

Item No. 7

Joint Policing Committee

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.

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

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.