

Joint Policing Committee

SEATS: Six (6)

1. CANDIDATE: Dr Breda Hayes

NOMINATED BY: Environmental Trust Ireland

I am a Practising Solicitor and National Garda Vetting Appeals Officer.

I hold a number of first class Honours degrees from the National University of Ireland and the University of Cambridge including doctorate degrees in law and in science. Previously, I was a Fellow of the University of Cambridge before accepting a tenured academic lecturing post in Ireland. I have acted as External Examiner to a number of Universities in the U.K. and in the European Union.

In my legal role, I have been involved in a number of leading cases and have advocated before all Courts in this jurisdiction including the High Court, Court of Appeal and Supreme Courts. I have acted in a wide range of litigation cases ranging from criminal, road traffic offences, public order to judicial review, health and safety, public safety, preventing vulnerable and elder abuse, undue influence, discrimination cases, planning and environmental matters, etc.

I am the Honourable Secretary of Environmental Trust Ireland. I am committed to environmental, planning and sustainable development which is inclusive to all. I liaise with and work with the Gardaí and adjudicate in a quasi-judicial role in my capacity as National Garda Vetting Appeals Officer.