



COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LIATROMA



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Cora Droma Ruisc.

27th January, 2020

Re: Annual Report of Leitrim Joint Policing Committee 2019

Dear Member,

The Joint Policing Committee (JPC) is required to submit a report to the full Council on its activities for the previous year in accordance with Section 36(5) of the Garda Síochána Act no later than 3 months after the end of each year. A copy of the report must also be furnished to the Minister for Justice and Equality and the Garda Commissioner. Please find outlined summary of the progress achieved by the JPC in implementing the JPC Work Programme together with a summary of the key achievements of the JPC for 2019 and details of the public meeting of the JPC.

Item No. 1 – Summary of Progress implementing JPC's Work Programme.

- An update on the progress achieved in delivering the objectives of the JPC Strategic Plan 2015 – 2020 was provided.
- The JPC Annual Work Programme for 2019 was agreed and progressed throughout 2019.
- Through the JPC, Leitrim County Council purchased a Telesis Property Marking machine and in collaboration with An Garda Síochána held a number of property marking events throughout the county.
- In conjunction with the local development association An Garda Síochána established a Community Information Centre at Keshcarrigan Co. Leitrim.
- At each meeting the JPC received updates on general policing issues and statistics in relation to reported crimes in the county.
- Following the local elections in May of 2019, the JPC was re-established and the new JPC met for the first time in December 2019.
- The JPC received a presentation from the Local Authority Executive on the role and function of the JPC.
- In December, the JPC received a presentation from An Garda Síochána on the Leitrim District Policing Plan for 2020

Item No. 2: Three key achievements of the JPC during the year.

1. The JPC Public Meeting on the theme of “Community Policing and Engagement” provided a forum for members of the public to address any particular concerns they have in relation to policing in their communities in Leitrim. An Garda Síochána also gave a presentation on

how community policing prevents and reduces crimes by having greater mobility of its officers and increased visibility throughout the local communities.

2. A Telesis Property Marking Machine was purchased during the year by the Local Authority. In conjunction with the An Garda Síochána, Community Policing Officer, 10 property marking events were held across Leitrim with a wide variety of tools and machinery being marked with the owners Eircode, helping to prevent the theft of property, particularly in rural areas.
3. The Community CCTV Scheme in Carrick-on-Shannon was launched during the year and has proven to be highly effective in crime prevention and detection, and in assisting the Gardaí in the investigation and prosecution of criminal offences. It has also been a significant factor in helping Carrick-on-Shannon to retain its Purple Flag accreditation for the management of the night time economy.

Item No. 3 – Public Meetings hosted by the JPC during the year.

Section 36(2) (c) of the Garda Síochána Act provides that the function of a JPC is, inter alia, to 'arrange and host public meetings concerning matters affecting the policing of the local authority's administrative area'. A Public Meeting of the JPC took place on Monday 11th March 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in The Bush Hotel Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim. The theme of the meeting was "Community Policing and Engagement". Public notification issued in this regard in the local press and on social media. The public were invited to submit questions for consideration at the meeting. The next Public Meeting of the JPC is scheduled to take place in on Wednesday February 26th 2020.

Yours sincerely,

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& Cultural Services