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Subject: Draft Annual Report 2018-19	Public
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Summary

The draft Annual Report, representing the achievements of the City of London Police for the past financial year, is submitted to the Board for approval. The report contains information on crime, financial and staff statistics, as well as a summary of performance and highlights within the year.

It is requested that any comments on and/or changes to the report be sent via the Town Clerk's Department to the Force's Communications Director by Monday 10 June 2019.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the contents of the draft Annual Report be approved, and that any comments upon the report be forwarded as indicated above.

Main Report

Background

1. The Annual Report serves as the vehicle for the Commissioner of Police to reflect upon what has been achieved in the past financial year and to report on crime, resources and financial statistics. It will be officially published during Summer after it has been presented to the Court of Common Council.

Current Position

2. The style and content of the annual report was reviewed in 2017, driven by a number of factors, the most significant of these was cost.
3. Since 2017 the annual report has been online. This year, again the report has been designed to available solely online, and can be accessed via [this link](#).
4. The online edition has been constructed in such a way as to be accessible via both desktop and mobile devices. A hard copy of the content has not been produced this year.

5. The decision to produce a purely online edition was reached due to a diminishing demand for a printed copy of the report, while readership of the online edition has grown. In 2016, the last time the annual report was designed for hard copy the number of printed copies of the annual report was significantly reduced, going from the 500 copies in 2015 to 180. Of these 180, 120 were provided to the Corporation of London and CoLP Communications department retained 60.
6. The 2017/2018 edition of annual report received close to 2000 online visits since it was published, an increase of over 800 visits on the previous year.
7. This year's report has been produced in-house at no cost.
8. As in previous years, the 2018/2019 financial data will be uploaded before the report is presented to the Court of Common Council.
9. It is notable that most police forces do not publish an annual report in this format anymore, although PCCs are obliged to produce such a document.
10. As you will see, this report is in-keeping with the approach adopted last year and is significantly shorter than previous years. The report takes a high-level overview of what was achieved against the previous year's priorities and in doing so, it is hoped the report replicates how the force is dedicating resource towards the force priorities. This slimmed down and high-level approach is also in keeping with the HMICFRS request that our communications illustrate 'you said – we did'.

Conclusion

11. The Annual Report is a corporate document which provides a high-level record of the Force's achievements in the preceding year in an easily accessible and engaging format.

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