

## Creamer, Liz

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**From:** Pauline Dempsey <Pauline.Dempsey@fingal.ie>  
**Sent:** Monday 18 December 2023 16:47  
**To:** Creamer, Liz  
**Cc:** Customer Care Unit; Lesley Temple  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Resolution adopted at December Meeting of Limerick Joint Policing Committee

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Dear Mr Leahy

Thank you for the Resolution adopted at your December Council Meeting we will bring it the January Council Meeting of Fingal County Council for the Member's attention on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Happy Christmas.

With kind regards

**Pauline Dempsey**

Staff Officer | Department of People, Corporate & Digital Services | Fingal County Council | County Hall | Swords | Co. Dublin  
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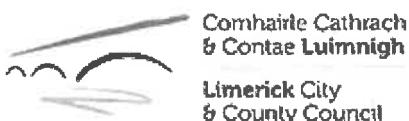
Please find attached Resolution adopted at Meeting of Limerick Joint Policing Committee held on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2023.

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*Mark Leahy*

**Mark Leahy**  
Administrative Officer  
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## Creamer, Liz

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**Sent:** Tuesday 19 December 2023 10:15  
**To:** Creamer, Liz  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]RE: Resolution adopted at December Meeting of Limerick Joint Policing Committee

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Dear Ms. Creamer / Mr. Leahy,

Thank you for your email. I have referred same for the attention of the Corporate Services Dept. for their attention.

Regards,  
Customer Services.

**From:** Creamer, Liz <[liz.creamer@limerick.ie](mailto:liz.creamer@limerick.ie)>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 18, 2023 4:21 PM  
**To:** [corporate@carlowcoco.ie](mailto:corporate@carlowcoco.ie); [info@cavancoco.ie](mailto:info@cavancoco.ie); [corporate@clarecoco.ie](mailto:corporate@clarecoco.ie); [corporateaffairs@corkcity.ie](mailto:corporateaffairs@corkcity.ie); [corporate.affairs@corkcoco.ie](mailto:corporate.affairs@corkcoco.ie); [info@donegalcoco.ie](mailto:info@donegalcoco.ie); [info@dublincity.ie](mailto:info@dublincity.ie); [customercareunit@fingal.ie](mailto:customercareunit@fingal.ie); [customerservices@galwaycoco.ie](mailto:customerservices@galwaycoco.ie); [kcc@kerrycoco.ie](mailto:kcc@kerrycoco.ie); [customercare@kildarecoco.ie](mailto:customercare@kildarecoco.ie); [info@kilkenncoco.ie](mailto:info@kilkenncoco.ie); [corpaffairs@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:corpaffairs@laoiscoco.ie); [customerservices@leitrimcoco.ie](mailto:customerservices@leitrimcoco.ie); [info@longfordcoco.ie](mailto:info@longfordcoco.ie); [communications@mayococo.ie](mailto:communications@mayococo.ie); [customerservice@meathcoco.ie](mailto:customerservice@meathcoco.ie); [info@monaghancoco.ie](mailto:info@monaghancoco.ie); [customerservices@offalyccoco.ie](mailto:customerservices@offalyccoco.ie); [customerservice@roscommoncoco.ie](mailto:customerservice@roscommoncoco.ie); [info@sligococo.ie](mailto:info@sligococo.ie); [info@sdublincoco.ie](mailto:info@sdublincoco.ie); [customerservices@tipperarycoco.ie](mailto:customerservices@tipperarycoco.ie); [Contact User <contact@waterfordcouncil.ie>](mailto>Contact User <contact@waterfordcouncil.ie>); [postmaster@wexfordcoco.ie](mailto:postmaster@wexfordcoco.ie); [corporate@wicklowcoco.ie](mailto:corporate@wicklowcoco.ie)  
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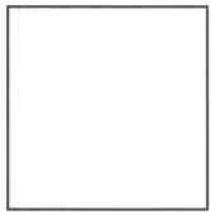
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*Mark Leahy*

Mark Leahy  
Administrative Officer  
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## Carroll, Siobhan

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**From:** Leahy, Mark  
**Sent:** Wednesday 20 December 2023 14:47  
**To:** Carroll, Siobhan  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL]

Siobhan-for info.

**From:** Corporate.Services <Corporate.Services@garda.ie>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 20, 2023 12:59 PM  
**To:** Leahy, Mark <mark.leahy@limerick.ie>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]

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**HQCSO\_1-549191/23**

Dear Mr Leahy,

On behalf of the Superintendent, Garda Corporate Services Office, please be advised that your correspondence to the Commissioner on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December 2023 has been received.

Your correspondence has been forwarded to the office of Assistant Commissioner Southern Region. The Office of Assistant Commissioner, Southern Region will ensure that you are contacted in due course.

Please contact Assistant Commissioner, Southern Region, An Garda Síochána, Anglesea Street, Cork, T12 K244 (email: [Commissioner\\_South@garda.ie](mailto:Commissioner_South@garda.ie)), should you have any further queries on this matter.

*Sent on behalf of Superintendent D. Butler,  
Corporate Services, Garda Headquarters, Dublin D08 HN3X.  
Phone: 01-6661253  
Email: [Corporate.Services@garda.ie](mailto:Corporate.Services@garda.ie)*



## Creamer, Liz

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**From:** Leahy, Mark  
**Sent:** Wednesday 20 December 2023 14:48  
**To:** Creamer, Liz  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL]SR\_05-549191/23 Correspondence from Mr Mark Leahy Limerick City and County Council

Liz-for info

**From:** Commissioner\_South <Commissioner\_South@garda.ie>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 20, 2023 1:15 PM  
**To:** Leahy, Mark <mark.leahy@limerick.ie>  
**Cc:** Corporate.Services <Corporate.Services@garda.ie>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]SR\_05-549191/23 Correspondence from Mr Mark Leahy Limerick City and County Council

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SR\_05-549191/23

Dear Mark Leahy,

I am directed by the Assistant Commissioner, Southern Region to acknowledge your correspondence to the Office of the Garda Commissioner dated 19th December 2023, which was subsequently forwarded to this office for attention.

Your correspondence has been forwarded to the Office of the Divisional officer, Limerick who has operational responsibility for all policing matters in your area of concern. A member has been requested to liaise with you, and address the matter raised in your correspondence.

A report in to the matter has been requested by this office in early course.

Yours sincerely,

Kieran Keane Clerical Officer | Regional Office, Anglesea Street Garda Station, Anglesea Street, Cork, Ireland, T12 K244 |

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**From:** Leahy, Mark  
**Sent:** Thursday 21 December 2023 10:24  
**To:** Creamer, Liz  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL]Correspondence from Mark Leahy Limerick City and County Council

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**From:** LK.Bservices <LK.Bservices@Garda.ie>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 21, 2023 10:16 AM  
**To:** Leahy, Mark <mark.leahy@limerick.ie>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Correspondence from Mark Leahy Limerick City and County Council

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SR\_05-549191/23

Mr. Mark Leahy,  
Administrative Officer,  
Corporate Services,  
Governance & Customer Services

**Re: Correspondence from Mark Leahy Limerick City and County Council**

With reference to the above, this section is in receipt of communication from Assistant Commissioner, Southern Region.

Please be advised that Inspector Sandra Heelan, Henry Street Garda Station has been nominated to liaise with you in respect of the resolution that was agreed upon at JPC on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

Inspector Heelan can be contacted @ [sandra.m.heelan@garda.ie](mailto:sandra.m.heelan@garda.ie) .

Kind Regards,



Mary Fitzsimons | Higher Executive Officer | General Administration | HRM  
Tel: 061 433563 | 087 4689847 Email: [mary.b.fitzsimons@garda.ie](mailto:mary.b.fitzsimons@garda.ie)  
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**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL]Ref: DJE-MO-11026-2023

**From:** Ministers Office <[noreplymo-justice@corr.cloud.gov.ie](mailto:noreplymo-justice@corr.cloud.gov.ie)>

**Sent:** Friday, January 12, 2024 2:30 PM

**To:** Leahy, Mark <[mark.leahy@limerick.ie](mailto:mark.leahy@limerick.ie)>

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Mr. Mark Leahy

[mark.leahy@limerick.ie](mailto:mark.leahy@limerick.ie)

**Ministerâ€™s Reference: DJE-MO-11026-2023**

Dear Mr. Leahy,

Thank you for your letter of 18 December to the Minister for Justice regarding the Community Policing Units. I am responding on the Minister's behalf and I would like to reassure you at the outset that the claims being made about disbandment are unsubstantiated.Â

As you know, the Garda Commissioner is responsible under Section 26 of the Garda SÃ³chÃ¡na Act 2005 (as amended) for the management and administration of Garda business, including the recruitment and training of Garda members and staff. Under Section 33 of the Act, the Commissioner determines the distribution and stationing of the Garda SÃ³chÃ¡na throughout the State. The Minister has no role in these independent functions and is unable to seek to direct, influence or otherwise intervene with the Commissioner in relation to the deployment of Garda resources.Â

However, the Minister has been advised by the Garda authorities that misinformation regarding the proposed disbandment of established units, such as Roads Policing or Community Policing units, has been in circulation. The Minister is assured that no established units are being considered for disbandment by the Commissioner.Â

It is important to note that community policing is at the heart of An Garda SÃ³chÃ¡na, and that all GardaÃ¡ have a role to play in community policing in the course of carrying out their duties. Community policing is also fundamental to the new Garda Operating Model which is currently being rolled across the country and is fully commenced in ten Garda divisions.

The new model will provide more front-line GardaÃ, increased Garda visibility, and a wider range of policing services for people in their local area. It will divide service delivery within division into four functional areas, one of the most important areas being Community Engagement. This will allow for a greater, more consistent, focus on community policing in all divisions.

The Garda authorities have advised that members of An Garda SÃochÃ¡na can be deemed to be a â€˜Community Gardaâ€™ where a member of An Garda SÃochÃ¡na is allocated to a Community Policing Team (CPT) and are responsible and accountable for applying a problemâ€“solving approach to appropriate crime and policing quality of life issues in a specified geographic area through partnership and engagement.

The Minister also welcomes the new interactive map launched recently on the Garda website which is designed to allow the public to identify the local CPT in their area. This map will continue to develop in line with the continued rollout of the new Garda Operating Model and can be accessed at: <https://www.garda.ie/en/crime-prevention/community-policing/>

While there are designated CPTs within An Garda SÃochÃ¡na, it is important to note that the number of GardaÃ¡ assigned to those teams is not an accurate reflection of the number of GardaÃ¡ who are carrying out community policing work on a daily basis around the country. Â

Community Policing Teams strategically manage and lead the development, delivery and evaluation of the Garda Community Policing Framework, and GardaÃ¡ assigned to those teams are deemed to be â€˜Community GardaÃ¢â€™. Â Like other Garda members they also have dual functions. In addition to their strategic roles in their Community Policing Teams, part of which requires them to regularly update their Community Engagement Superintendent on the policing needs of their community, and they are also frontline members.

However, it is important to note that Community Policing Teams draw on all frontline GardaÃ¡ to carry out community policing. Therefore, just because a Garda may not specifically be deemed a 'Community Garda' by virtue of the fact that they are not assigned to a Community Policing Team, that does not mean that they do not carry out crucial work in that area.

Given the organisational and structural changes outlined above which are a natural consequence of the introduction of the new Garda Operating Model, the provision of number of â€˜Community GardaÃ¢â€™ no longer gives an accurate picture of the number of GardaÃ¡ carrying out what was traditionally understood to be the role of the â€˜Community Gardaâ€™. Â

I can however inform you that on 30 November there were a total of 581 GardaÃ¡ assigned to the Limerick Division, which is an increase of almost 5% on 2015. Â

I trust the above information is of assistance.

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Yours sincerely,

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**Emma McHugh**

Private Secretary to the

Minister for Justice

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