

# South Dublin County Joint Policing Committee Annual Report 2016

Agreed by South Dublin County Joint Policing Committee on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017



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#### 1. Introduction

The South Dublin County Joint Policing Committee was established on the 26<sup>th</sup> 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:

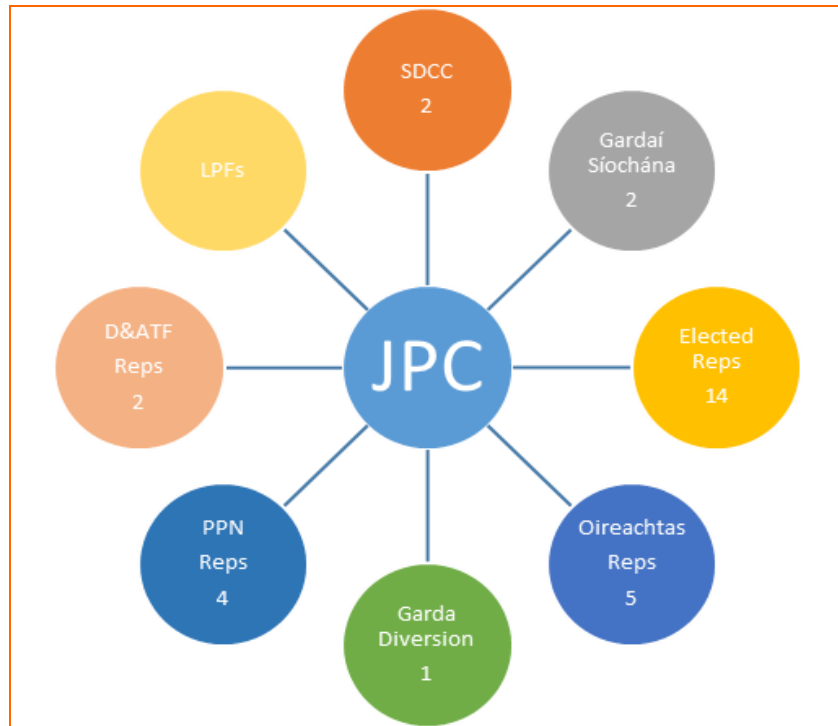
- Encouraging active citizen involvement in policing efforts.
- Focusing on issues of ongoing public concern.
- Providing continuity of service to the community
- Ensuring active involvement by the relevant staff in problem-solving
- Initiate creative responses to neighborhood problems.
- Developing 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

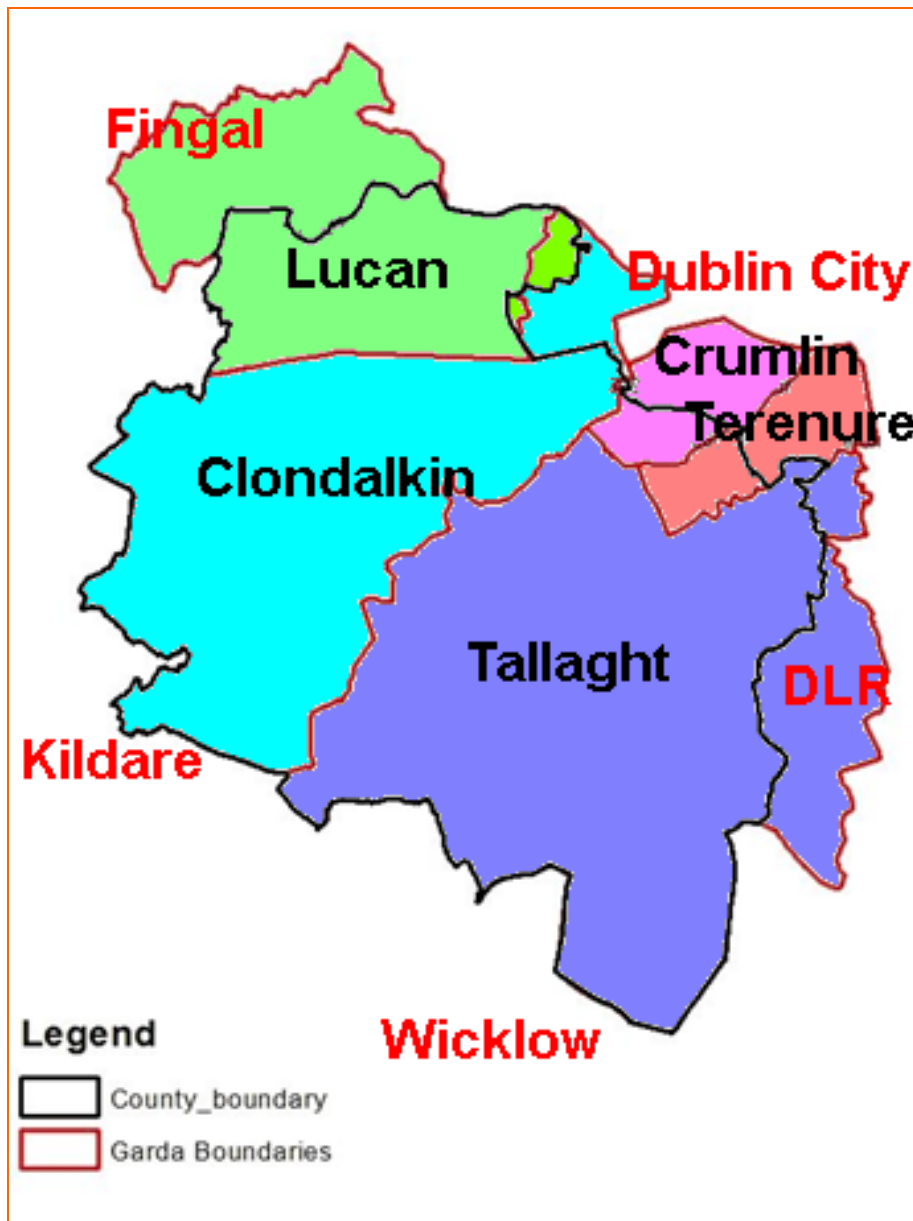
South Dublin County JPC is covered by two Garda Regions:

- 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	Lorraine Wheatley
Rathcoole	Clondalkin	Brendan Connolly	Blanchardstown	Lorraine Wheatley
Ballyfermot	Clondalkin	Brendan Connolly	Blanchardstown	Lorraine Wheatley
Ronanstown	Lucan	Dermot Mann	Blanchardstown	Lorraine Wheatley
Lucan	Lucan	Dermot Mann	Blanchardstown	Lorraine Wheatley
Rathfarnham	Tallaght	Peter Duff	Crumlin	Orla McPartlin
Tallaght	Tallaght	Peter Duff	Crumlin	Orla McPartlin
Crumlin	Crumlin	Michael Cryan	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	<b>To promote positive crime prevention and community safety initiatives through the media and the JPC web page on the South Dublin County website</b>	To increase activity by including information on community safety initiatives and projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>JPC Executive (Supported by SDCC)</li> </ul>	Ongoing	Available at <a href="http://www.sdcc.ie/services/community/joint-policing-committee/">http://www.sdcc.ie/services/community/joint-policing-committee/</a>
2	<b>Deter crime and anti-social behaviour in public parks</b>	Subgroup with support from Parks Department SDCC ended in 2016 and the implementation of the findings in the report 'Reclaiming our Parks' now considered by the JPC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>JPC Committee</li> </ul>	Ongoing	
3	<b>To support Community CCTV Programmes in South Dublin County</b>	To provide ongoing support and 24/7 monitoring for the following schemes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>North Clondalkin</li> <li>Jobstown</li> <li>Fettercairn and Brookfield</li> <li>Killinarden</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gardaí</li> <li>Local Authority</li> </ul>	Ongoing	CCTV continues to be monitored and to act as a resource for Gardaí in tackling crime in these areas
4	<b>To provide continued support for Pro-social initiatives in the County</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support inter agency projects such as the Drug &amp; Alcohol Task Forces, Late Night Football Leagues, Tallaght West Childhood Development Initiative, Social Integration projects etc.</li> <li>Develop a close liaison between the JPC and its members and inter agency projects in the County.</li> <li>Report to the JPC on initiatives throughout the County.</li> <li>Provide support for pro-social projects by improved coordination between Gardaí, SDCC and Community Representatives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>JPC members</li> <li>Children's Services Committee,</li> <li>CDI</li> <li>Local Partnerships</li> <li>Community/Voluntary Sector</li> <li>Local Drugs &amp; Alcohol Task Forces</li> <li>FAI</li> </ul>	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	<b>To plan for events attracting large crowds</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure that events attracting large crowds are a safe and enjoyable experience for all those who live, work and visit South Dublin County.</li> <li>Build on the good working relationship between the Gardaí, South Dublin County</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SDCC</li> <li>Gardaí</li> <li>Public Transport providers</li> <li>Local Communities</li> <li>Local</li> </ul>	Ongoing	Festivals were held in many villages in 2016 and these were organised in partnership between an Garda Síochána, SDCC and the local community.

		Council, the Community and other stakeholders in co-ordinating events	Businesses		
6	<b>Improve the process of engagement and interaction between local community reps. An Garda Síochána, Elected Representatives, South Dublin County Council, Local Drug &amp; Alcohol Task Forces on matters concerning community safety.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support the work of the Local Policing Fora in the County, with each LPF making a report at each JPC meeting</li> <li>• Consider recommendations of the Local Policing Fora</li> <li>• Support public and other meetings organised by the Local Policing Fora</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint Policing Committee</li> </ul>	Ongoing	This work has continued in 2016 with public meetings organised in three of the LPF areas
7	<b>Support the recommendations contained in the National Commission on Restorative Justice by increasing relations with the Restorative Justice Service in Tallaght</b>	Establish relationship between JPC Committee and Restorative Justice Services as outlined in the National Commission on Restorative Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gardaí</li> <li>• SDCC</li> <li>• Restorative Justice Service</li> <li>• CDI West Tallaght</li> <li>• Community Mediation</li> <li>• Local Community</li> </ul>	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	<b>Consult with Young People in the County regarding community safety</b>	Contact is ongoing with South Dublin Comhairle na nÓg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gardaí</li> <li>• SDCC</li> <li>• Comhairle na nÓg</li> <li>• Youth Services</li> <li>• Local Community</li> </ul>	Ongoing	Arrangements are in place for regular reporting and contact between the JPC and the Comhairle.
9	<b>Support South Dublin County as an Age Friendly County which is a safe place for older persons</b>	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"> <li>• SDCC</li> <li>• Gardaí</li> <li>• Age Friendly Network</li> </ul>	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. A Community Safety brochure is being developed. A new lock scheme was introduced in 2016
10	<b>Support the implementation of the South Dublin County Integration Strategy</b>	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"> <li>• SDCC</li> <li>• Gardaí</li> <li>• Local community</li> </ul>	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	<b>Support the work of the Intimidation Sub-group of the JPC</b>	Continue to provide support to the Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SDCC</li> <li>• Gardaí</li> <li>• JPC</li> <li>• Local Drug &amp; Alcohol Task Forces</li> </ul>	Ongoing	The group continued to meet and a seminar was held in May 2016 that made a number of recommendations.

#### **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 issues at their meetings and in 2016 these included:

- Operation Thor presentation
- Social media
- Joyriding
- Home Security fund
  
- CCTV
- Parks working Group
- Intimidation seminar
- Door to door sponsorship collections
  
- SDCC Road Safety Plan 2016-2020
- SDCC JPC Strategic Plan
- An Garda Síochána Policing Plan
- Scramblers
- Home Security Initiative
  
- Clondalkin D&ATF Presentation “Outcomes: Drug Harms, policy Harms, Poverty & Inequality”
- Scramblers
- PPN Community Safety Booklet
- Purple Flag Initiative

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. In 2016 a further Seminar to review progress on the issue was held. At this seminar a number of suggestions were made including:

- The need for “mini CABs” to address the wealth generated by drug suppliers
- That the impact of poverty and unemployment within disadvantaged and Traveller communities is linked to the problem of drug misuse and then drug related intimidation
- That the impact of intimidation on people’s mental health be recognised and that GPs have a role to play here
- That there is a need to address the “normalisation” of drugs where recreational drug use has a huge impact on communities



- That mothers/women are often the victims of intimidation and that drug related intimidation has similarities to the impact of domestic violence

#### **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 supported the initiative to have a Home Security Lock Scheme which fitted over 500 locks for older people in 2016.

#### **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. The JPC agreed that the work of this group should now be considered by the JPC and the Parks Working Group has now finished its work.

#### **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 2016**

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. North Clondalkin Halloween Festival ran over 4 days, Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November. All events were very well attended and the number of children and adults attending events increased significantly on last year's activities.

- Games and Sports Challenges 85 children and 40 adults (parents)
- Community Safety Event had 90 + children and 50+ adults,
- Arts and crafts events (2) had 32 and 34 children in attendance
- 20 children went on the Hill Walk
- Family Fun Day entertained 447 children and 97 adults,
- Movie event 63 children and 8 adults attended.

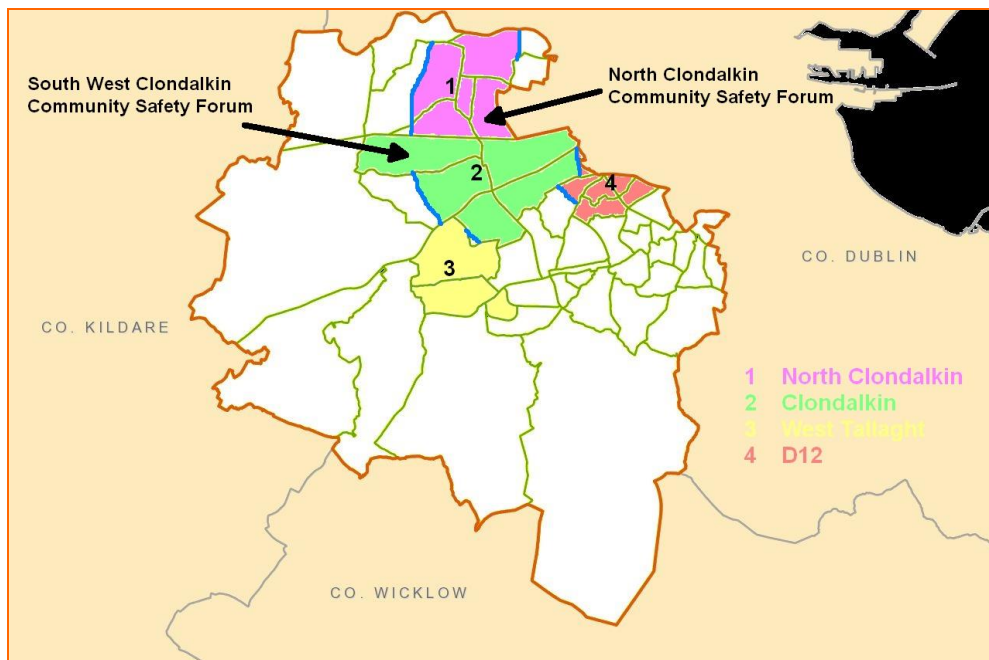
#### **4.7 Late Night Leagues**

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

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 2016 and public meetings were held in three areas. Reports from the public and management meetings have been presented to all meetings of the JPC in 2016.

The following issues have been raised in 2016 at public meetings and again at Local Policing Fora management meetings in the four areas:

**Clondalkin:**

- Home security pilot scheme
- Neighbourhood Watch schemes
- Burglaries
- Public meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016
- Drugs and criminal gangs
- Reporting crime
- Dublin Bus
- St Cuthbert's Park
- Trees and pruning schedule
- Ramps
- Critical response to incidents
- Anti-racism sticker Campaign
- Kingswood policing area
- Business Watch
- Quality of Life Survey
- Community response initiative
- Racism and the need for hate crime legislation
- Scramblers
- Halloween
- Resurfacing to Monastery Road
- School Wardens
- Trees, hedges and undergrowth
- Newlands cross flyover

**D12:**

- Dublin City council Health & Safety Parks Committee
- Drug Debt intimidation
- Bicycle thieves
- Gangland activity
- Relationship between LPF and Drug & Alcohol Task Force
- Stolen bikes
- Text alerts see garda.ie website
- Rapid build housing
- The impact of gangland feuding
- Community policing
- Drug searches and drug trends
- Bike Crime and Prevention
- Crime statistics and trends
- D12 D&ATF presentation on alcohol
- Licensing of premises
- Anti-social behaviour
- Impact of gangland feud

#### **North Clondalkin Lucan, Palmerstown Local Policing Forum:**

- Parking at schools and ASB specific to local School
- M50 grid lock
- Trimming of trees
- Bus shelter on Neilstown Road
- Laneway at Rowlagh shops
- Intimidation and begging at shops
- Parking in disabled bays at shops
- Quad Bikes & scramblers
- Burglaries
- Traffic, and traffic lights sequencing
- Bogus charity collectors
- Social media
- Community Safety Forum
- Drug dealing
- Offensive graffiti
- Cars being vandalised
- Houses being egged
- Traffic congestion
- Dumping of rubbish on public land and in local parks
- Breaches of pedestrian and vehicular access at Rossecourt
- CCTV – Netwatch
- Public Policing Meeting
- Halloween

#### **Tallaght:**

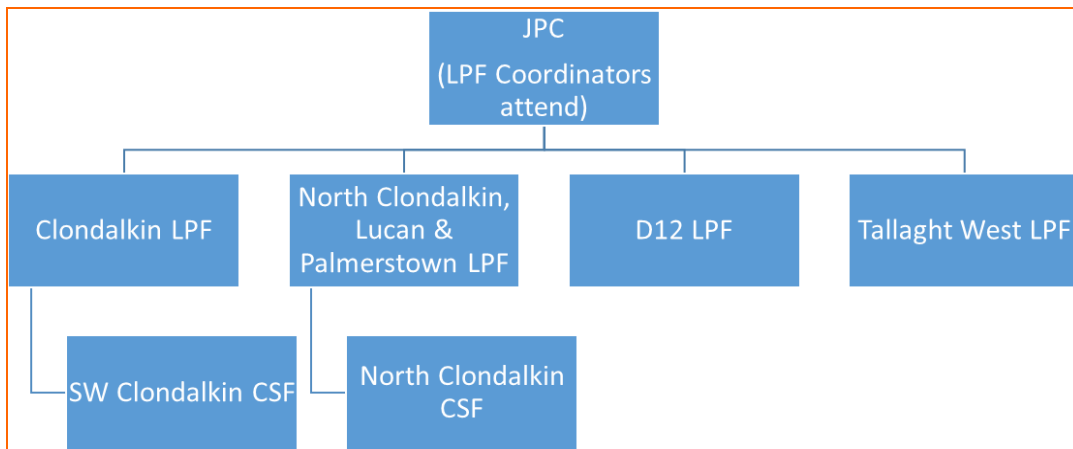
- Burglaries
- Alcohol and drug use
- Housing sub-letting by Council tenants
- Litter / dumping
- Community Garda numbers in West Tallaght
- Gangs, intimidation and anti-social behaviour
- Estate Management Project workers
- Public Meeting

### **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 2016

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>JPC</b>	29				27				23		25	
JPC Intimidation Sub Cttee.	14	17	29	27	11							
Clondalkin LPF Man. Cttee.	21		24				21		22			08
<b>Clondalkin LPF Public Mtg.</b>		18							29			
D12 LPF Man Cttee.	13		21	18	19	28	27		7	20		
<b>D12 LPF Public Mtg.</b>				20			7			26		
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<b>N Clondalkin LPF Public Mtg.</b>											10	
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<b>W Tallaght LPF Public Mtg.</b>												
<b>Total</b>	5	2	4	3	3	2	4	0	5	3	3	2

## 6 Attendance Record for JPC Meetings held in 2016

Name	29 01 16	27 05 16	23 09 16	25 11 16
Cllr. Colm Brophy		-	-	-
Cllr. Nicky Coules	A			
Cllr. Maire Devine	P	-	-	-
Cllr. Paula Donovan	P	A	P	P
Cllr. Louise Dunne	-	P	A	P
Cllr. Kenneth Egan	P			P
Cllr. Brendan Ferron	-	A	P	P
Cllr. Paul Foley	P	P	P	P
Cllr. Paul Gogarty	A	P	P	P
Cllr. Sarah Holland	P	P	D	D
Cllr. Pamela Kearns				P
Cllr. Cathal King	P	P		P
Cllr. Brian Lawlor	-	A		
Cllr. Kieran Mahon				
Cllr. Ed. O'Brien		A	P	P
Cllr. Deirdre O'Donovan (Chair)	P	P	P	P
Cllr. Liona O'Toole	P	P	P	P
Cllr. Guss O'Connell (Mayor)	-	-	A	
Sean Crowe T.D.			A	P
John Curran T.D.	-	-	P	P
Senator Cait Keane		-	-	-
John Lahart T.D.	-	-		P
Eamon Maloney T.D.		-	-	-
Joanna Tuffy T.D.		-	-	-
Billy Coman (SDCC)	P	P	P	P
Chief Superintendent Orla McPartlin	P	P	P	P
Chief Superintendent Pat Clavin	P	P	-	-
Chief Superintendent Lorraine Wheatley	-	-	D	P
Ann Corrigan (PPN)	A	P	P	P
Tara Deasy (PPN)	P	P	A	P
Jim Lawlor (PPN)		P	P	P
Michael Noonan (PPN)	P	A	P	P
Eamon Dolan (D&ATF)			A	P
Ray McGrath (D&ATF)				
Gemma Carton (Garda Diversion)		P	P	
Total	13	14	16	23

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