

# DUBLIN CITY JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE



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Dublin City Council

## AGENDA

**Meeting of Dublin City Joint Policing Committee to be held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2013 at 2.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall**

1. **Minutes of previous meeting held on 24th June 2013 (attached).**
2. **Matters arising.**
3. **Presentation by Mr. Richard Guiney, CEO of Business Improvements District. "Night Time Economy Issues".**
4. **Report on Anti-Social Behaviour.**  
Letter to the Minister for the Environment (attached).
5. **Report on review of J.P.C structures in the City.**
6. **Report of Assistant City Manager (Brendan Kenny).**
7. **Report of Assistant Garda Commissioner (John Twomey).**
8. **Minutes of Joint Policing Subcommittee meetings and City Business Policing Forum (copies attached).**
9. **A.O.B**
10. **Schedule of meetings:**  
**Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2013 - 2.30pm**  
**Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2014 - 2.30pm**  
**Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014 - 2.30pm**

**All meetings are scheduled to take place in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Dame Street, Dublin 2 at 2.30pm.**



**Dublin City Joint Policing Committee  
Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> of September 2013  
at 2.30 p.m., Council Chamber, City Hall.**

**Attendance: Committee Members**

Councillor Gerry Breen (Chairperson)  
Councillor John Redmond  
Councillor Edie Wynne  
Councillor Mannix Flynn

Deputy Maureen O'Sullivan  
Councillor John Gallagher  
Councillor Larry O'Toole

Mr. Brendan Kenny, Assistant City Manager  
John Twomey, Assistant Garda Commissioner  
Gerry Murphy, Garda Inspector  
Mr. Zephyrin Ngaliema, The Integration Centre  
Mr. Tom Coffey, Dublin City Business Association (D.C.B.A.)

**Also Present:**

Ms. Bernie Doherty, Senior Executive Officer, Social and Community Development  
Mr. Richard Guiney, CEO, Dublin City Business Improvement District.

Apologies: Lord Mayor, Oisín Quinn, Councillor Anna Quigley, Mr. Dick Brady.

Minutes: Ms. Alana Dunne.

1. Minutes of previous meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2013.  
Order: Agreed.
2. Matters arising.  
Order: Noted.
3. Presentation by Mr. Richard Guiney, CEO, Dublin City Business Improvements District.

The following points were raised in the subsequent discussion:

- 328,000 footfall in Dublin City each day. 75% of people feel safe during the day, 35% feel safe at night.
- Single biggest problem for the City is alcohol and substance abuse. Temple Bar area particularly affected.
- People sleeping rough, is there an emergency number citizens can ring to report this.
- Ethnic minority groups are victims of racial abuse from individuals who are drunk.

4. Report on Anti-Social Behaviour.  
Letter to the Minister for the Environment circulated and noted.
5. Report on review of J.P.C structures in the City.  
Report circulated and noted. Recommendations for next meeting.
6. Report of Assistant City Manager.  
Order: Noted.
7. Report of Assistant Garda Commissioner.  
Order: Noted.
8. Minutes of JPC sub-committee meetings and City Business Policing Forum.  
Order: Noted.
9. A.O.B
10. Schedule of meetings:

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, **7<sup>th</sup> October 2013**, at 2.30pm which will deal with planning for JPC meeting in Mountjoy Prison and proposed recommendations on JPC structures in the City.

November 4<sup>th</sup> will take place in Mountjoy Prison at the earlier time of 2pm.

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Chairperson  
Councillor Gerry Breen  
Date

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**Report of Assistant City Manager, Brendan Kenny**

**Review on Anti-Social Behaviour:**

Since the last meeting (24<sup>th</sup> June 2013) the Chairperson arranged and led these special meetings to deal with the issue of Anti-Social Behaviour, particularly in housing estates.

- A submission has been drafted and sent to the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government in connection with the proposed introduction of new legislation on this issue.
- A summary of this discussion and proceedings from these three meetings is circulated with the Agenda for this meeting.

**Review of JPC Structures:**

A copy of the draft report on this issue will be circulated at this meeting for discussion and consideration. Management will bring forward proposed changes to JPC structures as an outcome from this review at the next meeting of this JPC. We will consult further with members who participate on Local JPC structures with Area Managers and their staff and the Gardai.

**Ongoing issues of the JPC:**

- Usage of tyres during Halloween
- Integration of "Better City for All" and Lord Mayors Commission on Anti-Social Behaviour
- Quad Bikes and Motor Cycles on Public Open Spaces
- Charity fundraising on Dublin City Streets
- Attacks on Paramedics/Fireman
- Licensing of off-licences in the City
- Traffic bye-laws for cyclists
- Sale of illegal tobacco.

**Brendan Kenny**  
**Assistant City Manager**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> September 2013**



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**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2013**

**Report of Assistant Commissioner John Twomey Dublin Metropolitan Region.**

At this fourth meeting of the Joint Policing Committee for 2013 I intend to concentrate on the following topics,

- developments in policing since our last meeting in July,
- crime and traffic statistics and
- Dublin City Centre Policing Plan
- Community initiatives

During the months of July and August, An Garda Síochána was responsible for the policing of a number of high profile events in the city namely; Dublin Horeshow, Celtic – v- Liverpool (Dublin Decider) the Rock – n – Roll Marathon and the All Ireland Hurling and Football Semi-Finals. From a policing perspective it was considered a busy period with significant numbers in and around into Dublin City Centre. Despite these significant numbers there were no serious incidents and each of the events passed off peacefully.

**Crime**

Since my last report Property Crime has shown a slight increase on the same period in 2011. The Crime Prevention Strategies alluded to in my previous reports to this committee continue to be in operation. To counteract this increasing trend I have met with my Regional Crime Management Team to monitor and put in place additional measures to counteract this trend. Initial indications suggest that these new measures are having an effect.

Public Order offences continue to trend downwards and remain well below the 3 Year Average, which includes both Public Order and Drunkenness. Crimes Against the Person have remained stable and are maintaining at a level which is well below the 3 year average.

**Traffic**

At the time of writing this report the number of people killed on the roads of the Capital is thirteen compared with eight for 2012 for the same period. This increase is of concern and an area which has been discussed with my Senior Management Team. The Casualty Reduction Strategy for 2013 is ongoing and in addition, I have instructed that Targeted High-Profile traffic operations are put in place to address the key lifesaver offences of Drink-Driving, Speeding the use of Mobile Phones while driving and seatbelts. A series of highly visible regional initiatives will also be completed to ensure the importance of Road Safety is maintained.

**Dublin City Centre Policing Plan (DCCPP)**

On the 24<sup>th</sup> June 2013 I initiated a specific Dublin City Centre Policing Plan to provide a comprehensive policing strategy to address anti-social and criminal behaviour in the Dublin City Centre - DMR North Central; DMR South Central Divisions (C District, B District).

The DCPP has been formulated as part of ongoing consultation, and is designed to provide comprehensive high visibility policing to the City Centre. The DCPP is designed to provide uniform high visibility policing for the designated area, and will work in unison with current plain clothes plans for the area.

The DCPP Vision is 'To create a Safe City to live, visit and enjoy' and the Mission Statement for the operations is that 'No offence or behaviour will go unnoticed or unchallenged'

The Strategic Objectives are:-

- To provide a dedicated Dublin City Centre Policing Plan
- To provide a comprehensive policing plan to address anti-social and criminal behaviour in the Dublin City Centre
- To Co-ordinate policing within the City Centre Ensure a uniform approach to policing with the City Centre
- To enhance public safety within the City Centre
- To ensure a high visibility presence at all times
- The DCPP is designed to provide a high visibility policing service to what is a vibrant day-time and night- time economy in the City Centre of Dublin.

### **Teenagers and Gardai**

As alluded to previously the Teenagers & Gardaí programme is developed to promote positive engagement among Gardaí and Young people. The programmes aims engage with young people to create a space to facilitate dialogue between Students and Gardaí; discuss issues that have arisen in relation to Garda engagement with Students and discuss issues that have arisen in relation to Students engagement with Gardaí

The Programme consists of six modules which include the following:

- A visit to the local Garda Station or Garda Unit
- School based topic discussion
- Presentation day including the Garda Band

T.A.G was piloted in three schools in the DMR West and following a review will now be rolled out in the Dublin Region. Divisional Garda management are in the process of selecting one school per District for inclusion in TAG.

### **An Garda Síochána/FAI/Local Authorities Late Night Leagues**

Plans for the 2nd 2013 Late Night Leagues are underway. A meeting will be held in the DMR Regional Office on 11th September to plan the leagues in the run up to the finals in December 2013.

### **S.A.O.R (Strategic Approach to the Management of Offender Recidivism)**

My office is in the process of rolling out SAOR: Strategic Approach to the Management of Offender Recidivism. The aims of SAOR is to ensure consistent approach to the management of both prolific Youth and Adult Offenders; ensure an active response to prolific offenders; and to work in partnership with external agencies to manage and reduce crime.



It has been well documented and researched that one organisation cannot solely reduce the recidivism of offenders; therefore in order to develop a strategy to reduce offender recidivism, it is necessary to work in partnership with all services and organisations working with offenders. Therefore SAOR includes the development of an interagency/partnership strategy in the reduction of recidivism.

The objective is to develop an interagency strategy to ensure a consistent approach in the management and reduction of crime within the Region and to work in partnership with external agencies at a local and Management level.

#### **Dublin Region Policing Plan 2014**

I am presently considering the priority issues for inclusion in the Dublin Metropolitan Regional Policing Plan for 2014. As part of the external stakeholder engagement process I have communicated with each member of the Dublin City Joint Policing Committee. As with previous years I would appreciate any submissions that you may wish to make to inform the developments of this Plan.

#### **Conclusion**

I have outlined above the current policing initiatives in place to respond to the present challenges. These initiatives are primarily focused on addressing policing issues in a collaborative manner involving our strategic partners and I look forward to developing these initiatives in the future.

**Thank You**

