

COMHAIRLE CONTAE ÁTHA CLIATH THEAS **SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL**



Report of Meeting of South Dublin Joint Policing Committee **Meeting on Friday, 29th September 2023 at 10.00 a.m.**

Hybrid Meeting hosted in the Council Chamber and facilitating **remote access via Microsoft Teams.**

In attendance:

Committee Members: Cllr. Shane Moynihan (Chair), Cllr. Alan Edge (Mayor), Cllr. Carly Bailey, Cllr. Yvonne Collins, Cllr. Mick Duff, Cllr. Louise Dunne, Cllr. Lilian Guéret, Cllr. Pamela Kearns, Cllr. Mark Lynch, Cllr. Lynn McCrave, Cllr. Emma Murphy, Cllr. Derren Ó Brádaigh, Cllr. Eoin Ó Broin, Cllr. Shirley O'Hara, Cllr. Liona O'Toole, Cllr. Baby Pereppadan, Sean Crowe, TD, Emer Higgins, TD, John Lahart, TD, Paul Murphy, TD, Chief Superintendent Bronagh O' Reilly (An Garda Síochána), Superintendent Thomas Gormley (An Garda Síochána), Superintendent Steven Mullen (An Garda Síochána), Superintendent Paul Dolan (An Garda Síochána), Inspector Paul Mayock (An Garda Síochána), Inspector Liam Casey (An Garda Síochána), Inspector Pat Duggan (An Garda Síochána), Sergeant John Coughlan (An Garda Síochána), Sarah Middleton (An Garda Síochána), Noreen Byrne, Anna Whyte, John Conroy, Sue Dorgan (all South Dublin Public Participation Network representatives), Trevor Bissett (Clondalkin Drug and Alcohol Task Force), Gemma Carton (Foroige), Elaine Leech (South Dublin County Council), Edel Clancy (South Dublin County Council) Maria Nugent (JPC Coordinator, South Dublin County Council)

Presenter: Anna Whyte, SAOIRSE

In attendance/Council staff: Fionnuala Keane (SSO), Marian Travers (ASO) and Rachel Keogh (CO)

Members of the Press: Maurice Garvey and William O Connor (The Echo)

The Chairperson, Cllr Shane Moynihan, opened the meeting at 10 a.m. Cllr. S Moynihan welcomed Anna Whyte from SAOIRSE.

1. Presentation: Anna Whyte, Saoirse Domestic Violence Services

A. Whyte delivered a presentation on the work of Saoirse Domestic Violence Services.

The presentation focused on domestic violence and abuse. Some of the key points discussed in the presentation were:

- Statistics on domestic violence and abuse in Ireland.
- Types of domestic violence and abuse
- Coercive Control
- Impacts of domestic violence and abuse on women and children
- An overview of the services offered by SAOIRSE, including refuge, outreach, prevention, child and youth services, and court accompaniment.
- An event for 16 Days of Action Against Gender Based Violence will be taking place in November to raise awareness.
- The legislation surrounding domestic violence and abuse.
- The different types of legal remedies.
- The barriers to disclosing domestic violence and abuse.
- Best practice responses.
- Mission of SAOIRSE.

Cllr. S Moynihan thanked A Whyte for her presentation.

E Leech highlighted that South Dublin County Council are currently in the budget process and that additional funding will be available for 2024 to look at initiatives for domestic violence and staff awareness training.

Questions and comments were received from Cllr. D O Brádaigh, Cllr. C Bailey, Cllr. L Dunne, Cllr. E O'Broin, Cllr. S Moynihan, E Higgins, S Crowe. Questions asked were in relation to the lack of available accommodation for those seeking refuge, staff awareness training, the online referral system, Dolphin House, the media language around domestic violence and abuse, domestic violence during pregnancy, crime statistics, and education programmes for young men and boys.

Questions were answered by A Whyte and Superintendent P Dolan and the presentation was noted.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Friday 29th September 2023 were noted and agreed as a true record of the previous meeting.

They were proposed by Cllr S Moynihan and seconded by Cllr M Duff.

3. Matters Arising

No matters arising.

4. Local Policing Fora Reports

West Tallaght Community Safety Forum:

M Nugent delivered the report on behalf of the West Tallaght Community Safety Forum. The report was noted.

North Clondalkin Community Safety Forum:

N Byrne delivered the report on behalf of the North Clondalkin Community Safety Forum. The report was noted.

Dublin 12 report Community Safety Forum:

Cllr. P Kearns delivered the report on behalf of the Dublin 12 Community Safety Forum. There are reports of illegal drag racing in Ballymount Industrial Estate. The next one is allegedly due to take place on 8th October. The report was noted.

5. Garda Siochana Reports

a) Issues raised by JPC Members

The report outlining the responses by An Garda Síochána to issues raised in advance by JPC members was proposed by Cllr. S Moynihan and seconded by Cllr. M Duff.

b) DMR West (Clondalkin/Rathcoole)

Superintendent S Mullen gave a report on the Clondalkin/Rathcoole area. The report included current crime statistics, significant crimes, and community engagement.

There were queries and comments from Cllr. D O Brádaigh, Cllr. E O' Broin, and E Higgins in relation to open drug dealing, anti-refugee protests, bike and motorbike thefts, meeting schedules for the local policing forums and garda engagement in Rath Gael and Corkagh Grange.

Superintendent S Mullen responded to these queries.

DMR West (Lucan/Ronanstown):

Superintendent P Dolan gave a report on the Lucan/Ronanstown area. The report included crime statistics for the area, significant crimes, drugs and crime, and community engagement.

There were comments and queries from Cllr. L O' Toole and E Higgins in relation to the decrease in burglaries, the Garda open day, and the local policing forum public meeting.

Superintendent P Dolan responded to the queries.

c) DMR South:

Superintendent B O'Reilly gave a report on the DMR South area. The report included crime statistics, significant crimes, drugs related intimidation, community engagement, and clinics in the community.

There were queries and comments from Cllr. M Duff, Cllr. L McCrave, Cllr. L O Toole, Cllr. S Moynihan, S Crowe, and J Lahart in relation to Halloween bonfires, drug debt intimidation, drug dealing, protests and antisocial behaviour in Citywest, staff resourcing in Tallaght Garda station, incidents in Sean Walsh Park, legislation for bikes.

Superintendent B O'Reilly responded to these queries. The various Garda reports were then noted by the Committee.

The meeting ended at 12.12 p.m.

5. Drug Subcommittee Report

The report in relation to the Drugs Sub-Committee which was circulated in advance was noted due to time constraints.

6. Correspondence

The relevant correspondence was circulated and noted.

7. Governance

The governance was circulated and noted.

8. Any Other Business:

This is the last Joint Policing Committee for Inspector L Casey. Cllr. S Moynihan thanked Inspector L Casey on behalf of the Joint Policing Committee for his work with An Garda Síochána and the Joint Policing Committee.

10. 2023 Schedule of Meetings:

The next meeting of the Joint Policing Committee will take place on 17th November 2023. This will be an in-person meeting in the Council Chamber.

The meeting concluded at 12.08 p.m.