



AN TÚDARÁS PÓILÍNEACHTA
POLICING AUTHORITY

Minutes of Meeting of the Policing Authority

Date: 12 October 2017

Venue: 90 North King Street (and by video call (VC))

Authority Meeting

Attendance

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

Secretary: Aileen Healy

Executive: Helen Hall (Chief Executive), Catherine Pierse, Margaret Tumelty

1. Chairpersons Opening Remarks

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

A number of items of correspondence were noted including:

- A note for information in relation to the process and progress on the Garda Síochána (GS) Culture Audit;
- Letter to the Minister for Justice and Equality ('the Minister') in relation to the matters raised by the Commission on the Future of Policing in relation to the recruitment of the Garda Commissioner and capacity issues;
- The Minister's reply to the Chairperson's letter, indicating that the Government would initiate the process for selection of the next Commissioner under S.9 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005 in December; and
- Letter from Deputy Commissioner Twomey to the Department of Justice and Equality and copied to the Authority in relation to resource requirements to support the delivery of the reform programme.

2. Request for appointment of senior civilian staff in the Garda Síochána

The report of the Public Appointments Service ('PAS') in relation to a TLAC recruitment competition undertaken by PAS for the position of Executive Director – Legal and Compliance in the Garda Síochána was circulated and considered by Members and the appointment was made.

No.	Action point	By Date	By Whom
A_028_01	The Executive to inform the candidate appointed to the Executive Director – Legal and Compliance position and the Garda Síochána of this appointment.	Immediate	Chief Executive

3. Other Business

The Chief Executive updated Members in relation to two matters:

- The current status of the work being undertaken by Crowe Horwath on the MAT/FCN issues, noting that an early draft report has been received, was being examined, but was not yet ready for Authority consideration. Members discussed the expectation that the report would be on the agenda for the next Authority meeting on 26 October and the arrangements for publication of the report thereafter; and
- a meeting with the Central Statistics Office (CSO) in relation to GS data quality issues, noting that the CSO were not yet satisfied to resume publication of the crime statistics and the importance of the crime counting rules being brought up to date.

4. Closed Session – Authority members only.

The Chairperson excused herself from this discussion which was chaired by Dr. Ryan. The Authority noted the continuing significant demands on the Chairperson and agreed that the current arrangements would remain in place and be reviewed again in June 2018.