



Department of Justice Local Community Safety Partnerships Briefing Webinar





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Community Safety and Local Community Safety Partnerships

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Community Safety: New Approach



Background:

- Report by Commission on the Future of Policing in Ireland finds policing not responsibility of the police alone (2018)
- Consultations with Working Group to develop a new Community Safety policy (2019)
- The Department develops a new Community Safety policy (2020)
- The new approach will feed into development of the new Policing, Security and Community Safety Bill

What is Community Safety?

People being safe and feeling safe in their community.

- A multi-sectoral approach, strong inter-agency collaboration and proactive dialogue with the community
- Working together to foster local communities that are safer for families, residents and businesses and that feel more secure



Local Community Safety Partnership – Composition



National Level: Community Safety policy



How will the Partnerships operate?



- **Supported and resourced:** Chairperson, Community Safety Coordinator, community activities
- **Strategic :** Local Community Safety Plan
- **Efficient:** working closely with other bodies and committees to avoid duplication



Pilot Local Community Safety Partnerships



- 3 pilots: Dublin's North Inner City, Longford and Waterford

- 24 Month Lifespan



- Independent Evaluation

- National Rollout planned for after the Evaluation's Final Report



- Longford held their first full partnership meeting in September 2021.
- Working Groups:
 1. Policing & Emergency Services; Community Services & Family Supports; Public Spaces & Infrastructure
 2. Community Engagement & Development; Youth & Education and Awareness Initiatives; Public Spaces & Infrastructure
- Local Projects.





Waterford Partnership



- Waterford held their first full partnership meeting in September 2021.
- Working Groups:
 1. Education, Training and Awareness & Building Community Capacity
 2. Crime and Reducing Criminality & Safe Environment & Infrastructure
- Local Projects



What does success look like?



Local Community Safety Partnership

Prioritise issues identified by the community as safety concerns

Improve multi-agency collaboration in the area

Increase community confidence in service providers

Next steps



- Publication of the Policing, Security and Community Safety Bill approved on 22 November
- Final evaluation of pilots in 2023
- Commencement planned for 2024

- Questions?