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GARDAI and city politicians are joining forces to fight crime.

A formal arrangement whereby members of the City Council can give their views on city crime has been established by Chief Supt Michael

Fitzgerald.

And one of the first targets is to remove cider louts from Arthurs Quay Park.

Superintendent Fitzgerald, felt there was a need for the city councillors and officials to air their views to the Gardai.

The new Arthur's Quay Park has been "taken over" by cider types, city councillors told the Gardai and Junior Justice Minister, Willie O'Dea, at this weeks meeting.

Councillors fear that the "park" is now "lost to the public" who fear going in there.

This was one of the many topics to be raised at the first meeting between the city council, the gardai and the Minister, held in private this week.

Gangs causing problems for the elderly and shopkeepers, and the theft of cars was also raised at the meeting held in the City Hall on Monday.

Chief Supt. Michael
Fitzgerald and
Superintendents Liam
Quinn and Sean
Corcoran attended the
meeting and listened to
the problems and suggestions of the councillors
to beat crime in the city.

There are now going to be quartly meetings. Monday's meeting was said to be of great benefit to all sides.

