

Item No. 7

STUDY OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S SAFETY IN THE PUBLIC REALM

The following Motion was submitted by the Mayor of Fingal County Councillor Councillor S. Ó'Rodaigh and it was agreed by the Council at its February Council meeting on 14th February 2022 that the Motion be referred to the next meeting of the Fingal Joint Policing Committee for consideration on how best this matter can be progressed. It was agreed by the Fingal Joint Policing Committee at its meeting on 11th March 2022 that this item would be included as a Headed Item on the next JPC Meeting 3rd June 2022.

Below is details of the Motion and Report issued by the Executive to the Council. It is a matter for the Fingal JPC to agree how best to proceed with the study.

Motion: Councillor S. Ó Rodaigh

"That the Council will complete a study of Women and Children's Safety in the public realm in order to identify the factors that make women and children feel safe and unsafe in public spaces to guide future public realm changes and developments."

Report:

The Council, in terms of the provision of public realm infrastructure has a responsibility for the safety of all citizens, most especially women and children. It is An Garda Síochána that has overall responsibility for public safety. The completion of a study, as set out in the motion, is highly desirable but would require a detailed scoping exercise and strong interagency collaboration. The Joint Policing Committee is considered to be the best forum to progress any such study given the shared responsibility of An Garda Síochána and the Council for public safety. It is therefore proposed to bring this matter to the next meeting of the JPC for consideration.