



AN TÚDARÁS PÓILÍNEACHTA
POLICING AUTHORITY

Publication of Policing Authority Statement of Strategy 2016-18

The Policing Authority is pleased to publish today its first [Strategy Statement](#) relating to the period 2016-2018.

Presenting the Strategy Statement to the Tánaiste, the Chairperson of the Authority, Ms. Josephine Feehily, said that:

“it is my privilege, with my colleagues on the Policing Authority, to present our first Strategy Statement setting out our ambitious work programme for the period ahead, our priorities and the outcomes that we hope to achieve”.

Ms. Feehily acknowledged with appreciation the work that members of the Garda Síochána do to keep the public safe in their homes, on the roads and in public places, often willingly taking risks on their behalf.

The Statement sets out for the first time the Authority’s vision of a society served by a professional, impartial, constantly improving police organisation which deserves and enjoys the trust and support of the people. It also sets out the values which inspire how the Authority will do its work.

Ms. Feehily noted that:

“Our overarching mission is to drive excellent policing through valued and effective oversight and governance. This will take time, constructive engagement and some challenge of Garda performance, efficiency and governance. It will also provide opportunities to showcase excellent work done by the Gardaí and Garda staff.”

The Strategy Statement can be downloaded from the Authority’s website at www.policingauthority.ie.

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Note to Editors:

The Policing Authority is an independent agency established to oversee the performance of the Garda Síochána in relation to policing services in Ireland. The Authority was established by the enactment of the [Garda Síochána \(Policing Authority and Miscellaneous Provisions\) Act 2015](#) which amends the Garda Síochána Act 2005.

Under Section 62N of the Act, the Authority is required to prepare a strategy statement every three years - the first to be prepared as soon as practicable after the establishment of the Authority. The Strategy Statement will guide the work of the Authority for the period to end 2018 and sets out:

- The Authority's objectives for the period 2016 to 2018;
- How it plans to achieve those objectives; and
- How success in achieving its objectives will be measured.

The Strategy Statement was prepared by the Authority after a planning process which considered a range of factors relating to its purpose and functions. It considered the environment in which it operates, its statutory remit and its stakeholders, in particular the interests of all citizens. In this regard, and in line with statutory obligations, a draft of the Strategy Statement was published on the Authority's website and representations invited from the public for a 30 day period during June and July 2016. The finalised Strategy Statement took account of representations received from a number of individuals and organisations.

Further information about the Authority is available at www.policingauthority.ie