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**To/ The Cathaoirleach and Each Member of Limerick City and  
County Council**

**Re: Joint Policing Committees**

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

Revised guidelines for the establishment and operation of Joint Policing Committees have been received recently.

I attach herewith, for your information, document setting out the main points from the guidelines.

It is now proposed to commence the process of establishing the J.P.C. for Limerick City and County Council. You will note from the attached document that 15 Members will represent the Council on the J.P.C. and a Resolution of the Council is now required to nominate the 15 Members. The grouping system will apply in relation to the nominations.

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**Eugene Griffin**

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## Joint Policing Committees

1. Following the constitution of the new Local Authorities, each Local Authority must establish a new Joint Policing Committee (J.P.C.) in conjunction with local Garda Management in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Garda Síochána Act.
2. There is a requirement for Committees to develop a six year strategic plan linked to the Local and Economic Community Plan for the area. J.P.C.'s must also implement Annual Plans which include objectives derived from the relevant Annual Policing Plans. Annual Reports, which are a statutory requirement, must reflect the progress made in achieving objectives contained in the Annual Plans.
3. The number of community representatives is increased. (**7 for counties with 32 or more elected members**). Each J.P.C. should decide the most appropriate community based organisation or groups to be represented.
4. The membership of the City and County Council J.P.C. will be as follows:--

Elected Members	-	15
Oireachtas	-	5
Officials	-	2
An Garda Síochána	-	2
Community	-	7
5. Guidelines relating to the Chairperson, Vice–Chairperson, Steering Group and membership are strengthened.
6. The Local Authority elected members of the J.P.C. shall appoint the Chairperson and his / her term of office shall not be less than two years. It is open to the J.P.C. to appoint a Vice-Chairperson from the Local Authority members
7. A member of the Oireachtas is entitled to be present without notice at a meeting of the J.P.C.

8. Each J.P.C. must establish a steering group consisting of the chairperson of the J.P.C., a representative of the Garda Síochána and the Chief Executive of the Local Authority or a person nominated by him. The function of the steering group will be to facilitate the efficient functioning of the J.P.C. and in particular to ensure that it retains a clear focus on strategic action.
9. It is envisaged that quarterly meetings for each committee would prove adequate. Any proposal to hold additional meetings must be agreed in advance by the Steering Group.
10. A code of practice is available which sets out principles and approaches which J.P.C.'s should adhere to in their functioning.