



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council



COUNTY GALWAY

JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE

ANNUAL WORK PLAN

2021

County Galway Joint Policing Committee – Annual Work Plan 2021

The function of the County Galway Joint Policing Committee is to serve as a forum for consultation, discussion and recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the County of Galway.

County Galway Joint Policing Committee Membership

| | Local Authority Elected Members | Oireachtas Elected Members | Local Authority Official | An Garda Síochána | Community |
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| The County Galway Joint Policing Committee | 15 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 7 |

The Joint Policing Committee recognises that it is imperative that local issues are addressed collectively and strategically and in this regard adopted a Strategic Plan for the period 2015 – 2021, focused on achieving coordinated actions to support enhanced policing and crime prevention.

The work of the County Galway Joint Policing Committee is focused on areas where cooperative and collaborative actions can add most value to the existing work of relevant stakeholders.

The Annual Work Plan 2021 for the County Galway Joint Policing Committee focuses on enhancing overall efforts to address key issues affecting community life including:

- Crime Prevention and Rural Crime
- Anti-Social Behaviour and Street Crime
- Misuse of Drugs and related Crime
- Support for Crime Victims
- Illegal Dumping & Litter Awareness
- Cyber Fraud Crime
- Education & Awareness Programme for Schools

The Annual Work Plan also supports the Joint Policing Committee in being pro-active in making constructive inputs in relation to policing plans and relevant local authority plans and initiative and in supporting local Garda management and local authority

management in relation to any relevant consultation which may arise with respect to Garda or local authority plans.

The Annual Work Plan for 2021 reflects the decision made, by the Joint Policing Committee, in 2020, that the most beneficial and practical mechanism by which to, progress the work of the JPC and, deliver on the strategic objectives of the Strategic Plan 2015 – 2021, was the formation of two sub-committees.

- **Education & Awareness – School Programme Sub-Committee**
- **Illegal Dumping & Litter Awareness Sub-Committee and Crime Prevention/Personal Safety Sub-Committee**

The following details a summary of the actions to be taken during 2021 to deliver on three of the strategic objective identified in the Strategic Plan 2015 – 2021.

| Strategic Objectives | Origin | Summary of Actions | Lead | Timescale for Action |
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| To Support and Promote awareness of litter management plans and initiatives, the negative impact of illegal dumping and littering and to promote and advise the public on the importance of reporting incidents of illegal dumping and littering. | Joint Policing Committee | <p>Progress issues in relation to Illegal Dumping and Litter Awareness in a specific, measurable, achievable and cost-effective manner.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress and promote the Litter Awareness Campaign. • Continue to identify areas to mount CCTV cameras on road networks (in litter blackspots). • Expand the initiative with Fast Food outlets to seek to eradicate littering. • Identify illegal dumping blackspots that An Garda Síochána will monitor. • Investigate if probation services can link individual convicted of similar crimes with clean ups. | Illegal Dumping & Litter Awareness and Crime Prevention/ Personal Safety Sub-Committee | 2021 |
| To increase awareness of crime prevention for communities, business, house holders | Joint Policing Committee | <p>Crime Prevention / Personal Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To identify future requirements for CCTV in relation to expanding the usage of existing schemes as well as developing new | Illegal Dumping & Litter Awareness and Crime Prevention/ Personal | 2021 |

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| and individuals. | | <p>schemes, taking cognisance of new revised Data Protection Regulations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To review the current funding arrangements for CCTV monitoring and identify possible alternative options for future CCTV provision. <p>Community Watch:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To reinvigorate existing community alert and neighbourhood watch schemes that are dormant. • To develop new community alert and neighbourhood watch schemes in areas with little or no coverage. • To look at ways whereby existing schemes can be more effective in supporting and complimenting An Garda Síochána policy on policing especially in relation to Rural Crime. | Safety Sub-Committee | |
| To promote, Education and Awareness Programmes for schools on personal safety, road safety, bullying, illegal substance abuse, and underage drinking. | Joint Policing Committee/ Education & Awareness – School Programme Sub-Committee | <p>Develop and deliver a Programme of Work for each of the following topics within the school system.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cyber Fraud Crime • Illegal Substance Abuse. • Road Safety. • Personal Safety. • Bullying. • Underage Drinking. | Education & Awareness – School Programme Sub-Committee | 2021 |

The Annual Work Plan 2021 sets out specific and measurable objectives, identifies lead individuals or agencies and sets defined timescales for actions.

The Annual Work Plan will be the subject of ongoing review by the Steering Group and Joint Policing Committee and will be subject to amendment as deemed appropriate, **and will be subject to the relevant resources being available.**

JOINT POLICING SUB-COMMITTEES

The following is the membership of the JPC Sub-Committees as agreed by the County Galway Joint Policing Committee on 30th September 2019. The sub-committees will lead on the actions required to deliver on the appropriate strategic objectives.

| Illegal Dumping & Litter Awareness AND Crime Prevention/Personal Safety | Education & Awareness – School Programme |
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| Cllr. Michael Maher (Chair) | Cllr. Gerry King (Chair) |
| Cllr. Peter Roche | Cllr. Shelley Herterich-Quinn |
| Cllr. Mary Hoade | Cllr. Liam Carroll |
| Comh. Padraig Mac An Iomaire | |
| Cllr. PJ Murphy | |
| Cllr. Michael Maher (Chair) | |
| Comh. Daithí Cualáin | |
| Oireachtas: Deputy Noel Grealish Deputy Catherine Connolly* | Deputy Anne Rabbitte |
| Garda Síochána: Sgt. Mick Walsh | Garda Síochána: Sgt Peadar Ryan |
| Community Rep: Mr. Martin Ward Tuam MD Mr. Aodán Mac Donncha <i>Comhlacht Forbartha an Spideal</i> Mr. Gerard Costello <i>Monivea Community Alert</i> | Community Rep: Ms. Aileen Heverin <i>The Older Persons Council</i> Mr. Gerard Larkin <i>Abbey Muintir na Tire</i> Mr. Tom Madden <i>Duggan Park Development Committee</i> |
| Council Officials: Ms. Ann Dolan & Mr. Evan Mulvey | Council Official: Ms. Deirdre Caulfield |

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNTY GALWAY JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE 2020/2021

| GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL | |
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| Cllr. Jim Cuddy (Cathaoirleach of JPC) | Elected Representative |
| Cllr. Peter Roche | Elected Representative |
| Cllr. James Charity | Elected Representative |
| Cllr. Moggie Maher | Elected Representative |
| Cllr. Joe Byrne | Elected Representative |
| Cllr. Mary Hoade | Elected Representative |
| Cllr. Karey McHugh | Elected Representative |
| Cllr. Andrew Reddington* | Elected Representative |
| An Comh. Pádraig Mac An Iomaire* | Elected Representative |
| Cllr. PJ Murphy* | Elected Representative |
| Cllr. Shelly Herterech-Quinn* | Elected Representative |
| Cllr. Liam Carroll* | Elected Representative |
| An Comh. Dáithí Ó Cualáin* | Elected Representative |
| Cllr. Gerry King* | Elected Representative |
| Cllr. Colm Keaveney* | Elected Representative |
| Alan Farrell | A/DOS, Corporate Services |
| Marian Donohue | SSO, Corporate Services |
| AN GARDA SÍOCHÁNA | |
| Thomas Curley | Chief Superintendent |
| Sean Glynn | Superintendent |
| Damien O'Flannacháin | Superintendent |
| Declan Roche | Inspector |
| Finbarr Philpott | Inspector |
| Des Beirne | Inspector |
| Michael Walsh | Sergeant |
| Sinead Cunniffe ^ | Sergeant |
| MEMBERS OF THE OIREACHTAS | |
| Deputy Anne Rabbitte | Member of the Oireachtas |
| Deputy Catherine Connolly | Member of the Oireachtas |
| Deputy Noel Grealish | Member of the Oireachtas |
| COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES | |
| Tom Madden | Duggan Park Development Committee |
| Aodán MacDonncha | Comhlacht Forbartha an Spidéil |
| Pat Flanagan | Loughrea Active Retirement Group |
| Gerard Larkin | Abbey Muintir na Tíre |
| Gerard Costello | Monivea Community Alert |
| Martin Ward # | Western Traveller & Intercultural Development |
| Aileen Heverin # | Galway Age Friendly Older Persons Council |

JPC Steering Group

The County Galway Joint Policing Steering Group comprises of the JPC Chair Cllr. Jim Cuddy, the Chief Superintendent Thomas Curley and Mr. Alan Farrell, A/Director of Services, representing the Chief Executive (Interim).