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COUNTY CARLOW

JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE

Strategic Work Plan 2016 – 2019

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INTRODUCTION

The main aim of Carlow's Joint Policing Committee (JPC) is to provide a forum where Carlow County Council and the senior Garda Officers responsible for the policing of County Carlow, with the participation of the local Oireachtas members and community interests, can consult, discuss and make recommendations on matters affecting policing in the county.

From the inaugural meeting of Carlow's JPC, the committee took the view that its work would be based on an ethos of collaboration and co-operation. The Garda Síochána Act 2005 states that '*The JPC's function is to serve as a forum for consultations, discussions and recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the Local Authority 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,

(e) Co-ordinate the activities of local policing fora

(f) 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. ”

The Department of Justice and Equality, following a review of the operation of JPC's, issued Revised Guidelines governing the operation of Joint Policing Committees in August 2014. Carlow Joint Policing Committee has been established, in accordance with these guidelines and the following is a breakdown of the representation on the committee:

- Cathaoirleach of Carlow County Council
- 13 Elected Members of Carlow County Council;
- 4 Oireachtas Representatives;
- 2 Local Authority Officials
- 2 Senior Garda Officials;
- 6 community and voluntary sector representatives.

This work plan serves as a statement of our intentions in regard to the manner in which we will address the relevant issues in accordance with our functions as set out in Section 36(2) Garda Síochána Act, 2005.

In seeking to achieve the objectives outlined here, we will help to ensure that County Carlow is developed in line with Carlow County Council's mission statement *'to make Carlow the best place possible to Live, Work, Visit and Invest'* and An Garda Síochána mission statement *'working with Communities to protect and serve'*.

As chairperson of the Joint Policing Committee I would like to thank all involved in developing this Strategic Work Plan and encourage all members of the committee to assist in achieving the stated aims and objectives.

Councillor Michael Doran

Chairperson Carlow Joint Policing Committee

Mission Statement

“To promote a safe and secure environment for all persons in County Carlow.”

Strategic Goals:

- **Communications and Effective Engagement**
- **Community Policing & Rural Isolation**
- **Crime Prevention and Education**
- **Road Safety**
- **Public Safety**

Core Values

- **Work in genuine partnership to deliver for the people of Carlow**
- **Honesty & Integrity**
- **Public Interest**
- **Accountability**
- **Active Participation**
- **Respect and Listening**

JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE WORK PLAN 2016 - 2019

Objectives	By Whom	Time Frame
OBJECTIVE 1: COMMUNICATION AND EFFECTIVE ENGAGEMENT		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt and publish the Strategic Work Plan 	JPC / CCC	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Host a public Joint Policing Committee meeting 	JPC	Annually
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote school education programme 	CCC / Garda Síochána	On-going
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote Joint Policing Committee e.g. newspapers, local radio campaign, PPN newsletter, and www.carlow.ie website 	Garda Síochána / PPN / CCC	On-going
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrange appropriate training for the all JPC Members 	CCC / JPC	On-going
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each meeting agenda will include a report from the Garda 	CCC / Garda Síochána	On-going
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate JPC input to policy submissions as appropriate 	JPC / CCC	On-going

OBJECTIVE 2: COMMUNITY POLICING and RURAL ISOLATION

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote the establishment of Community Alert Groups throughout the county 	Garda Síochána / PPN	On-going
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore the co-ordination of Community Alert areas 	Garda Síochána / PPN / CCC	On-going
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the retention of a Garda presence in rural areas 	JPC	On-going
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation of Carlow County Council and Garda representatives in the Community Development structures and initiatives emanating from the SICAP and other Programmes in disadvantaged areas. 	Garda Síochána / PPN	On-going
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy 	CCC in conjunction with JPC	On-going
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examine adopted Estate Management strategies and initiatives with a view to developing a co-ordinated approach between Carlow County Council, Garda Síochána and HSE 	CCC / Garda Síochána / HSE	On-going
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a programme in conjunction with Comhairle na nÓg, local schools and youth groups to assist young people in dealing with issues such as crimes against children, bullying (incl. Cyber bullying), alcohol and substance abuse. 	CCC/ PPN / JPC / Transition Year Programme	On-going

OBJECTIVE 3: CRIME PREVENTION

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support public awareness campaign about crime prevention initiatives 	All	On-going
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review an expansion of existing CCTV systems in the County 	All	On-going
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify any areas where additional or improved street lighting is required. 	CCC / Garda Síochána	On-going
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of licensing, night time closing hours of entertainment and fast food outlets in the context of late night street disorder 	Stakeholders / Carlow Carers Initiative	On-going
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual meeting of community policing with local community groups including briefing of PPN on Crime Prevention initiatives. 	Garda Síochána	On-going
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaise with the South East Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force (SERDATF) 	JPC	On-going
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide comprehensive support for victims of crime including victims of domestic and sexual violence. 	Garda Síochána	On-going

OBJECTIVE 4: ROAD SAFETY

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implementation of Road Traffic legislation and enforcement	Garda Síochána / CCC	On-going
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure traffic management issues are reported in the local media, MapAlerter etc.	Garda Síochána / CCC	On-going
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Liaison between An Garda Síochána / Carlow County Council on and review of collision prone zones	Garda Síochána / CCC	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue to support Road Safety Education and Awareness initiatives including the annual Transition Year programme and road safety conference	Garda Síochána / CCC	On-going
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conduct an ongoing review of speed limits across the county with a particular emphasis on housing estates.	CCC	On-going
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carry out a review of Public Lighting networks across the County in respect of Road Safety.	CCC / Garda Síochána	On-going

OBJECTIVE 5: PUBLIC SAFETY

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop protocols in respect of Public Events between the Gardaí and Carlow County Council including Raise and Give Week, Borris Fair, Cemetery masses, Duckett's Grove events, Éigse, Taste of Carlow, Pan Celtic Festival, Triathlon, St Patrick's Day Parades etc.	Garda Síochána / CCC	On-going
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Examine the Public Lighting Network with a view to improving public safety	CCC/Garda Síochána	On-going
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop protocols for addressing anti-social activity in public open space areas and parks.	Garda Síochána/CCC	On-going
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review of existing Carlow County Council Bye-Laws	CCC	On-going