



An Roinn Dlí agus Cirt
Department of Justice

National Rollout of Local Community Safety Partnerships

Kerry JPC Meeting
10th May 2024

Community Safety: New Approach



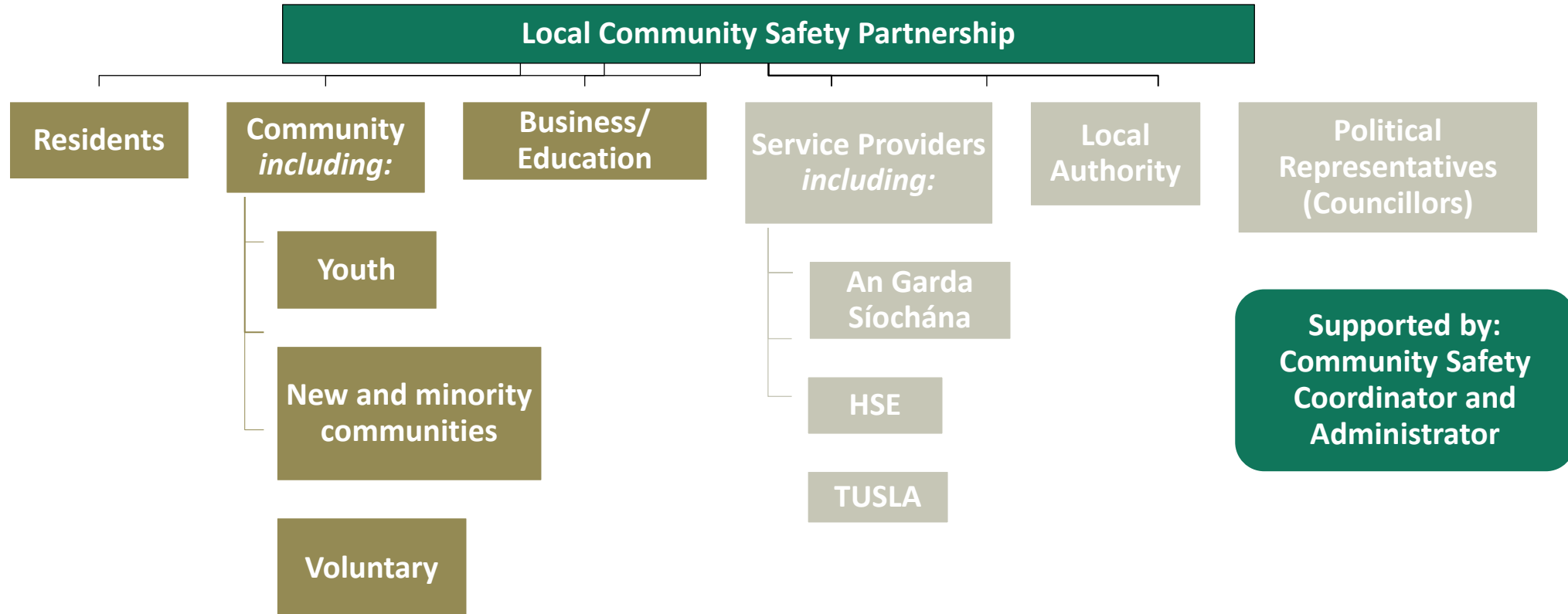
Background:

- 2018 report by Commission on the Future of Policing in Ireland: policing not the responsibility of the police alone
- Development of new Community Safety policy: Community safety is not the sole responsibility of An Garda Síochána alone, it is a whole of Government responsibility
- Policy paper feeding into the Policing, Security and Community Safety Bill 2023

Local Community Safety Partnership – Objectives



Local Community Safety Partnership Composition



Role of the Chair



- The pilot programme and evaluation learnings identify that the role of the Chair will be central to the success and momentum behind each Partnership.
- The role is a significant high-level volunteer role that requires dedication and time.
- The Chair will be supported by a Coordinator and Administrator

Responsibilities of Chair



- Provide leadership and strategic direction
- Lead the LCSP in making informed decisions and provide solutions tailored to the specific needs of the community
- Develop and Implement the Local Community Safety Plan in conjunction with both community and public services
- Act as an advocate for the LCSP and represent the LCSP to the public, media and other stakeholders as appropriate.

How will Chairs be appointed?



- An Expression of Interest process will be undertaken by each Local Authority to identify a suitable Chairperson
- Indicative timeline for launch is week of 10 June
- A three person Assessment Panel will shortlist candidates
- Chair appointments commence end of August

National Level: Community Safety policy



- National strategy on community safety
- Designated Cabinet Committee
- National community safety Steering Group
- National Office for Community Safety
- Local Community Safety Partnerships



Pilot Local Community Safety Partnerships



- Dublin's North Inner City, Waterford and Longford
- Identify elements to improve the delivery of a national programme on community safety
- Bespoke Community Safety Plans
- Independent Evaluation

Next Steps



- Recruit Coordinators and Administrators
- Drafting of Regulations under PSCS Act
- Set up the National Office of Community Safety
- Select Chairpersons
- Begin national rollout of the Local Community Safety Partnerships
- Develop the National Community Safety Strategy