



AN TÚDARÁS PÓILÍNEACHTA
POLICING AUTHORITY

Minutes of Meeting of the Policing Authority

Date: 6 September 2017

Venue: 90 North King Street (and by video (V) and conference (C) call)

Part A – Authority Meeting

Attendance

Authority: Josephine Feehily (Chairperson), Noel Brett, Bob Collins, Pat Costello (C), Judith Gillespie (V), Valerie Judge, Maureen Lynott (C), Moling Ryan.

Secretary: Aileen Healy

Executive: Helen Hall (Chief Executive), Margaret Tumelty

1. Closed Session – Authority members only.

The following actions arising from the meeting of the Authority in closed session were noted:

No.	Action point	By Date	By Whom
A_26_01	Arrange further meetings and advise members.	ASAP	Chairperson

2. Chairpersons Opening Remarks

The draft agenda was approved. There were no declarations of interests in relation to items on the agenda.

3. Garda Síochána reports on MAT/MIT and FCPN system.

Members noted the two reports of the Garda Síochána (GS) outlining the results of its examinations of issues identified relating to the Fixed Charge Penalty Notice (FCPN) system and the recording of breath-tests at Mandatory Alcohol Testing (MAT) checkpoints.

It was noted that both GS reports have been provided to Crowe Howarth for assessment as part of their independent review being carried out for the Authority. The Authority will consider the reports further at its meeting on September 28th.

4. Status of ongoing work by Crowe Howarth

The Chief Executive updated Members on the work being carried out by Crowe Howarth in relation to its independent review in relation to the MAT/MIT and FCN matters and the next steps in the process. It was noted that it was likely that it would be necessary to extend the timeframe for completion of the review to 6 October in order to review the reports of the GS review which had been received much later than expected.

5. Arrangements for the Policing Plan workshop on 18 September

There was a brief discussion with regard to the arrangements for the workshop on the 2018 Policing Plan. It was noted that Dr. Vicky Conway has been invited to attend this event.

6. Other Business

It was noted that the Authority's Quarterly report on Changing Policing in Ireland and its report on progress in implementing the recommendations of the Interim Audit report on Financial Matters in the Garda College were submitted to the Minister subsequent to the Authority meeting on 28 July and that it was expected that these would be published in the coming week.

Members expressed concerns that the resignation of Dr. Vicky Conway from the Authority in July was a significant loss, in particular the contribution of her knowledge of policing to the work of the Policing Strategy and Performance Committee. Members therefore agreed, in line with the position regarding the Selection Governance Committee and the Audit and Risk Committee, and as provided for in Section 62K of the Garda Síochána Act 2005, to augment the level of expertise available to it by making external appointments to the Policing Strategy and Performance Committee. It was agreed that Dr. Conway should be invited to join the Committee as an external member in light of her policing expertise and that the Section 62K option should continue to be explored where appropriate.

It was noted that Dr. Cyril Sullivan who chairs the GS Audit Committee had recently changed employment and that Dr. Sullivan had confirmed that his new employer was happy to support his ongoing commitment to the GS Audit Committee.

No.	Action point	By Date	By Whom
A_26_02	Dr. Conway to be invited to become an external member of the Policing Strategy and Performance Committee.	Immediate	Secretary
A_26_03	Consideration to be given on an ongoing basis to identification of further persons for consideration as external members Committees	ongoing	Authority