A meeting of the Leitrim Joint Policing Committee was held on Monday 8th February, 2016. Councillor Enda Stenson Chairperson of the JPC chaired the meeting and representatives from the Executive of Leitrim County Council, Elected Members, Oireachtas Members, An Garda Siochana and Community Representatives were in attendance. This was the first meeting of the JPC to be held in 2016 and the Members considered the Draft Joint Policing Strategy 2015-2020. The 6-year Strategy had been placed on public consultation in January, 2016 and it was also reviewed by the Public Participation Network (PPN). Submissions were invited by Friday 29th January, 2016 and a total of 3 submissions were received in relation to the Draft Strategy from the Carrick-on-Shannon Chamber of Commerce, the Northwest LGBT Family Pride and the Courtyard Apartments, Carrick-on-Shannon. The Strategy contains a number of objectives that will be achieved over the life-time of the Strategy and in this regard the JPC Work Programme 2016 was also agreed by the Members. It was also agreed that a Sub-Group of the JPC would be established to consider the proposed introduction of the Drinking Place Bye-laws for Carrick-on-Shannon night-time economy in response to the concerns raised in two of the submissions on the Strategy. A number of initiatives in the 2016 Work Programme include the following: Preparation of the JPC Communications Strategy, promotion of the awareness of the Community Policing Model in Leitrim and Community Safety Week. The next meeting of the Joint Policing Committee will take place on Monday 9th May, 2016 at 11.00 a.m. in the Council Offices, Carrick-on-Shannon.

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