

Fingal Joint Policing Committee Meeting – Friday 1st December 2023

Item 02 - Questions for Noting

1.	<p>Cllr J.K. Onwumereh (For DMRW)</p> <p>Question: Could the Garda give updates on the First Direct articulated trucks that are still routinely using Waterville, Dublin 15 as parking for their vehicles and if warning has been issued to the vehicles or company?</p> <p>Response:</p> <p>This area is currently being monitored by Community Policing and has been included in routine patrols by the Roads Policing Unit. The area is being used intermittently to park vehicles. Not all vehicles parked at this location are in breach of Road Traffic Legislation. The Divisional Roads Policing Unit shall continue to factor this location in when on patrol and issue FCN's if necessary.</p>
2.	<p>Cllr J.K. Onwumereh (For DMRW & DMRN)</p> <p>Question: Could the Garda give updates on the policing of the immediate past Halloween 2023 and if there were any major issues and learning?</p> <p>Response:</p> <p>As part of policing Halloween 2023 in D15 a full policing plan was put in place which started on the 1st of October 2023. The initial part of this policing plan concentrated on Community Engagement and Policing.</p> <p>An emphasis was placed on engaging with School, Licenced Premises, Petrol Stations, Tyre Companies and Industrial/Retail Estates. Proactive High Visibility Patrols were increased to tackle Anti-Social Behaviour with these issues being tackled proactively. Community Policing Blanchardstown also linked in with FCC Operations / Housing Department identifying locations used for stock piling of bonfire materials within the area and removed same when possible.</p> <p>On the 31st of October 2023 there was a high volume of Gardai assigned to High Visibility Policing in the D15 area. This was assisted by inclement weather. As a result of both there was no major issues on the date in question.</p> <p>In addition there was a number of events organised by FCC which assisted greatly in redirecting young people in the D15 area.</p> <p>No major issues arose during Halloween 2023 in the Balbriggan district. No significant learning arose, and the inclement weather was of assistance. Thanks to the number</p>

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	<p>of events planned in the Coolock District for Halloween this year, the holiday went without any major incident.</p> <p>AGS would like to thank all local authorities for their dedication, commitment and assistance this Halloween.</p>
3.	<p>Sen. Emer Currie (For DMRW)</p> <p>Question: What measures are being put in place to tackle the ongoing anti-social use of scramblers and quad bikes in Sheephill Avenue and the surrounding areas both before and after regulations based on the Road Traffic and Roads Act 2023 signed into law on 23 June 2023 come into effect.</p> <p>Response:</p> <p>This is an issue in a number of areas in Dublin 15 which is being tackled by Community Policing, Road Policing and Taskforce. FCC Housing Dept is also supporting AGS tackling this form of Anti-Social Behaviour. Gardai when reviewing complaints of this nature are attempting to identify the individuals involved through information provided by witnesses who observe the driving of these vehicles or CCTV footage. This is still the most practical way of identifying the users of these vehicles. Any information identifying the Owner/Users of these vehicles should be passed onto Gardai.</p> <p>Legislation amended by the Road Traffic and Roads Act 2023 (Road Traffic and Roads Act 2023 (irishstatutebook.ie)) was commenced by Eamon Ryan in SI 392/2023 (S.I. No. 392/2023 - Road Traffic and Roads Act 2023 (Commencement) (No. 2) Order 2023 (irishstatutebook.ie)) on the 31st of July 2023. AGS is currently devising a national strategy based on this legislation.</p> <p>But Gardai will still require the assistance of the community or CCTV to identify the users of said vehicles before being able to enact legislation.</p>
4.	<p>Sen. Emer Currie (For DMRW)</p>

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	<p>Question: What measures are being put in place by the Gardaí to tackle the anti-social behaviour that is consistently occurring at the vacant side beside Windmill, Coolmine, Dublin 15 and what measures, if any, do the Gardaí recommend the Council take?</p> <p>Response:</p> <p>This area is currently being monitored and has been included in daily routine patrols. Community Policing Blanchardstown have met with management / residents from the area and also increased patrols in the area in order to identify the individuals involved. If required AGS will meet with Operations Dept. FCC to assist identifying options to help resolve the alleged issues.</p>
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