

**6th meeting of the Firearms Expert Committee**  
**6 December 2022**  
**Report and Update**

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**Attendees**

**Chair** Emma Meagher Neville

Paul Walsh

Fabian Connolly

John Guinane

Superintendent Emma Doyle

John Griffin NPWS (for discussion of agenda point 2 only)

**Secretary** Aoife Byrne

**Report of the sixth meeting of the Firearms Expert Committee.**

1. The sixth meeting of the Firearms Expert Committee was held on 6 December 2022 at 51 St Stephen's Green. The meeting was chaired by Ms. Emma Meagher Neville.
2. At its sixth meeting, the Committee discussed the suitability of certain types of firearms and devices for the purpose of hunting and animal control with the representative from the NPWS, Mr. John Griffin.
3. The Committee continued its consideration of whether firearms certificates should be conditioned to specify the locations where the firearm may be used; and whether firearms certificates should be conditioned to limit the use of the firearm to the purpose for which the firearms certificate was sought.
4. The Committee agreed to meet again in early January 2023.

**Update of Committee's term**

The Committee's term has been extended by the Minister allow for a further three meetings. The Minister has directed the Committee to consider the following issues not identified in its initial terms of reference.

- To consider the licencing of add-on devices that are considered firearms under the Act, including silencers and sound moderators, telescope sights with light beams, and telescope thermal-imaging sights.
- To consider whether qualifications and training should be required in order to be eligible to hold a firearms certificate or to become a registered firearm dealer permitted to repair firearms or make modifications to the functioning of firearms.