



AN TÚDARÁS PÓILÍNEACHTA
POLICING AUTHORITY

Minutes of Meeting of Policing Strategy and Performance Committee

Date: 11 May 2017

Venue: 90 North King Street, Smithfield,
Dublin 7

Attendance

Authority: Judith Gillespie (Chair), Vicky Conway, Noel Brett, Maureen Lynott (by conference call)

Secretary: Darragh Stapleton

Executive: Margaret Tumelty, Helen Hall, Úna Ní Éigeartaigh, David Pasley

Garda Síochána:

- Deputy Commissioner Dónall O’Cualáin, Strategy and Change Management
- Dr. Gurchand Singh, Head of the Garda Analyst Service
- Superintendent John Keegan, Strategy and Change Management

For item 1.4:

- Superintendent Declan Daly, Protective services Unit
- Superintendent Colette Quinn, Director of the Youth Diversion Office
- Superintendent Michael Daly, Domestic Violence, Sexual Offences and Missing Persons
- Rose Sweeney, Assistant Principal, Office of Dublin Metropolitan Region

1. The following matters were considered and discussed as set out in the agenda:

- 1.1. Policing Plan Performance Evaluation & Public Attitudes Survey Q1 2017 results
- 1.2. Policing Plan target setting
- 1.3. Responses to Roads questions
- 1.4. Discussion on children as victims, suspects and members of the public

2. Actions and matter of note

2.1 Members noted that responses were received in answer to a number of roads policing questions issued following on from the April Authority meeting. Due to the large volume of information received at short notice, the Committee decided not to discuss these responses in detail at this meeting. It was agreed that the Executive would revert with a number of queries on the responses received.

- 2.2 Dr. Gurchand Singh provided a presentation on the results of the Public Attitudes Survey for the first Quarter 2017. The Committee acknowledged that the results were very good and encouraging in comparison to the same quarter last year. Members noted that the sample size for the 16-18 year old cohort is too small currently to provide reliable data. Dr Singh agreed to revert to the Committee with a timeframe for when the sample size will be sufficiently large to provide results for his age group.
- 2.3 There was a discussion on the approach taken to target setting for 2017. The Committee's view was that the targets in the Policing Plan for 2017 are year on year targets and it was agreed that they would remain as such for 2017.
- 2.4 In discussing the Policing Plan performance report, it was agreed that the corrective action section of the document would be augmented with an additional document where necessary. This would allow for more detail to be presented with regard to the corrective plan being put in place to address the risks or circumstances that have resulted in an amber or red status.
- 2.5 While acknowledging the positive outcomes regarding burglaries and robberies, the Committee reemphasised its concern regarding the detection figures. The Garda representatives outlined the work being undertaken to understand what is impacting on detection rates. It was agreed that the Garda Síochána will supply a comprehensive report on the specific actions being taken to improve detections in time for the Committee to give it full consideration before its next meeting.
- 2.6 Dr. Singh agreed to revert to the Committee on the nature of the review into hate crime referenced in the Performance Evaluation report.
- 2.7 Dr. Singh provided an update on results received so far from activities taken as part of the Victims Services Offices review. The Garda Síochána will supply the review report to the Authority once completed.
- 2.8 The Committee welcomed the Garda representatives working in the area of Child protection, Juvenile Liaison and Protective Services to their first Committee meeting. The Garda representatives provided details on the challenges that they experience in this area of policing. There was a constructive discussion into a number of areas involving children as victims and suspects.
- 2.9 The Committee requested information on a number of areas relating to the interviewing of children, both as victims and suspects.
- 2.10 Detective Superintendent Daly extended an invitation to the Committee to visit a child interview suite in Santry.

2.11 The Committee agreed that it would discuss the possibility of a future themed Authority meeting in public on policing and children.

2.12 The minutes of the Committee meeting of 13 April 2017 were agreed.