

Fingal Joint Policing Committee Meeting – Friday 2nd September 2022

Item 3

Questions for Noting

1	<p>Cllr Robert O'Donoghue</p> <p>Question:</p> <p>That the JPC give a report on any proposed measures for the extension of opening hours of Lusk Garda Station, particularly at night-time on the weekends given recent reports of anti-social behaviour that have taken place in the town.</p> <p>Response:</p> <p>There are no proposals to extend the opening hours of Rush of Lusk Garda Stations. Opening the station to the public decreases our capacity to provide a response and community policing service. These services have to be prioritised given the limited resources available. A 24 hour mobile response service is provided from Lusk Garda Station covering the two station areas. Community Policing Drop-ins are available in both stations on Monday in Rush (5-7PM) and Wednesday in Lusk (5-7PM). The allocation of members to both Rush and Lusk stations are constantly monitored I line with available resources and policing demand.</p>
2.	<p>Cllr Robert O'Donoghue</p> <p>Question:</p> <p>That the JPC give a report on any proposed measures for the extension of opening hours of Rush Garda Stations, particularly at night-time on the weekends?</p> <p>Response:</p> <p>There are no proposals to extend the opening hours of Rush of Lusk Garda Stations. Opening the station to the public decreases our capacity to provide a response and community policing service. These services have to be</p>

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<p>3.</p>	<p>Duncan Smith T.D.</p> <p>Question:</p> <p>To ask the Superintendent to provide a breakdown of the current staffing levels for the Swords district and confirm if he has any plans to increase staffing levels given the growth in population in the Swords district which includes Donabate and Portrane.</p> <p>Response:</p> <p>Staffing Levels in Swords</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1 Inspector10 Sergeants71 Gardaí4 Garda Staff <p>With respect to this I am constantly requesting additional resources for Swords and the District however this is out of my control.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Duncan Smith T.D.</p> <p>Question:</p> <p>To ask the Garda Superintendent to outline his plans to increase Garda presence in Donabate especially in the vicinity of the beach, railway station and Town Centre on an ongoing basis and especially over the busy summer period with huge numbers visiting the peninsula</p>

Response

Operation Irene is currently underway in the District. This operation has assigned extra Gardaí on high visibility beat Patrols and includes high visibility mobile patrols (including members from Divisional and Regional Traffic) to the Donabate / Portrane areas.

Community Policing members in Swords Station are also carrying out additional patrols in Donabate / Portrane/

A number of specific Garda activities have been scheduled in the Donabate/Portrane area, this includes Beach Patrols/Village Patrol and a focus on open areas and Public Transport.