

### ITEM 3

#### PROCEDURE FOR ELECTION OF NEW FINGAL JPC CHAIRPERSON

#### GARDA SÍOCHÁNA ACT 2005 - JOINT POLICING COMMITTEES GUIDELINES – AMENDED AUGUST 2014

The Joint Policing Committee Guidelines provides for the appointment of the Chairperson of the JPC by the local authority elected members as follows:-

#### **4. Chairperson**

*4.1 Section 35(2)(c) of the Garda Síochána Act provides that the chairperson of a committee will be drawn from the elected members nominated to the JPC by the relevant local authority.*

*4.2 The local authority elected members of the JPC shall appoint the chairperson of the JPC.*

*4.3 The term of office of a chairperson shall be not less than two years and, in view of the central role of the chairperson to the success of the JPC, committees are encouraged to consider appointment of a chairperson for a longer period..*

*4.4. The chairperson of a JPC and the other members of the Steering Group (see par. 11.1) have the key role in ensuring that these Guidelines are followed.*

*4.5 It shall be open to a JPC to appoint a vice-chairperson from among the local authority elected members. The local authority elected members of the JPC shall appoint the vice-chairperson of the JPC. The JPC shall ensure that, as far as is practicable, the offices of chairperson and vice-chairperson are at all times held by elected members of different political groupings.*

Councillor Roderic O’Gorman was elected Chairperson of the Joint Policing Committee at the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019, and was subsequently elected to Dail Eireann in the 2020 General Election. The members agreed to the appointment of Councillor Adrian Henchy as Chairperson at the meeting of the Fingal Joint Policing Committee on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Councillor Henchy proposes to step down from the role.

It is now proposed to elect a new Chairperson of the Joint Policing Committee (in accordance with the Garda Síochána Act 2005 and the JPC Guidelines as outlined above) for the remainder of the term of this Joint Policing Committee.

