

Seventh Meeting of the Firearms Expert Committee
9 January, 2023
Report and Update

Attendees

Chair Emma Meagher Neville

Paul Walsh

Fabian Connolly

John Guinane

Superintendent Emma Doyle

Chief Superintendent Glacken (for discussion of agenda point 2, 3, 4 and 5.1)

Superintendent Gamble (for discussion of agenda 2, 3, 4 and 5.1)

Secretary Aoife Byrne

Report of the seventh meeting of the Firearms Expert Committee.

1. The seventh meeting of the Firearms Expert Committee was held on 9 January 2023 at 51 St Stephen's Green. The meeting was chaired by Ms. Emma Meagher Neville.
2. At its seventh meeting, the Committee was joined for some of its discussion by Chief Superintendent Glacken and Superintendent Gamble of An Garda Síochána, who shared perspectives as licencing officers on a number of items the Committee has been tasked to consider.
3. The Committee discussed the licencing of add-on devices that are considered firearms under the Firearms Act 1925, as amended. The devices discussed included silencers and sound moderators, telescope sights with light beams "night sights", and telescope thermal-imaging sights. During its discussions the Committee considered the availability of these devices and for what purposes they may be suitable to be licensed.
4. 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.
5. The Committee agreed to meet again in February 2023.