

South Dublin County Joint Policing Committee Annual Report 2015

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1. Introduction

The South Dublin County Joint Policing Committee was established on the 26th October 2007. The Committee continues to provide a forum for representatives from An Garda Síochána, South Dublin County Council, Oireachtas members and Community representatives, to make an important contribution to addressing issues relating to crime locally, to get together in a regular and structured way, to consult with each other and to discuss and make recommendations on matters affecting the policing of South Dublin County. The JPC is a partnership, co-operative in nature and operating with the minimum of formality to identify, raise awareness of and find solutions to issues impacting on, or causing concerns for the local community.

South Dublin Joint Policing Committee continues to be a partnership between an Garda Síochána, South Dublin County Council and the residents of South Dublin County. Members of the Joint Policing Committee work together to help prevent crime and solve neighborhood problems by:

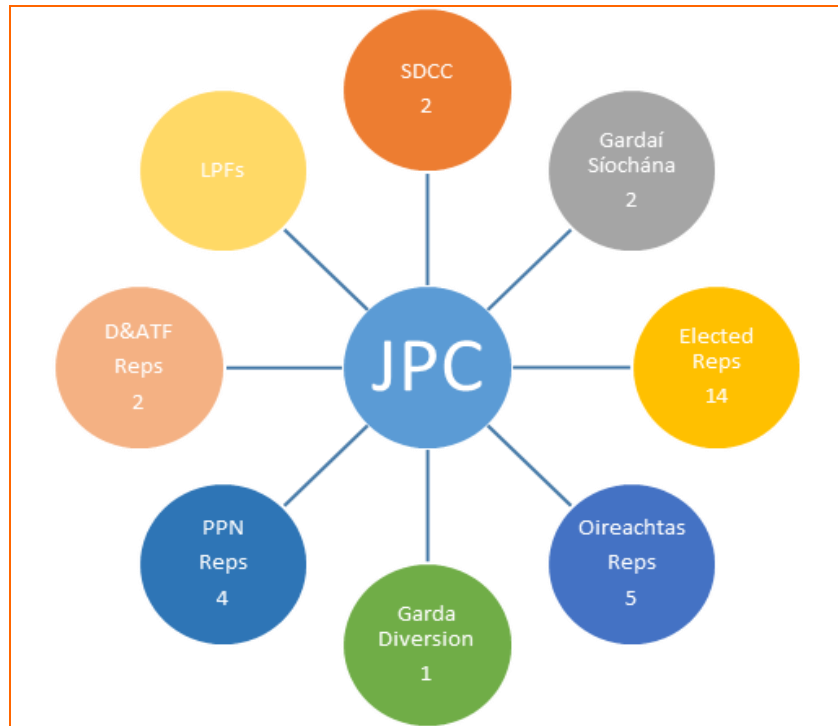
- Encouraging active citizen involvement in policing efforts.
- Focusing on issues of ongoing public concern.
- Providing continuity of service to the community
- Ensuring active involvement by the relevant staff in problem-solving
- Initiate creative responses to neighborhood problems.
- Developing the capacity of residents and affording them the opportunity to speak and act effectively on their own behalf
- Strengthening and building groups and organizations so residents can advocate for their own interests.

The work of the LPF Management Committees and LPF Public Meetings convened by the four Local Policing Fora and their role and reporting relationship to the JPC increases community involvement and trust in the work of the committee. Over the past year the JPC has widened its membership to include representatives from the Public Participation Network (PPN), the Chairs of both Tallaght and Clondalkin Drug Task Forces and to have representation from the Garda Diversion Projects.

2. Structure

2.1 Membership of the JPC

The beginning of 2015 saw representation from the Public Participation Network (PPN), Drug & Alcohol Task Forces and the Garda Diversion Programme. The following diagram illustrates the membership of the JPC.



2.2 Garda Síochána Districts

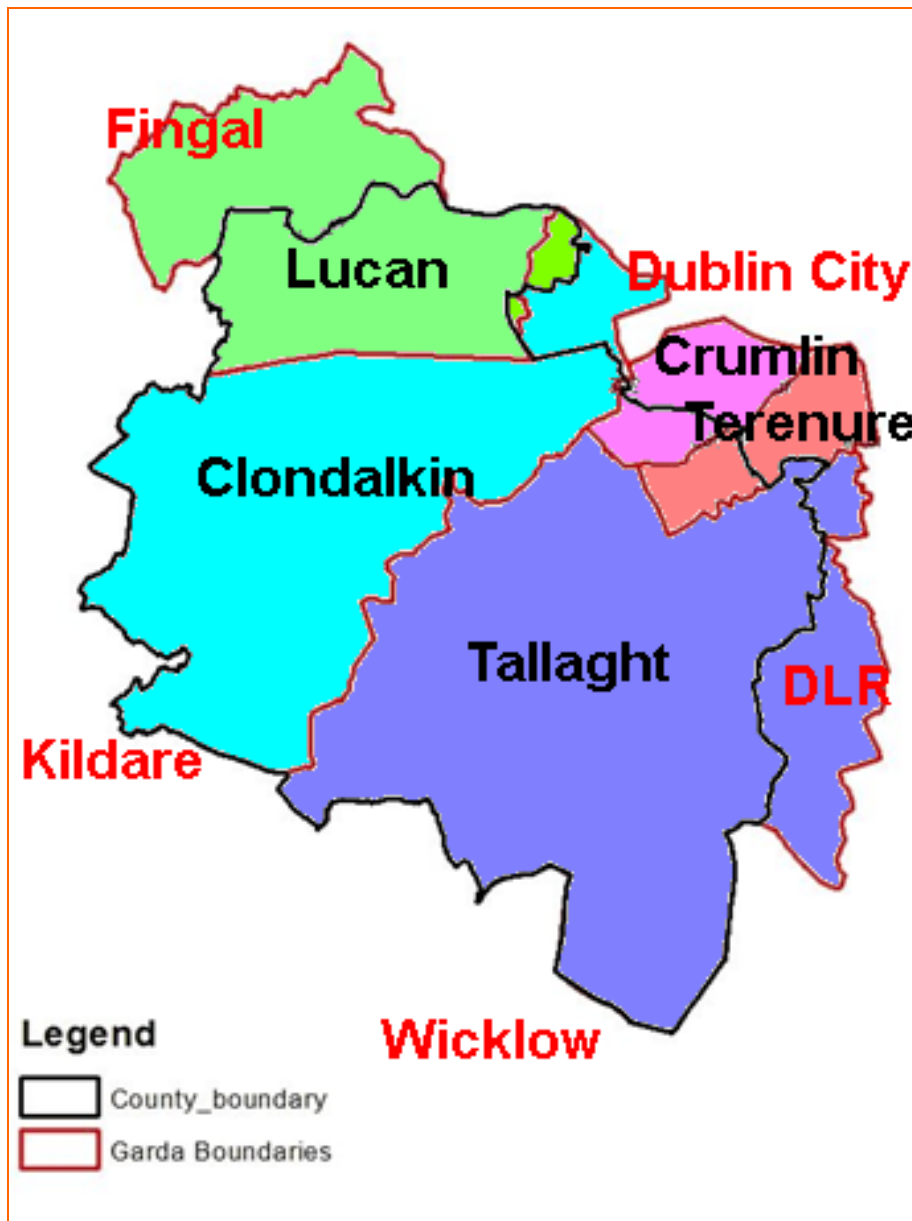
South Dublin County JPC is covered by two Garda Regions:

- Dublin Metropolitan Region South
- Dublin Metropolitan Region West

The Regions are split into Districts and Sub Districts:

Sub District	District	Superintendent	Divisional HQ	Chief Superintendent
Clondalkin	Clondalkin	Brendan Connolly	Blanchardstown	Pat Clavin
Rathcoole	Clondalkin	Brendan Connolly	Blanchardstown	Pat Clavin
Ballyfermot	Clondalkin	Brendan Connolly	Blanchardstown	Pat Clavin
Ronanstown	Lucan	Dermot Mann	Blanchardstown	Pat Clavin
Lucan	Lucan	Dermot Mann	Blanchardstown	Pat Clavin
Rathfarnham	Tallaght	Peter Duff	Crumlin	Orla McPartlin
Tallaght	Tallaght	Peter Duff	Crumlin	Orla McPartlin
Crumlin	Crumlin	Liam Carolan	Crumlin	Orla McPartlin
Terenure	Terenure	Pat Conlon	Crumlin	Orla McPartlin

The following map sets out the five Garda Districts that cover South Dublin County, note some Districts cut across the County boundary.



3 South Dublin County Joint Policing Committee Work Plan

	Priority Issue	Actions taken in relation to each priority issue	Responsibility	Timescale for Action	Summarise Progress Achieved
1	To promote positive crime prevention and community safety initiatives through the media and the JPC web page on the South Dublin County website	To increase activity by including information on community safety initiatives and projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JPC Executive (Supported by SDCC) 	Ongoing	Available at http://www.sdcc.ie/services/community/joint-policing-committee/
2	Deter crime and anti-social behaviour in public parks	Subgroup with support from Parks Department SDCC in place to implement the findings in the report 'Reclaiming our Parks'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JPC Committee 	Ongoing	
3	To support Community CCTV Programmes in South Dublin County	To provide ongoing support and 24/7 monitoring for the following schemes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> North Clondalkin Jobstown Fettercairn and Brookfield Killinarden 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gardaí Local Authority 	Ongoing	CCTV continues to be monitored and to act as a resource for Gardaí in tackling crime in these areas
4	To provide continued support for Pro-social initiatives in the County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support inter agency projects such as the Drug & Alcohol Task Forces, Late Night Football Leagues, Tallaght West Childhood Development Initiative, Social Integration projects etc. Develop a close liaison between the JPC and its members and inter agency projects in the County. Report to the JPC on initiatives throughout the County. Provide support for pro-social projects by improved coordination between Gardaí, SDCC and Community Representatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JPC members Children's Services Committee, CDI Local Partnerships Community/Voluntary Sector Local Drugs & Alcohol Task Forces FAI 	Ongoing	South Dublin County continues to have a large number of pro-social initiatives which are managed and directed by inter-agency working groups. This has resulted in the continued partnerships on Night-Time Leagues, new Halloween events, social integration projects, and community safety initiatives.
5	To plan for events attracting large crowds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that events attracting large crowds are a safe and enjoyable experience for all those who live, work and visit South Dublin County. Build on the good working relationship between the Gardaí, South Dublin County Council, the Community and other stakeholders in co- 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SDCC Gardaí Public Transport providers Local Communities Local Businesses 	Ongoing	Festivals were held in many villages in 2015 and these were organised in partnership between an Garda Síochána, SDCC and the local community.

		ordinating events			
6	Improve the process of engagement and interaction between local community reps. An Garda Síochána, Elected Representatives, South Dublin County Council, Local Drug & Alcohol Task Forces on matters concerning community safety.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the work of the Local Policing Fora in the County, with each LPF making a report at each JPC meeting • Consider recommendations of the Local Policing Fora • Support public and other meetings organised by the Local Policing Fora 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint Policing Committee 	Ongoing	This work has continued in 2015 with public meetings organised in all the LPF areas
7	Support the recommendations contained in the National Commission on Restorative Justice by increasing relations with the Restorative Justice Service in Tallaght	Establish relationship between JPC Committee and Restorative Justice Services as outlined in the National Commission on Restorative Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gardaí • SDCC • Restorative Justice Service • CDI West Tallaght • Community Mediation • Local Community 	Ongoing	Contact remains with restorative justice and community mediation services. The Garda Síochána SARA continues to be available as a problem solving tool for local communities.
8	Consult with Young People in the County regarding community safety	Contact is ongoing with South Dublin Comhairle na nÓg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gardaí • SDCC • Comhairle na nÓg • Youth Services • Local Community 	Ongoing	The JPC agreed to partner with the Comhairle on an anti-bully charter which began in 2014. Arrangements are in place for regular reporting and contact between the JPC and the Comhairle.
9	Support South Dublin County as an Age Friendly County which is a safe place for older persons	Continue to support the Age Friendly Network and continue to work on any safety issues identified by the Forum Age Friendly Alliance Work with the Network and other partners on the Text Alert Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDCC • Gardaí • Age Friendly Network 	Ongoing	An Garda Síochána are on the Steering Committee. Arrangements are in place for reporting to the JPC. Crime prevention advice is available to older persons groups throughout the County.
10	Support the implementation of the South Dublin County Integration Strategy	Work on any actions identified that can improve the quality of life and safety of residents in the County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDCC • Gardaí • Local community 	Ongoing	Work is ongoing with organisations to encourage reporting of incidents. Local organisations are also aware of officials in various organisations

					who have special responsibility for integration. SDCC/Garda clinics are available in a number of community centres.
11	Support the work of the Intimidation Sub-group of the JPC	Continue to provide support to the Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDCC • Gardaí • JPC • Local Drug & Alcohol Task Forces 	Ongoing	The group continue to meet and have agreed a workplan for 2016

4 Advice/Recommendations provided by the Joint Policing Committee to the local authority and the Gardaí during the year

The JPC has discussed many different problems at their meetings and in 2015 these issues included:

- Cyber Safety (Presentation)
- Traffic management
- Migrant Integration

- Garda Youth Diversion Project (Presentation)
- Healthy City- relationship with Alcohol (Presentation)
- Local Employment & Community Plan (LECP) and themes
- Halloween
- Play space areas

- Scramblers and Quad Bikes
- Anti-social Behaviour
- South Dublin Parks (Presentation)
- Late Night Soccer Leagues

- Home Security Pilot Scheme
- Operation Harelawn (Presentation)
- Road Safety
- Halloween

In South Dublin County, the Gardaí and the Local Authority have a good working relationship. Contact is made both at Senior Level, through the JPC and other inter-agency committees and also at operational level with the Community and Housing Departments and the Community and Juvenile Liaison Sections of the Gardaí. Crime Prevention and Traffic problems/blackspots were examples of issues discussed at JPC meetings.

4.1 Intimidation

Following repeated reports from members of the JPC and recommendations from the South Dublin County Community Platform, the JPC set up a small working group to consider this topic. Both the Gardaí and Local Authority officials are very involved together with members

of the Drug & Alcohol Task Forces. The group continues to meet. Two Seminars on the issue were held; in 2011 (Community Platform) and 2012 (JPC), there was a poster campaign started in 2013 that continued into 2014 and the group has now developed a workplan for 2016 which includes a further Seminar to review progress on the issue

4.2 Age Friendly County

There are currently a wide range of projects and initiatives in place which help to improve community safety and reduce levels of fear. These have included attendance by Gardaí at post offices on Friday and visibility at places of worship and community meetings. The Gardaí are also committed to raising awareness with young people of the impacts of antisocial behaviour on older neighbours. Crime Prevention Officers from an Garda Síochána continue to meet regularly with older persons groups throughout the County. The JPC supports the initiative to have a Home Security Pilot Scheme and a number of JPC members are involved in the sub group progressing this.

4.3 Integration Strategy

An integration strategy was prepared for South Dublin County. The JPC continues to support the implementation of the community safety actions contained in the strategy.

4.4 Safety in Parks

The Joint Policing Committee set up a Parks Working Group in November 2009 to look at safety in public parks. This group provided a comprehensive report to the Joint Policing Committee which listed 52 recommendations. Following consideration of the report, the JPC set up a small working group to monitor progress on the implementation of the recommendations; this involves both the Gardaí and the Local Authority. This group did not meet in 2015 due to significant changes in staffing from the Council and the Local Council elections. The future work of the Parks Working Group will be considered by the JPC in 2016

4.5 CCTV

The Joint Policing Committee considers that CCTV is an important tool in combating crime and anti-social behaviour. The Community CCTV schemes in Tallaght and Clondalkin are now monitored 24/7 in Tallaght and Ronanstown Garda Stations. Both the County Council and the Gardaí are working closely together to ensure that the CCTV schemes in this County are successful in terms of safety, prevention and intervention.

4.6 Halloween 2015

An interagency approach which included the Council, Gardaí, Fire Brigade and Dublin Bus continued to promote a Safe Halloween through radio, school visits, and the early collection of bonfire material and co-operation from local communities. A second 'film night' initiative was held in North Clondalkin and other communities were supported to hold events that would reduce the incidences of fires. There was a significant reduction in the number of bonfires this year compared to 2014

4.7 Late Night Leagues

The late night leagues continue to be successful throughout the County with new venues and age groups added in 2014. The initiative is based around the concept of using football as a tool for social inclusion and learning, divert youths from Crime and anti-social behaviour and

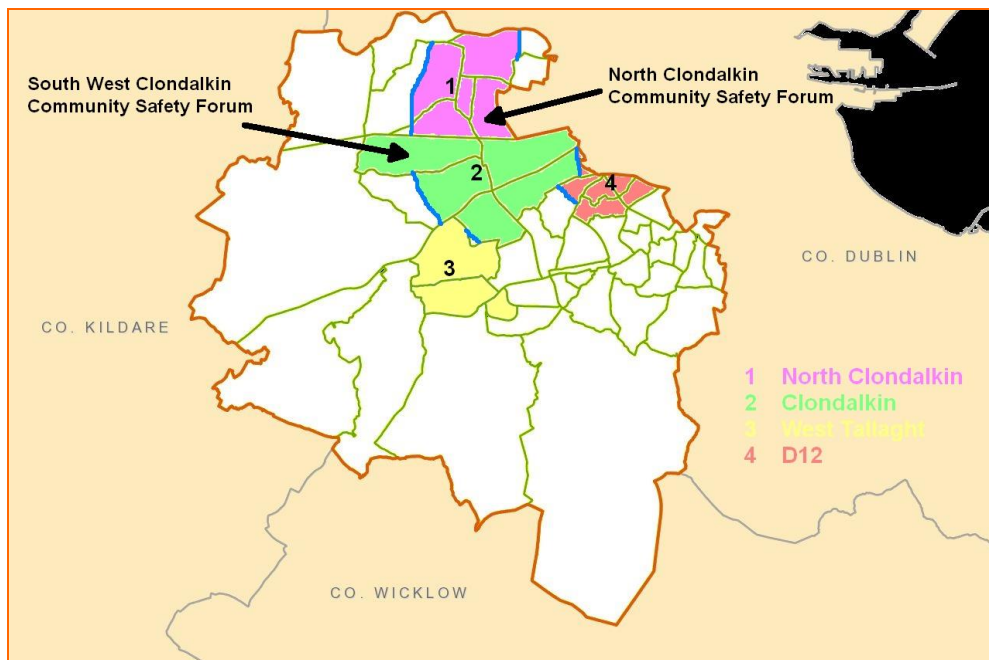
encouraging at risk young people to participate in meaningful activities, thus reducing anti-social behaviour. These leagues were run twice in 2014 in the following venues

Date	Venue	Teams	Comment
Winter 2015	Collinstown – North Clondalkin	4 teams	Numbers down due to storm conditions
Winter 2015	Lucan – Weston Hockey Pitch	13 teams	Up on last year's attendance
Winter 2015	Tallaght – Astro Park	21 teams	Up on last year's attendance
Winter 2015	Clondalkin – Clondalkin Leisure Centre	9 teams	Numbers down due to storm conditions
	Finals Irishtown		

Attendance at each venue ranged from 60 players to 100 players weekly with some venues having up to 80 spectators

5 Local Policing Fora and Public Meetings

South Dublin County Joint Policing Committee set up three Local Policing Fora which are located in Tallaght, Clondalkin and North Clondalkin. In addition South Dublin County covers part of the D12 Local Policing Forum. Public meetings are organised by the Local Policing Fora and supported by the Joint Policing Committee. Each Local Policing Fora is made up of representatives of the Local Authority, Garda Síochána, Elected Representatives, Local Drugs Task Force and local residents. The relevant Superintendents/Chief Superintendents with Inspectors and Community Garda attend these meetings together with senior managers from the Housing and Community Department of Dublin County Council. This commitment by the most senior Gardaí and Local Authority officials has been recognised by the Local Policing Fora members and the local community. This also allows the most senior staff in both organisations to hear the difficulties, fears and concerns first hand from residents. The Local Policing Fora also allow for input and discussion with other local safety initiatives such as the Dublin Bus/LUAS Fora.



LPF Management Committees met regularly throughout 2015 and public meetings were held. Reports from the public and management meetings have been presented to all meetings of the JPC in 2015.

The following issues have been raised again in 2015 at public meetings and again at Local Policing Fora management meetings in the four areas:

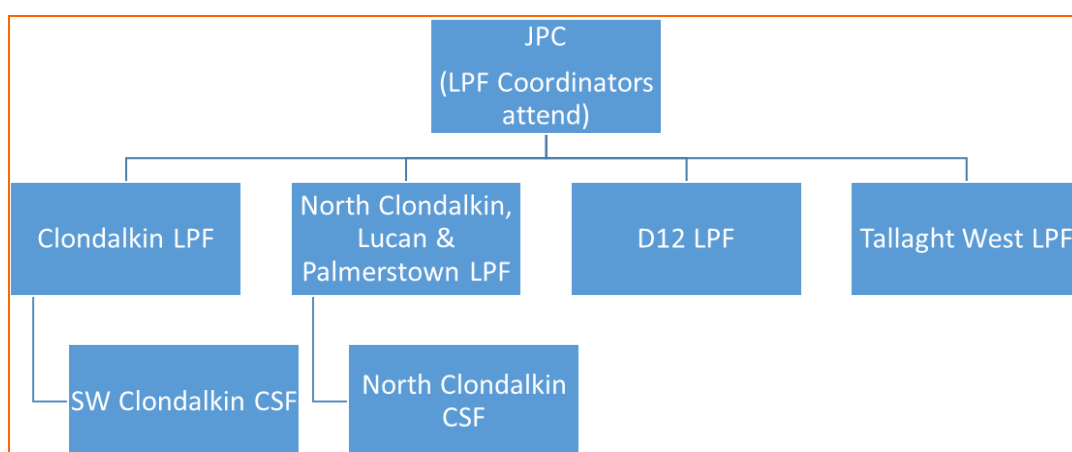
- Intimidation
- Anti social behaviour by tenants in private rented accommodation and social housing
- Drug related crime
- CCTV
- Parking and traffic difficulties
- Littering and Dumping
- Scramblers
- Traffic management

- Halloween

5.1 LPF Relationship with the JPC

The Local Policing Fora provide a report to each meeting of the Joint Policing Committee and the agenda allows for consideration and discussion on the items raised.

The following chart shows the relationship between the LPFs and the JPC. Two areas South West Clondalkin and North Clondalkin have Community Safety Forums covering part of the LPF area. The Community Safety Forums have representatives on the LPF Management Committees to ensure a flow of information.



5.2 Dates of JPC & LPF Meetings 2015

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
JPC	30					05			25		27	
JPC Intimidation Sub Cttee.				23						29		
JPC Parks Sub Cttee.												
Clondalkin LPF Man. Cttee.			19		14		16		17		12	
Clondalkin LPF Public Mtg.				30					24			
D12 LPF Man Cttee.									22	21	23	
D12 LPF Public Mtg.										21		
N Clondalkin LPF Man. Cttee.		05	12	16	14	11			03	08		10
N Clondalkin LPF Public Mtg.											12	
W Tallaght LPF Man. Cttee.												
W Tallaght LPF Public Mtg.			03			09						
Total												

6 Attendance Record for JPC Meetings held in 2015

Name	30 01 15	05 06 15	25 09 15	27 11 15
Cllr. Colm Brophy	P			P
Cllr. Nicky Coules	P	P	P	P
Cllr. Máire Devine	P	P	P	P
Cllr. Paula Donovan	P	P		P
Cllr. Kenneth Egan	A	P	P	
Cllr. Paul Foley	P	P	P	P
Cllr. Paul Gogarty	P	A	P	P
Cllr. Sarah Holland (Mayor)	P		A	P
Cllr. Pamela Kearns	P	P		
Cllr. Cathal King	P			P
Cllr. Kieran Mahon				
Cllr. Ed. O'Brien	A			
Cllr. Deirdre O'Donovan (Chair)	P	P	P	P
Cllr. Liona O'Toole	P	P	P	P
Cllr. Fintan Warfield (ex-Mayor)		P	-	-
Cllr Vacancy			-	-
Sean Crowe T.D.		A		
Senator Cait Keane	P			
Eamon Maloney T.D.			A	
Joanna Tuffy T.D.			P	
TD/Senator Vacancy	-	-	-	-
Billy Coman (SDCC)	P	P	P	P
Danny McLoughlin (SDCC)				
Chief Superintendent Orla McPartlin	P	P	P	D
Chief Superintendent Pat Clavin	-	P	P	P
Ann Corrigan (PPN)	P	P	P	P
Tara Deasy (PPN)	P	A	P	P
Jim Lawlor (PPN)	P	P	P	
Michael Noonan (PPN)	P	P	P	P
Eamon Dolan (D&ATF)	P	P		
Ray McGrath (D&ATF)	P	A		
Gemma Carton (Garda Diversion)	P	P		

- P- Present
- A- Apologies given
- D- Deputy in attendance
- Not or no longer a member of the JPC