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Peter

Good morning.

First of all, may I introduce myself,

Sean Lynch Cllr

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Presently , Mayor of Metropolitan District of Limerick.

I am also Chairman of Joint Policing Committee.

Apologies for not making your workshop on the open evening while ye were in Thomond Park Limerick.

Unfortunately one of our finest in music Dolores O Riordan passed away suddenly and left us all in shock.

Any way I just would like to offer my submissions for what they are worth.

1. I have being calling for a Garda Kiosk for our city centre, and it's not getting the response from the appropriate authorities that I hoped t would get.

This can be manned by civilians, drop in point, information, also a deterrent as I proposed to have it in the centre of our city.

I also feel that these hubs could also be placed in the bigger housing estates, manned by civilians or Reserve Gardai.

It's a presence in the heart of our communities.

I have seen them working in the UK while over there during my previous life , while I was on serious crime investigations.

They work well in other parts of the world.

2 I believe there should be a senior officer of An Garda Siochana in charge and take more responsible role in Rural Crime.

There should also be a Junior Minister for Rural Crime.

The old and vulnerable are easy targets for the criminal , the country people are slow to change in there ways, so we need to tackle the criminal and by putting these people in place sends a very serious concerted message of intend by the Government .

3 We are loosing a lot of talent and expertise , knowledge and intelligence through retirements in An Garda Siochana.

The Government needs to bring back those or put in place an opportunity for retired members to come back on contract, they could man and co ordinate the many incident rooms that are now very much part of investigations and free those young active members.

They should look at the Garda College and see if those members could play a role in lecturing/training the recruits.

Just a few thoughts to consider.

Much obliged

Many thanks

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