

# **Naas Joint Policing Committee**

## **Annual Report 2009**

### **Name of Joint Policing Committee:**

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### **Area covered:**

Naas town

### **When was it established:**

November 2009

### **Who are the Members:**

Nineteen members consisting of three members of the Oireachtas, all nine elected members of Naas Town Council, three persons representing the Community & Voluntary sector in the town, two Garda Officers nominated by the Commissioner, and two Council Officials nominated by the Manager. The Community representatives were appointed following a public notice seeking expressions of interest from the community and voluntary sector.

### **Status of JPC (How many meetings held):**

First meeting of the JPC was held in November 2009. This meeting was primarily a 'get-to-know you' exercise, and provided the members with an opportunity to go through the role of Joint Policing Committee's, how they operate, their structure, etc. The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson were also ratified at this first meeting. Draft standing orders were circulated to all members for adoption at the next JPC meeting. A calendar of meetings for 2010 was also developed at this time.

### **Work to date (e.g. subgroups, meetings):**

A subgroup – headed by the Chairperson - was established to prepare a workplan for 2010. The aim is to have this draft plan prepared for the first JPC meeting of 2010.

The subgroup established to develop a work plan for 2009/2010 consisted of the Chair Cllr. Riognagh Bracken, Cllr. Pat Clear, Superintendent Pat Mangan, Sergeant Tim Burke and Eamonn O'Sullivan, Naas Town Manager.

Submissions for this workplan were invited from the committee. Preliminary goals and objectives identified for the Naas JPC included:

- i) Structures: To embed the structures of the JPC
- ii) Promotion: To promote the concept of the JPC.
- iii) Crime, & Public order: To monitor and review serious crime and public order in Naas
- iv) Community Engagement: To provide equal protection and appropriate services, while nurturing mutual respect and trust.

### **Workplan 2009/2010:**

See above. Workplan is to be presented to committee members for consideration in 2010.

### **Website:**

A website (<http://kildarejointpolicing.ie>) has been established which became operational in December 2009. The website has a dual purpose:

- (1) to promote and raise awareness of the JPC in Naas and to offer easy access for people to submit queries and
- (2)** To facilitate a more efficient ways of disseminating information to the members of the JPC

A special members' area was developed and from there members can access the agenda, minutes or reports from JPC meetings.

## Coordination of Kildare JPC's:

The principle of an efficient and coordinated process to establish and run the Town and County JPC's was to be developed by holding a plenary session with steering groups of all JPC's in early 2010. Templates are also to be devised to ensure consistency in reporting etc among the various JPC's.

It was also agreed as part of our co-ordinating process with the county JPC's that we would encourage our subcommittees to link with the county and if possible implement joint actions.

