

Eighth Meeting of the Firearms Expert Committee
10th February, 2023
Report and Update

Attendees

Chair: Emma Meagher Neville

Paul Walsh

Fabian Connolly

John Guinane

Inspector Paul Greene

Secretary: Richard Gow

Apologies: Supt Emma Doyle

Report of the eighth meeting of the Firearms Expert Committee

1. The eighth meeting of the Firearms Expert Committee took place at 51 St Stephen's Green on Friday 10th February, 2023.
2. At the meeting, the Committee reflected on its videoconference meeting with the Police Service of Northern Ireland firearms licensing branch on 1st February, 2023. The Committee agreed the note of this meeting and to the incorporation of the answers provided by the PSNI to its questions in the relevant sections of its reports.
3. The Committee discussed the final written comments submitted by its Members on Report One and agreed a number of final revisions to be prepared by the secretary to the Committee.
4. The Committee continued its discussion of matters surrounding the licensing of add-on devices considered firearms under the Firearms Acts and agreed to defer agreement of the draft text and recommendations on these matters until the ninth meeting.
5. The Committee considered the discussion document circulated to it by the secretary on training requirements for certificate-holders and for registered firearms dealers, and it agreed that its answers could form the basis of draft text and recommendations to be prepared on this issue by the secretary for consideration at its ninth meeting.
6. The Committee agreed to meet again on Friday 3rd March, 2023.