MEETING MINUTES

Cork City Local Community Safety Partnership	
Date:	Tuesday 2nd December 2025.
Time:	4.30pm.
Venue:	Cork City Council Chambers.

Attendance	19/30
Quorum:	YES
Apologies:	Cllr Dan Boyle, Dr Kara Hosford, Rebecca Loughry, Dr Lekha Menon Margassery, Cllr Margaret McDonnell, Pat Kelleher, Grace O Driscoll, Supt. Declan O Sullivan
1. **Declaration of Interest** – No declarations.	
2. **Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting** - Proposed by Cllr Damian Boylan, seconded by Cllr Joe Kavanagh.	
3. **Matters Arising** – N/A	
4. **Presentation by Supt. John Deasy**: Topics included Cork Crime Statistics and trends compared to National Statistics/trends; High Visibility Policing Plan including High Visibility Beats (see presentation slides sent via email). An observation from Supt Deasy for Crime Prevention was for the public to ensure their cars are locked. Supt Finbarr O'Sullivan added to report financial fraud immediately to the bank and then to the Gardai. Chair Cllr Shannon thanked Supt. Deasy and opened the floor for Questions/Comments Q. Laura O Connell: Will this report be delivered quarterly? A. It can if members request it. All information is however available on the CSO website. C. Denis Leamy: Highlighted a recent piece of collaborative work where the CETB along with Citizen's Advice delivered training on Financial Literacy. He suggested this could be done in the future for other public awareness education/information campaigns. Q. Cllr Tony Fitzgerald: Will Community Gardai be redirected into the new High Visibility Policing staffing? Cllr Fitzgerald also highlighted the value of community policing at a suburban/neighbourhood level and reiterated the need to return to that model. Cllr Fitzgerald also enquired if the High Visibility Policing programme Gardai will have a referral pathway model to ensure those with needs such as mental health, addiction, homelessness, etc are signposted to other, non-policing services? A. Supt stated that all Gardaí are Community Gardai and part of their duty is to be involved in the High Visibility Policing programme and at times are needed in the City Centre over the Christmas period also. There was a discussion on the need for collaboration on responding to, for example, mental health calls. C. Joe Kirby: Offered to work with Gardai on responding and referring in cases of mental health issues. C. Conor O Toole: HVPP approach should be applauded. C. Cliona Barnes: CBA will be issuing press releases on Wednesday 3rd Dec on the positives of HVPP and new City Centre Wardens. Q. Laura O'Connell asked about trends related to stalking and hate crime.	

Q. Fiona Hurley: NASC hearing about more hate speech and hate crime from their clients who oftentimes are too scared or unsure how to report.
A. Supt Deasy agreed stalking and hate crime stats are often 'hidden' or grouped into broader categories but he offered to provide any specific stats for the next meeting if requested.
C. Sandy McGroarty highlighted the Hate Crime information page on the city council website https://www.corkcity.ie/en/council-services/services/community/keep-well-in-the-community/hate-crime/
C. Cllr Damian Boylan: anxious that the LCSP helps Gardaí and asked Supt Deasy and O'Sullivan how the LCSP can support their service delivery. Supt's agreed to consider this ahead of the next meeting.

C. Chair Cllr Terry Shannon: pointed out the recent retirement of Chief Supt. Tom Myers, suggested a letter be sent from LCSP.

5. **Presentation by LCSP Coordinator Sandy McGroarty:** welcome to the two new members, John O Sullivan and Pat Kelleher.
National Strategy update.
120k awarded to the 'Cork After Dark' Project.
Launch of the City Centre Warden pilot scheme.
Introducing the new Glanmire Neighbourhood Safety Forum which was taking place directly after the meeting.
Establishment of Working Groups;
1. Review of Neighbourhood Safety Fora
Members; Lisa Murphy, Cllr Joe Kavangh, Cllr Damian Boylan, Laura O'Connell, Cllr Ciara O'Connor, Inspector. Jamie Sweeny, Stephen Spillane, Lekha Margassery.
2. Steering Group for 'Cork After Dark':
Members; Cliona Barnes, Lisa Murphy, Fiona Hurley, Supt. John Deasy, Stephen Spillane, Laura O Connell, Lekha Margassery, Johnny Murphy,

6. **Chair Cllr Terry Shannon,** put to the partnership whether there would be any objections to holding meetings in public where the media would be allowed attend. It was agreed by members that the media and public would be allowed in the viewing gallery going forward but if necessary, the part of the meeting could be held 'in-committee' ie in private.

7. **Group Discussion: Members were divided into 5 groups to discuss one of the five issues outlined in the issues paper document for the National Strategy for Improving Community Safety. The notes from the discussions will be collated into a submission into the issues paper development. (See submission emailed).**
Issue 1 Defining Community Safety
Issue 2 Community – Grounded Knowledge
Issue 3 Collaboration
Issue 4 Measurement
Issue 5 Policy and Governance

8. **AOB**
Make members aware of funding opportunities advertised in the Community Newsletter.
Highlight member Lisa Murphy nominated for Volunteer of the Year.

Next Meeting- This will be the annual LCSP meeting with all local elected reps.	
Date:	Friday 06th February 2026
Time:	2- 4pm (lunch served at 1.30pm)
Venue:	To be confirmed
Prepared by	Local Community Safety Partnership Coordinator and Administrator.

Adopted by Cork Local Community Safety Partnership	Date 02nd December 2025
Chairperson Signature	

MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE LOG

NAME SURNAME	Representative Body	In Attendance Yes/No
Cliona Barnes	Cork Business Association	Y
Cllr Damian Boylan	Cork City Council	Y
Cllr Dan Boyle	Cork City Council	N
Brenda Cahill	Cork City Partnership	N
Mary Cullinan	Cuanlee Refuge	N
Supt. John Deasy	An Garda Síochána	Y
Cllr Tony Fitzgerald	Cork City Council	Y
Kara Hosford	LGBTI+ Interagency	N
Fiona Hurley	NASC	Y
Cllr Joe Kavanagh	Cork City Council	Y
Pat Kelleher	TUSLA	N
Joe Kirby	HSE	Y
David Lane	HSE	Y
Denis Leamy	Cork Education & Training Board	Y
Rebecca Loughry	Cork City Council	N
Dr. Lekha Menon Margassery	PPN	N
Cllr Margaret McDonnell	Cork City Council	N
Patrick Mulley	Older Persons Council	Y
Johnny Murphy	Cork Access Network	Y
Lisa Murphy	PPN	Y
Laura O'Connell	PPN	Y
Cllr Ciara O'Connor	Cork City Council	Y
Grace O'Driscoll	Dillons Cross Project	N
Niamh O'Mahony	Northside Youth Forum	N
Supt. Declan O'Sullivan	An Garda Síochána	N
Supt. Finbarr O'Sullivan	An Garda Síochána	Y
John O Sullivan	Traveller Visibility Group	Y

Conor O'Toole	Cork Chamber	Y
Cllr Terry Shannon	Cork City Council	Y
Stephen Spillane	PPN	Y

Total Membership	30 filled	Vacancies
Total Attendance	19 of 30	
% of Members in Attendance	63 %	