



ANNUAL REPORT

ON THE OPERATION OF THE

CORK COUNTY JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE  
(JPC)

FOR YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2017

## **Introduction**

This document constitutes the Annual Report of the Cork County Joint Policing Committee (JPC) for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017.

The report has been prepared in the context of the Joint Policing Committee Amended Guidelines 2014 jointly issued by the Minister for Justice and Equality and the Minister for Environment, Community and Local Government and in specific accordance with Section 36(5) of the Garda Síochána Act 2005.

## **Background**

Legislation: Section 36 (1) of the Garda Síochána Act 2005 provides for the establishment of Joint Policing Committees to serve as a forum for consultations, discussions and recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the local authority's administrative area.

## **Functions of a JPC**

The functions of a JPCs set out in section 36(2) of the Garda Síochána Act, state the following:

“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 authority's administrative area, and in particular to –

(a) keep under review -

- i. the levels and patterns of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in that area (including the patterns and levels of misuse of alcohol and drugs),and
- ii. the factors underlying and contributing to the levels of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in the area,

(b) advise the local authority concerned and the Garda Síochána on how they might best perform their functions having regard to the need to do everything feasible to improve the safety and quality of life and to prevent crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour within the area,



(c) arrange and host public meetings concerning matters affecting the policing of the local authority's administrative area,

(d) establish, in consultation with the local Garda superintendent, as the committee considers necessary within specific neighbourhoods of the area, local policing fora to discuss and make recommendations to the committee concerning matters that it is to keep under review under paragraph (a) or on which it is to advise under paragraph (b), in so far as those matters affect their neighbourhoods, and

(e) co-ordinate the activities of local policing fora under paragraph (d) or otherwise."

Section 37(1) also provides:

"A local authority shall, in performing its functions, have regard to the importance of taking steps to prevent crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour within its area of responsibility."

### JPC Membership

The current Cork County JPC was formally established on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2015 comprising of 32 no. members drawn from the Cork County administrative area as follows:

Name	Organisation/ Sector
Cllr. Frank O Flynn CHAIR	Cork County Council
Cllr. Timmy Collins VICE-CHAIR	Cork County Council
Cllr Kevin Conway	Cork County Council
Cllr. Joe Carroll	Cork County Council
Cllr John A Collins	Cork County Council
Cllr Kay Dawson	Cork County Council
Cllr. Joe Harris	Cork County Council
Cllr. Ted Lucey	Cork County Council
Cllr. Michael Ahern	Cork County Council



Cllr. Kevin Murphy	Cork County Council
Cllr. June Murphy	Cork County Council
Cllr. Daithi O'Donnabhain	Cork County Council
Cllr. Cathal Rasmussen	Cork County Council
Cllr Des O'Grady	Cork County Council
Cllr. Gearoid Murphy	Cork County Council
Mr Tim Lucey	Chief Executive, Cork County Council
Ms Nicola Radley, Senior Executive Officer	Senior Executive Officer, Cork County Council
Senator Jerry Buttimer	Oireachtas Member
Aindrias Moynihan TD	Oireachtas Member
Kevin O'Keeffe TD	Oireachtas Member
Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire TD	Oireachtas Member
Sean Sherlock TD	Oireachtas Member
Mr Gavin Falk	PPN C&V
Mr John Fuller	PPN C&V
Mr Sean Kelly	PPN C&V
Mr Diarmuid Cronin	PPN C&V
Mr Tom Howard	PPN C&V
Mr Liam McCarthy	PPN C&V
Mr Jim O' Leary	PPN C&V
Chief Superintendent Ger Dillane	An Garda Síochána
Chief Superintendent Con Cadogan	An Garda Síochána
Chief Superintendent Barry McPolin	An Garda Síochána



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## Supports to JPC

- Meeting supports are provided to the JPC by Cork County Council: Ms Claire Looney O'Sullivan, Corporate Services

## Progress / Achievements in 2017

- 4 No. JPC statutory meetings held in 2017:
  - Monday , 27th February 2017
  - Monday, 24th April 2017
  - Monday, 24th July 2017
  - Monday , 23rd October 2017
- 4 No. JPC Steering Group meetings also held in 2016:
  - Wednesday 8th February 2017
  - Wednesday 12th April 2017
  - Wednesday 12th July 2017
  - Wednesday 11th October 2017

## Monitoring of Levels and Patterns of Crime

An Garda Síochána provided detailed quarterly statistical reports to Cork County JPC which kept under review, and responded as appropriate, to the levels and patterns of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in Cork County (including the patterns and levels of misuse of alcohol and drugs).

## Public Meeting

A full public meeting was held in the Vertigo Suite, County Hall on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017. The key-note address was delivered by David Lane, Co-



ordinator of Drug & Alcohol Services, HSE South and a member of the board of the Southern Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force, Mr Lane gave an outline of the proposed Alcohol Bill and an overview of the new National Drugs and Alcohol Strategy. The JPC public meeting was attended by over 40 participants.

### **PPN Representation to the JPC**

There are seven PPN representatives on the JPC and the JPC PPN Linkage group has c. 40 members.

### **Six-Year Joint Policing Committee Strategy 2016-2021**

The Cork County Joint Policing Committee Strategic Plan 2016-2012 was completed in June 2016. The strategy sets out a range of priorities, strategic objectives and strategic actions following an analysis of the county and an extensive consultation process. The plan is intended to deliver on opportunities afforded by maximising cooperation between all of the key actors involved in safety and security of the county by working in a coherent, efficient and integrated manner. It is also intended to link with other appropriate plans and strategies in particular the relevant objectives in the Local Economic and Community Plans that serve County Cork.

The Plan is now at implementation stage and an implementation subgroup was formed in 2017 to oversee this stage.

Actions identified in 2017 include:

- Establishment of PPN/JPC Linkage Group – 3 meetings held in 2017
- Property Asset Log Book issued and expanded to include Kerry & Limerick – 20,000 books sold to date



- Community Alert Information sessions ongoing
- Attendance by Gardai at Community Safety Meetings.
- JPC Communications Subgroup formed
- Ongoing operations regarding drink retailers including test purchases and need for staggering of closing times
- High visibility patrols ongoing to prevent crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour.
- Representative of Southern Regional Drugs and Alcohol Task Force Strategic Plan delivered keynote address to Annual JPC Meeting



**Cork  
County Council**  
Comhairle Contae Chorcaí



**NIALL HEALY**

**DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES**

**CORK COUNTY COUNCIL**

**DATE: 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018**