South Dublin County Joint Policing Committee Annual Report 2018

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1. Introduction

The South Dublin County Joint Policing Committee was established on the 26th 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.

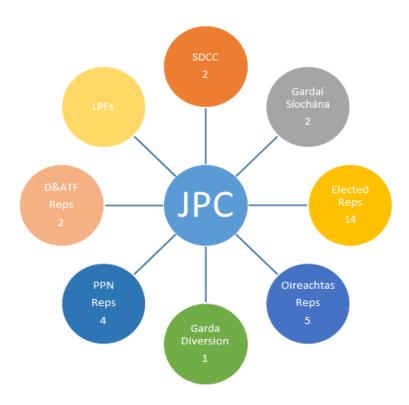
South Dublin Joint Policing Committee continues to be a partnership between An Garda Síochána, South Dublin County Council and the residents of South Dublin County. Members of the Joint Policing Committee work together to help prevent crime and solve neighbourhood problems by:

- 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 neighbourhood 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.

2. Structure

2.1 Membership of the JPC

In 2015 the Public Participation Network (PPN), Drug & Alcohol Task Forces and the Garda Diversion Programme were asked to nominate representatives to the JPC. The following diagram illustrates the current 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

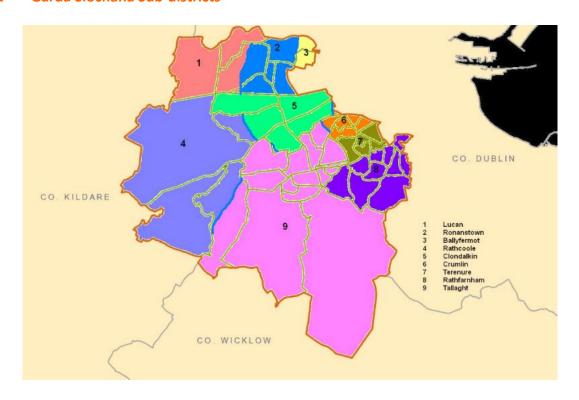
The Regions are split into Districts and Sub Districts:

Sub District	District	Superintendent	Divisional HQ	Chief Superintendent
Clondalkin	Clondalkin	Brendan Connolly	Blanchardstown	Finbarr Murphy
Rathcoole	Clondalkin	Brendan Connolly	Blanchardstown	Finbarr Murphy
Ballyfermot	Clondalkin	Brendan Connolly	Blanchardstown	Finbarr Murphy
Ronanstown	Lucan	Paul Dolan	Blanchardstown	Finbarr Murphy
Lucan	Lucan	Paul Dolan	Blanchardstown	Finbarr Murphy
Rathfarnham	Tallaght	lan Lackey	Crumlin	Kevin Gralton
Tallaght	Tallaght	lan Lackey	Crumlin	Kevin Gralton
Crumlin	Crumlin	Frank Ferry	Crumlin	Kevin Gralton
Terenure	Terenure	Laura Mangan	Crumlin	Kevin Gralton

The following map sets out the five Garda Districts that cover South Dublin County, note some Districts cut across the County boundary.



2.2.1 Garda Síochána Sub-districts



3 Strategic Plan

- 3.1 In 2017 at the JPC meeting held on the 24th November 2017 the Strategic Plan for 2016-2022 was agreed.
- 3.2 The Plan links to other plans and strategies.
- 3.2.1 The Links to the following plans have been considered
 - An Garda Síochána Annual Policing Plan
 - South Dublin County Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP) 2016-2021
- 3.2.2 Other Plans considered were:
 - A Safer Community: South Dublin County Council Road Safety Plan 2016-2020 (published August 2016)
 - Clondalkin Drug and Alcohol Task Force Plan
 - Tallaght Drug and Alcohol Task Force Plan
- 3.2.3 The Clondalkin Drug and Alcohol Task Force Strategic Plan 2018 2025 Reclaiming Community Development as an Effective Response to Drug Harms, Policy Harms, Poverty and Inequality was agreed in 2018.
- 3.2.4 The Tallaght Drug and Alcohol Task Force Strategic Plan 2017 2020 was designed and developed as an interagency collaboration, and our vision is to continue this interagency collaboration in the implementation of this strategy. Three strategic themes shaped the plan:
 - Improved service user and community outcomes
 - Effective partnership
 - Increased capacity
- 3.2.5 A "Framework Policy for Local and Community Development in Ireland was approved by Government in December 2015 and is an overarching high-level vision for the State's engagement with the local and community development sectors. JPCs are identified within the following objectives as having a role:
 - Objective 2: Working with partners:
 - o pursue an integrated "whole government" approach at central and local levels
 - Objective 3: Planning for Local and Community Development:
 - Support an integrated, coherent approach through the County Local Economic and Community Plan that is adaptable to changing needs and which clearly identify the outcomes they aim to achieve
 - Ensure priorities, as set out in the relevant Local Economic and Community Plan for expenditure at local level across all community and local development programmes are based on appropriate needs analysis and matched to available resources
 - Objective 4: Delivery
 - Through the County Local Economic and Community Plan. Deliver an integrated approach to economic development and community development at local level within the local authority area

- Through the County Local Economic and Community Plan, manage the delivery of interventions that provide positive action programmes targeting those groups that are most marginalised, and support them to become involved in issues and concerns affecting themselves and their communities
- 3.2.6 A Memorandum of Understanding between the JPC and the Local Community Development Committee was drafted in 2017 and agreed at the first JPC meeting in 2018.

3.3 The JPC Six Year Strategic Plan is as follows:

JPC Six Year Strategic Plan Strategic Objectives	Summary of strategy to be pursued in relation to each objective	Lead /agency key partners/ Name of JPC subcommittee where relevant	Anticipated outcomes
High Priority Objectives Drugs	Develop through the Drug subcommittee	Drug subcommittee	Ongoing
Parks	Deter crime and anti- social behaviour in public parks	JPCSDCCGardaí	Ongoing
LPFs	Support the work of the local policing fora in the County	SDCCGardaíJPCLPFs	Ongoing
Strategic Objectives	Summary of strategy to be pursued	Lead /agency key partners	Anticipated outcomes
ССТV	Community Based CCTV: To support the following Community CCTV schemes: Jobstown Fettercairn Brookfield Killinarden North Clondalkin	GardaíSDCC	Ongoing
Community Safety: To promote positive crime prevention and community safety initiatives	Information: To develop and produce information on community safety initiatives/projects through the media and the JPC web page of South Dublin County Council web site	JPC Executive (Supported by SDCC)	Ongoing
	Events: To plan for events attracting large crowds and ensure they are a safe and enjoyable experience. To build on the good working relationship between the Gardaí, South Dublin County Council, the Community and other stakeholders co-ordinating events	 SDCC Gardaí Public Transport providers Local Communities Local Businesses 	Ongoing

	Road safety: To consider elements within the SDCC Road Safety Plan 2016-2020	SDCC Gardaí	
	Older People: Support South Dublin County as an Age Friendly County which is a safe place for older people and continue to work on any safety issues identified by the Age Friendly Alliance. To work with the Network and any other partners on the proposed Text Alert Scheme	 SDCC Gardaí Age Friendly Network 	Ongoing
Consultation & Involvement: To improve the process of engagement and interaction between local community reps. An Garda Síochána, Elected Representatives, South Dublin County Council, Local Drug & Alcohol Task Forces on matters concerning community safety.	 Local Policing Forums: Support the work of the local policing fora in the County by: Local policing forums will report to each JPC meeting Consider recommendations of the Local Policing Forums Support for public and other meetings organised by the Local Policing Forums 	 SDCC Gardaí JPC LPFs 	Ongoing
	Young People: Continue consultation with young people through Comhairle na nÓg and other services. Support the Comhairle na nÓg charter to prevent Cyber Bullying	 Comhairle na Nog Gardaí JPC SDCC 	Ongoing
Crime: To support actions that address crime and the fear of crime	Parks: Deter crime and antisocial behaviour in public parks (See Appendix 4) through the implementation of the recommendations included in "Reclaiming our Parks." Reports to be prepared for each JPC meeting	JPCSDCCGardaí	Ongoing
	Drugs: Support the work of the Drug Sub-committee of the JPC (See Appendix 3) to agree its Terms of Reference and Action Plan and if appropriate support any recommendations identified	 JPC Drug Sub-committee JPC Gardaí SDCC Local Drug & Alcohol Task Forces 	Ongoing
Integration	Integration Strategy: Support the implementation of the South Dublin County Integration Strategy and work on any actions identified that can improve the	SDCCGardaíCommunity	New strategy to be agreed in 2019

	quality of life and safety of residents in the County		
Pro-social initiatives: To provide continued support for Pro-social initiatives in the County and to support inter agency projects	To develop a close liaison between the JPC, its members and inter agency projects in the County, to support pro-social projects by improved coordination between Gardaí, SDCC and Community Representatives	 JPC Children & Young People's Services Committee (CYPSC), Childhood Development Initiative (CDI) Safety Initiative, Local Partnerships Community/Voluntary Sector Local Drug & Alcohol Task Forces FAI (Football night leagues) 	Ongoing
Restorative Justice:	Support the recommendations contained in the National Commission on Restorative Justice by strengthening relations with the Restorative Justice Service in Tallaght and continue to promote restorative practice in the Community. Consider services which will look at tackling anti-social behaviour using restorative practices. Continue to support the work of Restorative Practice promoters where necessary	 Gardaí SDCC Restorative Justice and Practice Programmes Community Mediation Community Groups CDI 	Ongoing

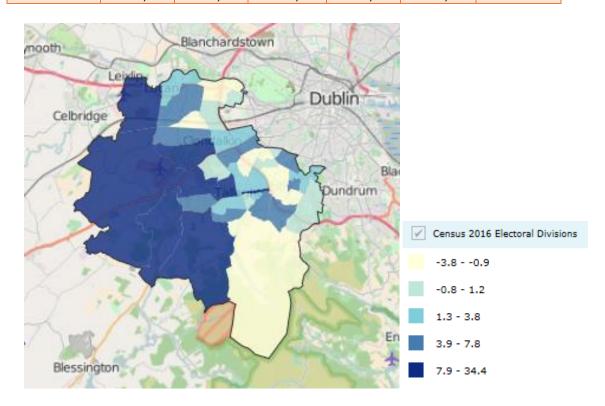
4 Demographics

4.1 Population (2016 Census)

- 4.1.1 The 2016 Census statistics for population have been released.

 The population of the state has risen from 4,588,252 in 2011 to 4,757976 in 2016 an increase of 169,724 and a 3.7% increase and the population of South Dublin County has risen from 265,205 in 2011 to 278,749 in 2016 an increase of 13,544 and a 5.1% increase
- 4.1.2 The following table gives an estimate of the change in population relating to Garda sub districts (Note some of the EDs are divided between two sub districts)

Garda Sub District	Pop 2011	Pop 2016	Males 2016	Females 2016	Change 2011-16	% Change 2011-16
State	4,588,252	4,757,976	2,352,240	2,405,736	169,724	3.7
Leinster	2,504,814	2,630,720	1295533	1,335,187	125,906	5
Ballyfermot	11,216	11,130	5,377	5,753	-86	-1
Clondalkin	33,882	35,556	17,526	18,030	1,674	5
Crumlin	11,089	11,197	5,338	5,859	108	1
Lucan	44,487	47,800	23,628	24,172	3,313	7
Rathcoole	11,549	13,891	6,970	6,921	2,342	20
Rathfarnham	50,959	52,263	25,270	26,993	1,304	3
Ronanstown	12,914	12,944	6,232	6,712	30	0
Tallaght	75,206	80,022	39,150	40,872	4,816	6
Terenure	13,903	13,946	6,784	7,162	43	0
South Dublin	265,205	278,749	136,275	142,474	13,544	5.1%



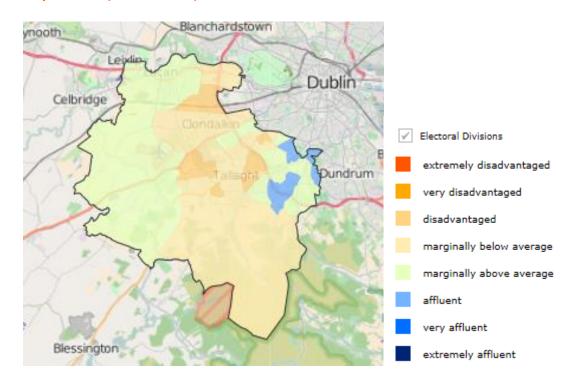
4.1.3 The greatest percentage population increase EDs are as follows:

ED	Garda Sub District	Percentage Population Change (2011-2016)
027 Saggart	Rathcoole/Tallaght	34
039 Tallaght-Springfield	Tallaght	21
001 Ballinascorney	Tallaght	16
021 Rathcoole	Rathcoole	16
018 Newcastle	Rathcoole	14
017 Lucan-St. Helen's	Lucan	10
030 Tallaght-Fettercairn	Tallaght	9
010 Clondalkin Village	Clondalkin	8
015 Lucan-Esker	Lucan/Ronanstown	8

4.1.4 The greatest percentage population decrease EDs are as follows:

ED	Garda Sub District	Percentage Population Change (2011-2016)
044 Templeogue-Orwell	Terenure	-4
034 Tallaght-Kilnamanagh	Tallaght/Crumlin	-3
041 Templeogue-Cypress	Terenure	-3
045 Templeogue-Osprey	Terenure	-3
002 Ballyboden	Rathfarnham	-2
005 Clondalkin-Cappaghmore	Ronanstown	-2
013 Firhouse-Knocklyon	Rathfarnham	-2
049 Terenure-St. James	Crumlin	-2
003 Bohernabreena	Tallaght	-1
020 Palmerston West	Ballyfermot/Ronanstown	-1

4.2 Deprivation (2011 Census)



4.2.1 The disadvantaged EDs are as follows:

ED	Garda Sub District	Relative Deprivation Score (2011)	Relative Deprivation Score (2016)
033 Tallaght-Killinardan	Tallaght	-19	-20
009 Clondalkin-Rowlagh	Ronanstown	-17	-18
028 Tallaght-Avonbeg,	Tallaght	-17	-18
005 Clondalkin-Cappaghmore	Ronanstown	-15	-16
030 Tallaght-Fettercairn	Tallaght	-14	-13
049 Terenure-St. James	Crumlin	-13	-12
008 Clondalkin-Moorfield	Ronanstown	-11	-12
037 Tallaght-Millbrook	Tallaght	-11	-9
040 Tallaght-Tymon	Tallaght	-11	-11

4.2.2 The affluent EDs are as follows:

ED	Garda Sub District	Relative Deprivation Score (2011)	Relative Deprivation Score (2016)
024 Rathfarnham-Hermitage	Rathfarnham	15	13
026 Rathfarnham Village	Rathfarnham	14	14
042 Templeogue-Kimmage Manor	Terenure	14	14
012 Firhouse-Ballycullen	Rathfarnham	13	13
046 Templeogue Village	Terenure	12	11
002 Ballyboden	Rathfarnham	11	11
Rathfarnham- Butterfield	Rathfarnham	8	11

5 Advice/Recommendations

5.1 The JPC has discussed many different issues at their meetings and in 2018 these included:

January	Мау
 Local Policing Forums LPF in Lucan area Memorandum of Understanding with the LCDC JPC Drug subcommittee St Cuthbert's Park Church of Scientology Role of the JPC 	 JPC Annual report JPC Strategic Plan 2016-2022 Progress Report Tallaght Garda Station overcrowding Local Policing Forums Scramblers & Quad Bikes LPF in Lucan and Adamstown JPC Drug subcommittee
September	November
 Scramblers & Quad Bikes CCTV Raheen Close & Willsbrook Park Local Policing Forums JPC Strategic Plan 2016-2022 Progress Report JPC Drug subcommittee Halloween 	 Operation Tombola Local Policing Forums Scramblers & Quad Bikes St Cuthbert's Park GDPR & CCTV JPC Drug subcommittee

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.

5.2 Drugs

- 5.2.1 Following repeated reports from members of the JPC and recommendations from the South Dublin County Community Platform and more recently the Public Participation Network, the JPC set up a Drug Intimidation Subcommittee to consider this topic. Both the Gardaí and Local Authority officials are very involved together with members of the Drug & Alcohol Task Forces. 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

5.2.1 Following the seminar in May 2016 at the JPC meeting held on the 25th November 2016 it was agreed to form a Drug Subcommittee which comprises the following members and met a number of times in 2018:

Name		16	13	01	22	19
		01	03	05	10	11
		18	18	18	18	18
Cllr Paul Gogarty	Councillor	Р	Α	Р	Α	Р
Cllr Cathal King	Councillor					-
Cllr Liona O'Toole	Councillor	Р	Α	Р	Α	Α
Gemma Carton	Garda Diversion	Р	Α	Α	Р	Р
Ann Corrigan	PPN	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
Tara Deacy	PPN	Р	Р	Р	Р	Α
Noreen Byrne	North Clondalkin LPF	Р	Р	Р	Р	Α
Grace Hill	Tallaght D&ATF	Р	Р	Α	Α	Р
Vacant	Clondalkin D&ATF	-	-	-	-	-
Insp. Lennie Brennan	Clondalkin Garda	Α	D	Α	-	-
Insp. Ray Blake	Tallaght Garda	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
In attendance						
Andy Lane	SDCC	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
JJ O'Neill	Garda Síochána	-	Р	-	-	-

- 5.2.2 The drug Subcommittee had an update report on each JPC agenda and in 2018 made the following proposals:
 - To have a presentation on the differences between legalisation and decriminalisation of drugs.
 - A request to find out what other JPCs are doing on the drug issue
 - The need to consider protocols for GPs in relation to drug prescribing.

5.3 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 initiatives to have a Home Security Lock Scheme

5.4 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. A new strategy is being developed and it is aimed to launch it in 2019.

5.5 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.

5.6 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. In 2017 the Community Based CCTV initiative was relaunched with funding of €40,000 and this was considered by the JPC to be insufficient to support the installation and maintenance of CCTV schemes. Options for CCTV schemes have been brought to the JPC by individual Management Companies and Resident Associations seeking support. The JPC has decided not to support community-based CCTV schemes as issues relating to data control and repair and maintenance are very burdensome and the necessary funding is not in available.

5.7 Halloween **2018**

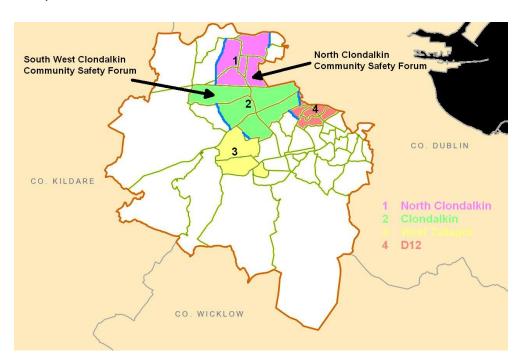
An interagency approach which included the Council, Gardaí, Fire Brigade and Dublin Bus continued to promote a Safe Halloween through radio, school visits, and the early collection of bonfire material and co-operation from local communities. South Dublin County Council supported community projects to provide activities over Halloween with a Halloween Events fund.

5.8 Late Night Leagues

The late-night leagues continue to be successful throughout the County. 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

6 Local Policing Fora and Public Meetings

6.1 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 throughout 2018 and public meetings were held in all areas. Reports from the public and management meetings have been presented to all meetings of the JPC in 2018.

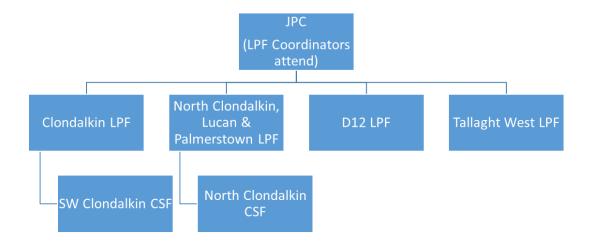
6.2 The following issues have been raised in 2018 at public meetings and again at Local Policing Fora management meetings in the four areas:

D12	Tallaght					
Crimestoppers publicity	 Killinarden Park joyriding The need to address suicides in the Tallaght area Drug dealing in Bancroft Park Brookfield Community Centre Closure Scramblers Intimidation of families ASB in Killinarden Park 					
Clondalkin	North Clondalkin Lucan, Palmerstown					
 Kingswood Luas stop safety issues Operation Melrose Senior Citizen's Register Publication of LPF minutes Scramblers ASB in St Cuthbert's Park 	 The impact of shootings on Garda resources Scramblers & quad bikes Palmerstown & Ballyfermot policing Joint meeting with Ballyfermot LPF Rally addressing intimidation Scramblers at a funeral Halloween 					

6.3 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.



6.4 JPC & LPF Meetings 2018

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
JPC		02			25				21		23	
Steering Group	12				11				07		19	
JPC Drug Sub	16		13		01					23	19	
Clondalkin LPF Man. Committee.		22										
Clondalkin LPF Public Meeting				12								
D12 LPF Man Committee.		01	14			12			26		27	
D12 LPF Public Meeting			14			12			26		27	
N Clondalkin LPF Man. Committee.	11		15	12	10	14	12		13		08	06
N Clondalkin LPF Public Meeting										11		
W Tallaght LPF Man. Committee.		27	21	18	03					23	20	
W Tallaght LPF Public Meeting					08							·
Total 32	1	4	4	3	4	3	1	0	4	2	5	1

7 Attendance Record

The following chart sets out the attendance record for JPC meetings held in 2018

Name	02	25	21	23
	02	05	09	11
	18	18	18	18
Cllr. Paula Donovan			Р	
Cllr Mick Duff	Р			Α
Cllr. Louise Dunne	Р	Р		Р
Cllr. Kenneth Egan				
Cllr. Brendan Ferron		Р	Р	
Cllr. Paul Foley	Α	Р		Р
Cllr. Paul Gogarty (Mayor)	Р	Р	Р	Р
Cllr Emma Hendrick			Р	Р
Cllr. Cathal King		Р		Р
Cllr. Kieran Mahon				
Cllr. Ed. O'Brien	Р			
Cllr. Deirdre O'Donovan (Chair)	Р	Р	Р	Р
Cllr. Liona O'Toole	Р	Р	Р	Р
Cllr Mark Ward (Mayor)	Р	Р		Р
Sean Crowe T.D.	Р			Р
John Curran T.D.	Р	Р	Р	
John Lahart T.D.	Р		Р	
Billy Coman (SDCC)	Р	Р	-	-
Colm Ward (SDCC)	-	-	Р	Р
Chief Superintendent Kevin Gralton	Р	Р	Р	D
Chief Superintendent Lorraine Wheatley	Р	Р	-	-
Chief Superintendent Finbarr Murphy	-	-	Р	Р
Ann Corrigan (PPN)	Р	Р	Р	Р
Tara Deasy (PPN)	Р	Р	Р	Р
Enda Creegan (PPN)	Р	Α		Α
Michael Noonan (PPN)	Р		Р	Р
Vacant (Tallaght D&ATF)	-	-	-	-
Ray McGrath (Clondalkin D&ATF)				
Gemma Carton (Garda Diversion)	Р		Р	Α
Total	18	14	15	15
D- Dracant				

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