



DRAFT Joint Policing Committee Six Year Strategic Plan Galway City Council 2015 – 2020

The Joint Policing Committee (JPC) aims to develop greater consultation, cooperation and synergy on policing and crime issues between An Garda Síochána, Local Authorities and elected local representatives and also facilitate the participation of the community and voluntary sectors in this regard.

Functions of the JPC:

The function of the JPCs is set out in section 36(2) of the Garda Síochána Act, which states: “The joint policing committee’s function is to serve as a forum for consultations, discussions and recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the local authority’s administrative area, and in particular to –

- (a) keep under review - (i) the levels and patterns of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in that area (including the patterns and levels of misuse of alcohol and drugs), and (ii) the factors underlying and contributing to the levels of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in the area,*
- (b) advise the local authority concerned and the Garda Síochána on how they might best perform their functions having regard to the need to do everything feasible to improve the safety and quality of life and to prevent crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour within the area,*
- (c) arrange and host public meetings concerning matters affecting the policing of the local authority’s administrative area,*
- (d) establish, in consultation with the local Garda superintendent, as the committee considers necessary within specific neighbourhoods of the area, local policing fora to discuss and make recommendations to the committee concerning matters that it is to keep under review under paragraph (a) or on which it is to advise under paragraph (b), in so far as those matters affect their neighbourhoods,*
- (e) co-ordinate the activities of local policing fora”*
- (f) A local authority shall, in performing its functions, have regard to the importance of taking steps to prevent crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour within its area of responsibility.*

The Plan:

The plan is laid out below in table format & includes a list of strategic objectives, with links to Actions required to achieve these, the lead and key people involved and the outcomes to be populated (by sub committees). The sub-committees will also 'rank' the actions in terms of priority – short/medium and long term.

	Strategic Objectives (derived from the Local Economic & Community Plan and which the JPC considers that it can add significantly to collective efforts to achieve the objectives)	Summary of Actions to be pursued in relation to each objective	Lead/agency key partners Name of JPC sub-committee where relevant	Anticipated outcomes
1	To Promote the Safety of All Road Users in Galway City	Carry out an assessment of the effectiveness of existing speed ramps in housing estates within the city and make proposals/recommendations for additional	Road Users Safety Sub-Committee and / or Transport Strategic Policy Committee	
		Examine speed limits in housing estates	Road Users Safety Sub-Committee and / or Transport Strategic Policy Committee	
		Examine traffic management systems in the vicinity of schools	Road Users Safety Sub-Committee and / or Transport Strategic Policy Committee	
		Examine effectiveness of controls of horse-drawn vehicles / sulkies on public roads	Road Users Safety Sub-Committee and / or Transport Strategic Policy Committee	
		Carry out review of non-motorised passenger transport bye-law	Road Users Safety Sub-Committee and / or Transport Strategic Policy Committee	
		Review of parking control byelaws	Road Users Safety Sub-Committee and / or Transport Strategic Policy Committee	
		Examine Taxi issues locally		
		Examine Safety signage across the city		
		Implementation of Walking & Cycling Strategy	Road Users Safety Sub-Committee and / or Transport Strategic Policy Committee	
2	To Enhance Community Safety Responses in	Carry out a review of current CCTV	Garda Siochana / Galway City Council	

	Galway City	requirements in the city		
		Review effectiveness of estate management and Anti-Social Behaviour Policies	Housing SPC	
		Carry out a review of Neighbourhood Watch, Business Watch and similar schemes in the city	Community Safety Sub-Committee Garda Siochana / Galway City Council	
		Identify areas within the city where additional street lighting is required	Community Safety Sub-Committee Garda Siochana / Galway City Council	
3	To reduce & prevent anti-social behaviour in Galway City	Prepare an Anti Social Behaviour Strategy for Galway City including a review of the Local Authority Public Order Strategy	Garda Siochana / Galway City Council	
		Carry out a review of the rate of compliance of tenancy agreements in Local Authority housing estates especially in relation to ownership of horses, dogs	Housing SPC	
		Examine the effectiveness of the closure of laneways in housing estates relative to antisocial behaviour and make proposals for closure of laneways in other problem areas	Garda Siochana / Galway City Council	
		Examine and make recommendations on the issues of street begging & charity collections in Galway city		
		Support implementation of Galway City Alcohol Strategy		
		Identify public parks where antisocial behaviour is a problem and make recommendations in order to prevent same	Environment SPC	
		To identify the role of the JPC in relation to crimes against the individual including issues of Domestic Violence		
4	To devise & support Community Engagement	Devise system whereby joint register of elderly	Garda Siochana / Galway City Council	

	models of practise in Galway City	and vulnerable citizens can be compiled between Gardai and the local council – sharing of information Support Equality & Intercultural engagement Ensure that housing strategies addresses the needs of the most vulnerable, including homeless people and people with disabilities.	Housing SPC	
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The JPC is made up of:

- Chairperson (Local Authority representative)
- Garda Officers nominated by the garda Commissioner
- Local Authority members
- Members of the Oireachtas for the area
- Community/Voluntary sector representatives

Meetings are set at 4 times per Year

Meetings will begin with an Update from Sub-Groups, followed by Input from Gardai and then other agenda items.

Sub Committees:

In line with the national guidelines Galway City JPC has set up 4 sub groups linked to their 4 objectives:

Sub-Committees are:

1. Road Safety Sub-Committee
2. Community Safety Sub-Committee
3. Anti-Social Behaviour Sub-Committee
4. Community Engagement Sub Committee

Membership of Sub-Committee: members of the JPC (per Committee: 1 Councillor, 1 PPN representative, 1 Oireachtas member/Chairperson, Garda Rep, Local Authority rep. Other interested parties will be invited to attend group as required).

Sub-Committees have been initially tasked with identifying & prioritising how to progress the Actions under their strategic objective (short/Medium/long term).