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Introduction

Section 35 of An Garda Síochána Act 2005 provides for the establishment of Joint Policing Committees (JPC).

The Tipperary Joint Policing Committee was established in 2014 following the merger of North and South Tipperary County Councils and the abolition of North Tipperary JPC and South Tipperary JPC.

The Joint Policing Committee's function is to serve as a forum for consultations, discussions and recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the Local Authorities administrative area.

At a meeting on the 4th of March 2016 the Tipperary Joint Policing Committee Strategic Plan 2015-2021 was formally adopted.

Meetings 2016

Meetings are held on rotation across the five Municipal Districts within County Tipperary. There were 4 meetings of Tipperary JPC held in 2016, as follows:

- 4th March 2016 in Tipperary Cashel Municipal District Civic Offices, Tipperary Town
- 27th May 2016 in Tipperary County Council, Civic Offices, Emmet Street, Clonmel
- 23rd September 2016 in the Old School, The Commons, Ballingarry, Co. Tipperary
- 16th December 2016 in Moycarkey Borris Community & Sports Centre, Littleton, Co Tipperary

Presentations to the JPC 2016

In addition to strategy development work, the JPC also received presentations on and considered other relevant policing matters, such as:

Presentation	Presented by	Meeting
County Crime Statistics Levels : Patterns of crime, disorder and anti social behavior in the County	Chief Supt Catherine Kehoe	May 2016 September 2016 December 2016
Draft County Tipperary Anti Social Behavior Strategy	Marie O'Gorman, Tipperary County Council	March 2016
Kilkenny County Council Control of Horses Bye Laws 2015	Carol McCarthy, Kilkenny County Council	March 2016
Draft County Tipperary Joint	Margo Hayes, Tipperary County Council	March 2016



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Policing Strategy		
County Tipperary JPC Annual Work Plan 2016	Michael Moroney, Tipperary County Council	May 2016
South East Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force (SERDAF)	Chris Purnell, Co Coordinator from SERDAF	September 2016
CCTV Projects currently ongoing in County Tipperary	Sgt Tom O'Dwyer	September 2016
Policy Paper on the Provision of CCTV in Public Places	Michael Moroney, Tipperary County Council	December 2016

Membership of County Tipperary Joint Policing Committee

Section 16.3 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005 sets out as below the membership components for the County Tipperary Joint Policing Committee.

Local Authority area types	Local authority elected members	Oireachtas elected members	Local authority official	An Garda Síochána	Community
Counties with 32 or more elected members)	15	5	2	2	7
Membership of County Tipperary Joint Policing Committee					
An Garda Síochána (2)	Chief Superintendent Catherine Keogh Plus 1 other	Oireachtas (5)	Senator Denis Landy Deputy Mattie McGrath Deputy Jackie Cahill Deputy Michael Lowry Deputy Seamus Healy		
LA Elected Member (15)	Cllr Martin Lonergan Cllr Andy Moloney Cllr Catherine Carey Cllr Phyll Bugler Cllr Fiona Bonfield Cllr Hughie McGrath Cllr John Crosse Cllr Denis Leahy Cllr Roger Kenned Cllr David Dunne Cllr Kieran Bourke Cllr Imelda Goldsboro Cllr Sean Ryan Cllr David Doran	PPN/Community (7)	Billy Collins (Farming Pillar) Joe Leahy (Business Pillar) Carmel O'Neill (PPN Tipp/ Cashel MD) Catherine Guest (PPN Thurles MD) Margaret Sheehy (PPN Nenagh MD) Vacant (PPN Clonmel/Cahir MD) Vacant (PPN Carrick-on-Suir MD)		



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	Cllr Michael Smith		
Local Authority Official (2)	Sinéad Carr, Director of Services Margo Hayes, Administrative Officer, January to March 2016 Michael Moroney, Administrative Officer, April to October 2016 Fiona Crotty, Administrative Office, October 2016 to date		

(The JPC members from An Garda Síochána and Tipperary County Council may be accompanied to meetings by other Garda officers and other Council officials as deemed appropriate)

County Tipperary JPC Work Plan 2016

High Level Objectives	
Reduce the opportunity for crime, support victims of crime	Review CCTV provision county-wide and explore the possibility of installing a CCTV system in key areas identified (JPC SO 2.2)
Keep our most marginalised people and places safe	Roll out the “Know your Patch” programme on an all-county basis in conjunction with the PPN, Business and Farming Pillar (JPC SO 4.2) Designated “Know your Patch” Garda to link with and support projects and community based projects working within their areas (JPC SO 4.2)
Keeping our people safe – Ensuring public safety through community oriented policing and high visibility roads policing	Explore development of protocols around control of horses and racing on public roads. Look at models from other counties. Seek to develop appropriate bylaws to safeguard animal welfare, road users and public (JPC SO 3.4)
Build community confidence in relation to their safety and security	Establish a Communications Sub-group to develop a communication strategy in relation to safety and security initiatives (JPC SO 5.1)
Other Strategic Objectives	
Enhance and develop the JPC’s function to serve as a forum for consultations, discussions and recommendations on matters affecting the policing of Tipperary	Present quarterly preliminary statistics to the JPC (JPC SO 1.1) Support members of JPC through training; inviting relevant guest speakers to present at meeting of JPC; provide budget for JPC (JPC SO 1.2) Support the development of Municipal District (MD) Local community safety teams (JPC SO 1.3) Support the development of PPN linkage groups in relation to safety and security and substance misuse (JPC SO 1.4)
Reduce the opportunity for crime, support victims of crime	Implementation, within the division, of the national model for crime prevention (JPC SO 2.1)



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	<p>Continue to promote and develop the text alert system (JPC SO 2.2)</p> <p>Provide assistance to victims through the victims Office established at Templemore Garda Station (JPC SO 2.4)</p> <p>Implement Local Authority Anti-Social Behavior Strategy (JPC SO 2.5)</p> <p>Identify and monitor “hot spots” incl. laneways in the context of anti-social behavior Statistics (JPC SO 2.5)</p> <p>Establish/maintain Halloween Working Group in towns with regular meetings to be held prior to Halloween. A comprehensive bonfire prevention & management plan for each at-risk-area (JPC SO 2.7)</p>
<p>Keeping our people safe – Ensuring public safety through community oriented policing and high visibility roads policing</p>	<p>Implement AGS road safety plan in conjunction with Roads SPC, incl. promotion of community-based education such as the Road Safety Awareness Programmes held in schools and awareness of car safety for children (JPC SO 3.1)</p> <p>Maintain enforcement of ‘lifesaver’ offences on roads (JPC SO 3.1)</p> <p>Continue to implement bye-laws and existing legislation to combat drinking on open spaces and in public places (JPC SO 3.3)</p>
<p>Keep our most marginalised people and places safe</p>	<p>Include safety and security as a key issue in the plans developed for marginalised areas (JPC SO 4.1)</p>
<p>Build community confidence in relation to their safety and security</p>	<p>PPN, through linkage group, to be developed as key tool to communicate with community & voluntary sector (JPC SO 5.1)</p>
<p>Reduce the impact of substance misuse on individuals, families and communities</p>	<p>Support the use of sport, as an effective tool in engaging young people at risk of drug misuse, into more structured/positive activities (JPC SO 6.1)</p> <p>Supports groups/clubs to develop an Alcohol and Drugs Policy (JPC SO 6.1)</p> <p>Support linkages and information sharing between South-East Regional and Mid-West Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Forces and JPC (JPC SO 6.3)</p>
<p>Support people who are at risk of offending or reoffending</p>	<p>Work with youth diversion projects to help connect young people into recreational/ community/ educational opportunities (JPC SO 7.2)</p>



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Programs with High Level Objectives:

CCTV Policy Paper

High Level Objective “Review CCTV provision county-wide and explore the possibility of installing a CCTV system in key areas identified” (JPC SO 2.2)

Through the JPC a Policy Paper on CCTV Provision in Public Places within County Tipperary was drafted and prepared. This paper outlined the rationale for a policy, the requirements of the 2005 An Garda Síochána Act in relation to CCTV and data collection and addressed the proposed National Funding available in 2017.

The policy paper as proposed is not prohibiting the provision of CCTV in the community but rather setting out the priorities for CCTV provision. The Department of Justice & Equality will in 2017 set out a technical specification required for any new CCTV provision and a core principal of any CCTV provision contained within this policy, where the provision is with public funds, that Data Control must be aligned to and in control of An Garda Síochána. The policy as proposed will need to be revised subject to National Guidelines that are due to issue in 2017 from An Garda Síochána.

The proposer of any new CCTV scheme will be responsible for the operation and maintenance costs associated with the provision of the scheme.

This paper was prepared in partnership with An Garda Síochána in the Tipperary division and also in discussion with the Garda National CCTV Section as this is the first policy of this type to be developed across the Country.

At a meeting of Tipperary County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Emmet Street, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, on the 13th February 2017 the County Tipperary Joint Policing Committee’s Policy Paper on CCTV Provision in Public Places, as recommended, was adopted.

Communications

High Level Objective “Establish a Communications Sub-group to develop a communication strategy in relation to safety and security initiatives”. (JPC SO 5.1)

In May 2016 a Communications Sub-Group of the JPC was established to develop a JPC Communication Strategy. This sub group had the following membership:

- Cllr. Roger Kennedy, JPC Chairperson
- Michael Moroney, TCC
- Inspector Eddie Golden, An Garda Síochána
- Cllr. Andy Moloney, JPC Vice- Chairperson



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- Carmel O'Neill, PPN.

The objective of a strategy was to generate awareness of the Tipperary JPC, external stakeholder groups and the wider audience, of the JPC, its Strategic Plan and activities; to secure the support of stakeholders to the JPC; and to promote the work of the JPC.

The Strategy sets out communication aims, guiding principles for internal and external communications, and implementation of the Strategy.

A Communications Strategy was presented and adopted by Tipperary JPC in September 2016.

Know your Patch

High Level Objective “Roll out the “Know your Patch” programme on an all-county basis in conjunction with the PPN, Business and Farming Pillar (JPC SO 4.2)

Designated “Know your Patch” Garda to link with and support projects and community based projects working within their areas (JPC SO 4.2)

The Commissioner has under An Garda Síochána Annual Policing Plan 2017 identified her commitment to *Community Engagement & Public Safety* as a key area for policing in 2017. As part of the Tipperary Division Policing Plan 2017, community engagement and public safety will continue to remain high priority for all Gardai.

In 2013/2014, ‘*Know Your Patch*’ was introduced on a pilot basis in Roscrea and Templemore Sub Districts. This initiative is now county wide, with dedicated Gardai identified to specific areas across the county of Tipperary. These Gardai work closely with communities providing assistance with initiatives such as Neighbourhood Watch, Community Alert, Text Alert, IFA – ‘Theft Stop’, Property Marking Schemes and ongoing crime prevention advise with the sole ambition to prevent crime.

An Garda Síochána are totally committed to improving and enhancing personal and community safety for all our citizens, working in collaboration with our partners and community leaders, will allow for greater community reliance and growth of communities across Tipperary.



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County Tipperary JPC Work Plan 2017

High Level Objectives		
No	Objective	Description
1	Develop community safety initiatives targeting older people or vulnerable people living alone (JPC SO 3.2)	Implement a volunteer initiative that specifically encourages neighbours to visit and look out for older vulnerable people living alone (JPC SO 3.2)
2	Develop community safety initiatives targeting older people or vulnerable people living alone (JPC SO 3.2)	Support the rollout of the Senior Alert Scheme to provide personal monitored alarms to vulnerable older people (JPC SO 3.2)
3	Develop a safety and security plan for non-Irish nationals with little or no English (JPC SO 4.4)	Support community organisations to help promote good relationships between different communities and to establish links between immigrant communities and the Gardaí.
4	Explore development of an All county Regional Drugs Taskforce	Explore the development of a whole County Tipperary Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force on the implementation of evidence based local/regional drug and alcohol strategies and how their work can be supported by relevant stakeholders.
5	Explore profile of An Garda Síochána in Tipperary	Explore the profile of An Garda Síochána within County Tipperary, to explore the level of satisfaction with the service provided within the local community, the understanding of the priorities of An Garda Síochána, levels of trust in An Garda Síochána and perceptions of An Garda Síochána.