

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF JOINT POLICING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE EXHIBITION AREA, GROUND FLOOR, MERCHANT'S QUAY, LIMERICK, ON FRIDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2017 AT 2.00 P.M.**

<b>PRESENT IN THE CHAIR :</b>	<b>Councillor Seán Lynch</b>
<b>MEMBERS PRESENT :</b>	<b>Councillors Ó Ceallaigh, Keary, Mitchell, Sheahan and O'Donoghue</b>
<b>OFFICIALS PRESENT :</b>	<b>Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Services (Mr. C. O'Connor), Head of Digital Strategy (Mr. M. Bilauca), Staff Officer , Corporate Services (Ms. L. Creamer)</b>
<b>GARDA NOMINATIONS PRESENT :</b>	<b>Superintendent D. Smart and Inspector P. Byrnes.</b>
<b>OIREACHTAS MEMBERS PRESENT :</b>	<b>Minister of State P. O'Donovan, T.D, Deputy N. Collins, T.D. and Senator Kieran O'Donnell.</b>
<b>COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT :</b>	<b>Ms. M. McElvaney, Adapt Services Mr. W. Priestly, Our Lady of Lourdes Community Services</b>
<b>APOLOGIES :</b>	<b>Councillor Ryan, Chief Executive (Mr. C. Murray), Chief Superintendent D. Sheahan and Mr. T. O'Dwyer, Anglesboro Tidy Towns</b>

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**1. Consider Report on Limerick Hinterland Study Smart CCTV Pilot.**

At the outset apologies were expressed for the additional special meeting which was required to consider the report on the Limerick City and County Council Pilot Project on CCTV provision.

The Head of Digital Strategy gave detailed presentation on the proposed installation of an integrated Smart CCTV platform in fourteen towns in Limerick County which were included in the Hinterland Study. He stated that many communities have over the years requested the installation or an increase in the presence of CCTV for a better response to local concerns in relation to public order, combating offences and community safety. He pointed out that this was a pilot project and had been developed on the basis of monies receivable under the Hinterland Fund.

The Head of Digital Strategy replied to Members queries as follows :

- While the demand is much higher than the funding available the aim of this pilot project was to develop an integrated smart CCTV platform that can be expanded and better serve local communities in the longer term when more funding becomes available. Therefore, as



funding is made available additional cameras could be installed. He added that the system could accommodate up to a maximum of five hundred cameras;

- Towns were selected on the basis of the Hinterland Report. However, if it is difficult or too expensive to install the cameras in one of the selected areas due to broadband issues then another adjacent location would be used.
- Requests for access to data from CCTV cameras would be considered in accordance with the privacy / related requirements as set out in relevant legislation.
- He was in agreement with the request to prioritise Rathkeale and Askeaton in the roll out of the scheme and confirmed that it was hoped the CCTV cameras would be installed in Rathkeale town by November, 2017;
- Every effort would be made for Gardai to access information from CCTV cameras as fast as possible in emergency cases.
- Members expressed concern at the shortfall of police in some areas of the city and county and was informed by Superintendent Smart that no new graduates were appointed to Limerick from the last two rounds of recruits from Templemore, however, the Chief Superintendent is actively seeking additional manpower;
- Members proposed that the Council write to the Commissioner requesting additional Gardai for the city and county of Limerick prior to the next round of new recruits being appointed. This was unanimously agreed;

On the proposal of Councillor G Mitchell, seconded by Deputy N Collins it was agreed to approve the Report on Limerick Hinterland Study Smart CCTV Pilot for submission to the Garda Commissioner.

This concluded the meeting.

**Councillor Seán Lynch**  
**Chairman of the Joint Policing Committee**