

	<b>PUBLIC MEETING</b> <b>SOUTH WEST INNER CITY LOCAL POLICING FORUM</b> <b>- Virtual Meeting (Zoom) -</b> <b>Thursday, 10 February 2022 (19:00-20:30)</b>
	<b>Chair:</b> Michael King <b>Attendance:</b> Supt. Paul Murphy, Insp. Carolyn Cullen (Kevin Street), Tony Smithers, Veronica Hand (Dublin City Council), . <b>Meeting Facilitator:</b> Ali Warner <b>Minutes:</b> Valerie Scott <b>Attendance:</b> Total attendance - 45

**Minutes:** Minutes of the 17 June 2021 meeting had been circulated and were taken as read (see <https://dscforums.ie/meeting-minutes>).

**Welcome:** The Chair welcomed participants, introduced Garda and DCC representatives and gave a brief outline of what Local Policing Forums do. Supt. Paul Murphy and Ms Veronica Hand spoke, this being their first attendance at the SWIC LPF.

**Format of the Meeting:** Meeting facilitator Ali Warner explained how the meeting would run and ground rules that would apply. The proposed format was:

- Reports from key Garda and DCC representatives;
- Facilitated small group discussions on two themes – *What positive things have been happening in your area?; What are your concerns about community safety?;*
- Feedback from groups, items recorded on a shared digital whiteboard;
- Response from key representatives to the group reports;
- Questions and Answers

**Meeting Proceedings:** The meeting ran as proposed. Matters highlighted were recorded on the digital whiteboard, of which 25 were positives and 42 expressed concerns.

**Matters Raised:** The visual record of positives and concerns is attached to this minute.

The chief concerns were:

- Drug dealing, in a number of locations but first and foremost the regular drug trade carried on in and around some DCC estates;
- The need for a coordinated response to the impacts of the drug trade and drug/alcohol misuse within communities - education, training, family support etc;
- Lack of facilities for sport, and for young people more generally - provision now and into the future;
- Scarcity of community meeting spaces - immediate needs in Donore and Oliver Bond, but also the need to plan for future provision.

The positives most often noted were

- More cooperation and collaboration between agencies and organisations; a good working atmosphere;
- The work being done by sports clubs with young people – especially three football clubs; a new Youth Service;

- More Gardaí engaging with the community; Garda support for homelessness and addiction service users
- Community spirit and activities; more street life as Covid restrictions lifted.

**Youth Input:** One of the break-out groups included young people gathered in the Solas Youth Project. Following the group’s feedback one of the participants spoke about young people’s relationship with An Garda Síochána. The contribution of the group was warmly received by the meeting. Supt. Murphy welcomed this input and the opportunity to engage further with young people.

**Conclusion of the Meeting:** Ali Warner advised that meeting minutes and further updates on actions to be taken would be sent to attendees. The meeting concluded at 20:45 hrs.



Contact details for matters raised at this meeting:

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