inform the half-yearly Policing Performance Report.

The approach to the 2019 Policing Plan was briefly discussed, including the various options for the Garda Síochána such as extending the current plan in line with the extension of the Strategy or producing a plan for the calendar year, as normal.

6. Policing Priorities

The draft policing priorities were discussed and agreed, subject to the 'illegal weapons' heading being moved from Crimes against the Person to the Organised Crime section of the priorities.

7. Policing Plan Half-Year Report

The approach to the Half-Year report was discussed and agreed. It will include a specific focus on the status of the Policing Plan within the Garda Síochána, as well as key developments in roads policing, homicide and detections.

8. Public Attitudes Survey

The Committee discussed a number of points of interest arising from the publication of the 2017 survey and requested the provision of trend analyses by the Executive.

Part B – Committee Meeting with Garda Síochána Representatives

Attendance

Authority and Executive: As above

Garda Síochána: Assistant Commissioner Mick Finn (South Eastern Region), Assistant Commissioner Orla McPartlin (Western Region), Mr David Gilbride (Executive Director for Strategy and Transformation), Inspector Paul Franey (Strategic Planning Unit), Chief Superintendent Brian Sutton

9. Closed session

The standing option to conduct a closed session was not exercised.

10. Homicide Review

Garda Representatives provided an update on the Homicide Review including an oral presentation on the interim report. The Garda Síochána intend to provide a second interim report on the next 8 cases. Garda Representatives will not be in a position to provide a timeline for its completion until reviews have commenced, as there are a number of potential unseen variables that can affect its duration. Assurances were received that the full Review Team had signed up to the interim report.

11. Policing Plan

Garda Reps were notified of the Committee's intention to invite A/Cs and Executive Directors whose areas were not being adequately reported against to upcoming meetings. There was an acknowledgement from Garda Representatives that there was a need to improve reporting quality and that this requires a better infrastructure, resourcing and prioritisation of reporting, particularly on an on-the-ground level, which would benefit from an improved practice of designing local policing plans that were aligned with national plans.

The Committee was provided with a presentation on a strategic planning initiative that will deliver an integration of national and local policing plans, including a national rollout of training and guidance resources for local planning. The content of the presentation was welcomed by the Committee.

12. Detections Plan

A/C Finn gave an update to the Committee on the latest iteration of the detections plan, as updated from the plan provided to the Authority in July 2017. The Committee was also informed that the plan is to be presented and signed-off at the next Executive Meeting and that further work is required in respect of the National Intelligence Model which would require investment going forward, specifically in relation to IT. The Committee expressed its concern that very little of the Detections Plan submitted in July 2017 had been implemented and that there was little evidence that the detections issue had any organisational impetus to date.

13. Public Attitudes Survey

Attention was drawn to several statistics arising from the survey. The scores achieved against various survey questions were discussed.

14. AOB

The following issues were discussed under AOB:

- It was noted by the Committee that although the May Monthly Tactical Assessment reported that road traffic offences were down that this was at a time when numbers of checkpoints are also falling, and despite an increase in road traffic resources;
- The Committee raised concerns regarding the high number of training days scheduled across various activities in the absence of a training strategy and noted that these issues continue to be discussed at the Organisational Development Committee.;
- Garda Representatives informed the Committee there was a meeting arranged with the CSO to discuss sexual offences and the crime counting rules and that the Executive would be updated after this.

Actions

No.	Action Point	By Date	By Whom
PSP_024_01	Provide second interim report on Homicides	When complete	GS
PSP_024_02	Identify areas on the Policing Plan for in-depth review, including areas of persistent under-reporting areas, and invite appropriate Business Owners or Leads to attend the July Committee meeting	16 July	PA / GS
PSP_024_03	Reiterate the GAR request for the RFT on driver training	ASAP	PA / GS
PSP_024_04	Executive and PALO to liaise on rescheduling of PAF dates to allow for attendance at a successive series of PAFs	ASAP	PA / GS
PSP_024_05	Invite the Inspectorate to the JPC Event, and build in the Policing Plan Framework into the consultation event	4 July	PA
PSP_024_06	Prepare the draft Policing Plan half year review	16 July	PA
PSP_024_07	Provide analysis on the Public Attitudes Survey	16 July	PA
PSP_024_08	Attend the next meeting of the Homicide Review team	27 June	PA
PSP_024_09	Refer the issue of the accommodation re: ports to the GODC	10 July	PA
PSP_024_10	Adjust the draft Policing Priorities in line with discussions, and present to the Authority	28 June	PA
PSP_024_11	Consider how site visits and reporting could support the Policing Plan Framework	Ongoing	PA
PSP_024_12	Include planning for the Policing Plan 2019 on the next agenda	16 July	PA
PSP_024_13	Notify GS FOI Officer in case of FOI requests relating to Homicide Review	As appropriate	PA
PSP_024_14	Circulate new meeting dates	ASAP	PA