FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
6TH JUNE 2014
ITEM NO. 3 (e)

APPOINTMENTS TO BLANCHARDSTOWN COMMUNITY POLICING FORUM

In Blanchardstown the Local Community Policing Forum (LCPF) is called Safer Blanchardstown and has been in operation since March 2007. The Forum was set up as an initiative of the Blanchardstown Local Drugs Task Force to tackle crime, drugs, anti-social behaviour and other criminal behavior in the Blanchardstown area.

In July 2009 the Department of Justice issued formal guidelines for the operation of LCPF's in Local Drugs Task Force Areas (LDTF). Section 1.6 of the guidelines states *"The purpose of these guidelines is to set out in detail the functions, composition and operation of LCPF's in LDTF areas".*

These guidelines prescribe minimum representation and membership of the Management Committee of the LCPF (section 5.2) as follows;

- One representative of An Garda Síochána of Inspector or more senior rank
- One representative of the Local Authority at a senior level
- One representative from the Local Drugs Task Force
- No less than three residents from the local community
- One Local Authority elected member

Although the guidelines stipulate only one Local Authority elected representative on to the Management Committee of Safer Blanchardstown, it was decided by the existing management structure to increase this number to two in order to maximize representation from local Councillors i.e. one Elected Member from the Mulhuddart LEA and one Elected Member from the Castleknock LEA.

The time commitment on members will be one Committee meeting every 6 weeks. In addition members of the Management Committee should, where possible, attend public meetings and other events hosted by Safer Blanchardstown Members will be expected to play a full and active part on the Management Committee in developing initiatives to address local concerns around community safety.
Safer Blanchardstown looks forward to working with selected members in tackling anti-social behaviour and other related factors that are having a negative impact on the quality of life of the citizens of Blanchardstown. Local Authority elected members will be kept fully aware of the work of the Forum through their connections with the Joint Policing Committee and other local structures.

<u>Meeting Dates 2014</u>
02/07/2014 at 5pm
10/09/2014 at 5pm
22/10/2014 at 5pm
03/12/2014 at 5pm

The provisions of Paragraph 18 of Schedule 10 to the Local Government Act 2001 regarding grouping do not apply to the appointment of this Member.