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CMR 35-36327/12

Ms Mary Maguire Meetings Administrator Corporate Services Department South Dublin County Council County Hall Tallaght Dublin 24



Re: Motion Passed at Meeting of South Dublin County Council

Dear Ms Maguire

1 am directed by the Commissioner to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence of 15 May 2012 in relation to the filling of 2 Garda positions, and provide the following by way of response.

Garda Management closely monitors the allocation of all resources in the context of crime trends, policing needs and other operational strategies in place on a District, Divisional and Regional level, to ensure optimum use is made of Garda resources, and the best possible Garda service is provided to the public. Senior Garda Management is satisfied that a comprehensive policing service continues to be delivered and that current structures in place meet the requirement to deliver an effective and efficient policing service to the community. This situation will be kept under review and when further promotions are sanctioned, the needs of South Co. Dublin will be considered within the overall needs of the Garda organisation.

The Garda Commissioner has reiterated the commitment of An Garda Síochána to continue to provide a professional and effective policing service within the prevailing economic conditions. An Garda Síochána is not immune from the harsh economic realities which are impacting on the community and the public sector and, like everyone, An Garda Síochána must continue to find efficiencies and still provide a professional service.

The commitment of An Garda Síochána is to maintain operational effectiveness and resilience but, in order to achieve this, work must be prioritised and some hard decisions must be made. While a policing service may not always be provided in the same way as it was in the past, it is no less effective and the commitment of An Garda Síochána to the community is not diminished.

An Garda Síochána can never over-emphasise the importance of the partnership between An Garda Síochána and the community in preventing and detecting crime and maintaining a safe environment for everyone and the pledge of An Garda Síochána is to continue to invest time and energy in those partnerships and relationships to the benefit of all.

Yours sincerely

M.B. MANGAN CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO COMMISSIONER

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