

Minutes of Meeting of Policing Strategy and Performance Committee

Date: 09 March 2017

Venue: HIQA, George's Court, George's Lane, Smithfield, Dublin 7

Attendance

Authority: Vicky Conway (Acting Chair), Noel Brett
Apologies: Judith Gillespie, Maureen Lynott
Secretary: Richard O'Neill
Executive: Margaret Tumelty, Úna Ní Éigeartaigh

- 1. The following matters were considered and discussed as set out in the agenda:
 - 1.1. Proxy indicators
 - 1.2. Performance report with interim milestones
 - 1.3. Roads Policing

2. Actions and matters of note

- 2.1. Members noted the unusual nature of the meeting, namely that Garda representatives would not be in attendance. The portion of the meeting scheduled for a discussion on roads policing with the Garda Síochána was cancelled. This was due to the fact that data and information requested from the Garda Síochána to support the discussion was not ready in time for the meeting and insufficient notice was given of the fact to allow for the meeting to be rescheduled. The information when received will inform the Authority's preparations for the April Authority meeting to be held in public.
- 2.2. The Committee was updated on the work of the Executive in liaising with organisations that hold data relevant to Garda performance and Members were satisfied that further meetings would be held with similar bodies. A report on this work will be furnished to the Committee in May.
- 2.3. The monthly performance report was considered in detail and a number of questions were raised in relation to its content. The Committee noted that in areas marked rag status amber or red, insufficient detail is provided regarding the factors which are impacting on the work and what corrective action is being taken. The Executive will liaise with Garda representatives regarding the queries and reiterate the need for more detail on the areas marked rag status amber and red.

- 2.4. Members discussed the approach to the April meeting of the Authority, specifically the section of the public meeting to deal with roads policing. It was agreed that a number of groups would be invited to set out by a specified date any issues or concerns or information they have pertinent to Garda performance in relation to roads policing. The key themes to be explored at the meeting were also agreed. It was also agreed that the Garda Síochána would be asked for a submission in advance of the meeting. The Executive will produce a paper on roads policing summarising the key issues for the Authority in advance of its April meeting. The Authority will consider the proposed approach at its meeting on March 24 next.
- 2.5. The document received from the Garda Síochána in relation to roads policing was considered in detail. The Committee noted the level of work involved in producing the document and expressed the view that outstanding requests for data be provided to the Authority in advance of the April meeting. A number of discrepancies in the roads policing figures were discussed and it was agreed that the Garda Síochána would be asked to address these. The Committee asked that the regional roads policing plans be requested by the Executive.