



AN TÚDARÁS PÓILÍNEACHTA
POLICING AUTHORITY

Minutes of Meeting of the Policing Authority

Date: 6 June 2019

Venue: 90 King Street North and by Conference Call (CC)

Part A – Authority Meeting

Attendance

Authority: Josephine Feehily (Chairperson), Bob Collins, Vicky Conway, Pat Costello, Judith Gillespie (CC), Valerie Judge(CC), Maureen Lynott(CC), Paul Mageean (CC), Moling Ryan(CC)

Secretary: Aileen Healy

Staff of the Authority: Helen Hall (Chief Executive)

1. Chairperson's Opening Remarks

The draft agenda was discussed and approved. No conflicts of interest were declared in relation to items on the agenda.

The Chairperson updated members on her recent meeting with the Secretary General of the Department of Justice and Equality.

2. Policing Plan 2019

Members discussed proposals to make changes, arising from queries from the Department of Justice and Equality, to the Policing Plan for 2019, noting that the plan has already been approved by the Authority and submitted for the Minister's consent. It was also noted that the matters cited by the Department would have required some weakening of commitments made by the Garda Commissioner, which the Authority was hesitant to do. It was considered that the concern about alignment with the Policing Service for the Future Implementation Plan was fully met in substance and, in light of the relatively minor nature of the changes proposed, it was agreed that the original plan as approved should stand.

No.	Action point	By Date	By Whom
A_055_01	The Chief Executive to convey the Authority's views regarding proposals to change the Policing Plan 2019 to the Department.	ASAP	Chief Executive

3. Consideration of the referral of a matter to GSOC

Members discussed clarifications received in relation to specific outstanding queries discussed at their meeting on 23 May with regard to a recent collapsed trial. In light of a number of residual questions and the Authority having no statutory investigative or enquiry powers, it decided to refer the entire matter to

the Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission in accordance with section 102(7)(a) of the Garda Síochána Act 2005 (as amended) with a view to their considering an independent investigation of the matter.

No.	Action point	By Date	By Whom
A_055_02	The Chief Executive to formally refer a matter to GSOC in accordance with Section 102(7)(a) of the Garda Síochána Act.	ASAP	Chief Executive