



Minutes of Code of Ethics Committee

Date: 7 December 2017

Venue: 90 North King Street, Dublin 7

Attendance:

Authority: Pat Costello (Chair), Judith Gillespie

Executive: Catherine Pierse, Annie O' Malley

Secretary: Carol-Ann Burke

Apologies: Bob Collins

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

1. Part A & C - Meeting of Code of Ethics Committee

1.1. The following items were considered and discussed as set out in the agenda for this section of the meeting:

- Chairperson's opening remarks
- Minutes of last meeting
- Ethics Committee Meeting Dates and frequency for 2018
- Garda Síochána plan for rolling out the Code of Ethics

Actions and matters of note:

1.2 The Committee discussed and considered the following:

- The Committee agreed to meet in January, March, May, July, September and November next year and will forward exact proposed dates.

2. Part B - Meeting with Garda Síochána representatives

Attendance

Authority and Executive: As above

Garda Síochána: Mr. Alan Mulligan (Director of HR), Superintendent Jo O'Leary (HRPD), Superintendent Brian Conway (Garda College), Sergeant Fiona Broderick (HRPD)
Ms. Monica Collins

Apologies: Mr. Patrick Leahy (Assistant Commissioner DMR, Community Engagement and Public Safety), Sarah Myler (Superintendent National Vetting Bureau)

2.1 The following items were considered and discussed:

- Update on the Garda Síochána Code of Ethics roll out plan.

Actions and matters of note:

- The Committee welcomed the commitment by the Executive and Senior Management to ensure that the Code of Ethics training is completed by end Quarter 2 2018 and sign a declaration to abide by the Code.
- The Garda Síochána representatives provided an update on the Ethics Strategy, which is currently under development.
- The Garda Síochána representatives indicated that the Draft Decision Making Model is being finalised by the Ethics Experts Group.
- In response to a question from the Committee, the Garda Síochána representatives reassured the Committee that the trainers would be provided guidance on key policies (eg hospitality etc..) that are likely to be discussed during training day sessions and that a mechanism would be put in place to facilitate learning from feedback that arises from the training sessions.