**Fingal Public Participation Network**

**Information / Brief Sheet: Joint Policing Committee**



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| **Fingal Public Participation Network** | |
| The Fingal Public Participation Network is a network of community, voluntary, social inclusion and environmental organisations and we are active in the Fingal County area. Fingal County is located north of Dublin City and Lucan. It covers the north of County Dublin, including areas such as Castleknock, Howth, Swords, Balbriggan, Blanchardstown, Rush and Lusk. Our members are people like you who work in the community. Our members’ involvement in our activities makes us strong and effective.  Our aim is to coordinate how the community is represented. We also aim to:   * make our members stronger; and * keep our members informed about local developments. | |
| **Description of JPC Activities** | |
| The Joint Policing Committee is established under An Garda Síochána Act 2005, with the most recent Guidelines for operation of JPCs issued on 29th August 2014.  Joint Policing Committees operate in a manner that offers an opportunity to develop greater consultation, cooperation and accountability between An Garda Síochána,Local Authorities and elected local representatives, with the participation of the community and voluntary sector, on the management of policing and crime issues. Each of the partners involved in JPCs has its own distinct perspective and inputs to offer, along with its own responsibilities in ensuring that society's needs are effectively met to maintain safe and secure communities.  Membership of the Fingal Joint Policing Committee (effective 2014) consists of the following:  15 Local Authority Elected members (County Councillors)  5 Oireachtas Elected members (TDs and Senators)  2 Local Authority Officials  2 An Garda Síochána Representatives  7 Community Representatives | |
| **1. Name / Title of Board / Organisation** | |
| JPC: Joint Policing Committee | |
| **2. Function / Scope of the Board** | |
| Forum where the Local Authority and An Garda Síochána alongside Councillors, Oireachtas Members and community interests can consult, discuss and make recommendations on matters affecting the policing of the area. | |
| **3. Who else (agencies / orgs) sits on the Board?** | |
| Local Authority Elected members (County Councillors), Oireachtas Elected members (TDs and Senators), Local Authority Officials and An Garda Síochána Representatives | |
| **4. What is the Commitment?** | |
| No of meetings: | 4 Committee Meetings per annum (quarterly  4 Public Meetings per annum (over 1 month, agreed by committee)  4 - 5 Linkage Group meetings per year |
| Location of meetings | Committee Meetings at Local Authority offices (during Covid online vis MS Teams)  Public Meetings across the county in each Garda District (Balbriggan, Swords/Malahide, Howth and Dublin 15)  Linkage Groups meetings – physical meetings will be held County Hall, Swords, Co. Dublin and virtual meetings will be held on zoom. |
| Time of meetings (day / evening) | JPC Meetings: Friday Mornings 9.15 to 11.15approx  Public Meetings evening time 7pm to 8.30pm approx..  Linkage Group Meetings 07:00 PM - 08:30 pm (typically on Tuesday or Thursday) |
| Does this position require becoming a company director (yes/no) | NO |
| Is there potential subgroups involved? | Possibly |
| Term of Office? | JPC in place for term of Council i.e. 5 years. Current JPC dissolves with Local Elections in 2024, and is reconstituted after the elections  PPN Reps currently serve a three-year term as per the Fingal PPN Constitution. Reps can sit for a maximum of two terms. |
| **5. Who are we looking for?** | |
| Skills and knowledge required from the representative | The Fingal PPN nominees are required to represent the Fingal PPN and are accountable to the Fingal PPN membership. They are not representing their own organisations.  Specifically, the role of representative is to   * Bring issues of relevance from the College/Linkage Groups that chose them to the decision-making committees. This includes motions and submissions approved at the linkage group level. * The Representative will be required to prepare and present a report to the linkage group summarising what took place at the previous Committee meeting. Please find a copy of the representative report template [here.](https://fingalppn.ie/fingal-ppn-representative-induction-pack/#:~:text=Blank%20Representative%20Report%20Template) * Give feedback to the College/Linkage Group and/or Plenary as appropriate on the outcome of the policy meetings and the issue being raised. * Attend both Committee and linkage group meetings. * If you are successful in this election and accept the position, you are deemed to have accepted to abide by the Rep Code of Conduct [Please find a copy of this Code of Conduct here here](https://fingalppn.ie/fingal-ppn-representative-induction-pack/#:~:text=Code%20of%20Conduct%20(This%20Must%20be%20Returned%20asap)). * Work with Linkage Group facilitator and any other PPN Representative sitting on the relevant committee. * Agree to share email address with linkage group facilitator and addition PPN Representatives sitting on the same committee. * Interest in community safety, ideally understanding of wide range of issues across all demographics. |

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