**Chair: Vivian Geiran, Director, the Probation Service**

**Vivian Geiran** wasappointedDirector of the Probation Service with effect from the 8th of August, 2012. He joined the Probation Service, as a Probation Officer, in 1987 and filled a variety of roles at different levels, up to his appointment as Director of Operations in 2006, the position he held at the time of his appointment as Director. Vivian is a registered social worker, and prior to joining the Probation Service, worked as a local authority social worker in Dublin. He is a member of the Parole Board, and also a member of the Council for Penological Co-operation (PC-CP) of the Council of Europe. Vivian was a co-founder and first joint editor of the (North-South) *Irish Probation Journal*.