



AN TÚDARÁS PÓILÍNEACHTA  
POLICING AUTHORITY

**Minutes of Code of Ethics Committee**

**Date: 08 June 2017**

**Venue: 90 North King Street, Dublin 7**

**Attendance**

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

**Executive:** Catherine Pierse, Karen Shelly, Annie O'Malley

**Secretary:** Seán Carpenter

***Garda Síochána (for item 1.4 below):***

11:30 to 11:40 Executive Director Human Resources and People Development (HRPD)

11:30 to 12:00 Assistant Commissioner Dublin Metropolitan Region

11:35 to 12:00 Deputy Commissioner Policing and Security

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

**1. The following items were considered and discussed as set out in the agenda:**

- 1.1 Chairperson's opening Remarks
- 1.2 Minutes of last meeting
- 1.3 Discussion around the dissemination of the Code of Ethics
- 1.4 Meeting with Garda Síochána representatives
- 1.5 Follow-up discussion
- 1.6 Greco evaluation process outline
- 1.7 AOB

**2 Actions and matters of note:**

- 2.1 There was no Closed Session required by Authority members.

- 2.2 The Committee Chair informed the Committee that Vicky Conway would no longer be on the Ethics Committee due to her level of other commitments, and wished to thank her for all of her work on the project. There was a discussion about whether a replacement should be identified and it was decided that one was not necessary at this time but that the matter will be kept under review.
- 2.3 The Committee expressed concern about the draft document entitled "*An Garda Síochána Code of Ethics: A Code of Practice for the Principles and Standards of Professional Behaviour for An Garda Síochána*". The purpose of this document is unclear and the Committee felt that if published, it could cause confusion.
- 2.4 It was agreed that in the absence of a plan to embed the Code of Ethics, a letter is to be sent for the attention of the Garda Commissioner expressing the concerns of the Committee. The letter is to highlight the Committee's concern at the lack of progress being made.
- 2.5 The Executive Director HRPD informed the Committee he was stepping aside from his role in relation to the rollout of the Code of Ethics and he gave assurance that his office will continue to engage fully. The Committee expressed their appreciation for the work he had carried out on the project to date.
- 2.6 The Deputy Commissioner Policing and Security stated that he would prefer to close the meeting and confirmed that an update will be provided to the Authority before the next Authority meeting. In this regard, the Committee requested that the Garda Commissioners monthly report should include the update on the rollout of the Code.
- 2.7 The GRECO evaluation process was referred to. This is the Council of Europe's anti-corruption monitoring body. It was agreed that it would be useful to see how GRECO is concerned with matters relating to the Code of Ethics.