

Committee(s): Police Authority Board	Dated: 13 December 2023
Subject: Commissioner's Update	Public
Which outcomes in the <i>City Corporation's Corporate Plan</i> does this proposal aim to impact directly?	1- People are safe and feel safe
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	N/A
If so, how much?	N/A
What is the source of Funding?	N/A
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	N/A
Report of: Commissioner of Police Pol 142-23	For Information
Report author: Peter O'Doherty, T/Commissioner	

Summary

It was agreed that the Commissioner's verbal updates would now be presented to the Board as formal written updates.

The *public* updates for Operations and Security and Economic and Cyber Crime are attached.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to note the report.

Police Authority Board – Commissioner’s Update – 13 December 2023

Operations and Security

PAB Updates

Lord Mayor Show, Remembrance Sunday and Lord Mayors Banquet

With significant disruption experienced over London by multiple protest events, CoLP implemented a robust and proportionate policing plan to ensure the safety and security of all, with support from officers across the force complimented by our Special Constabulary and Police Cadets.

Police Cadets

CoLP Police Cadets took part in the National Inter-cadet Cup First Aid competition 2023. 20 teams took part all of whom had to qualify in first or second place at their regional events to be invited to the nationals. The City of London Police Cadets qualified in first place at the London Regionals back in March 2023. Over the 2 day finals, CoLP cadets came first on Saturday progressing them to compete against the best teams in the UK from the Police, Army, RAF, Combined Cadet Force, Navy, Sea Cadets and other youth groups. A tough finals competition with CoLP coming in a very proud and respectable 6th place.

Police Race Action Plan (PRAP).

The national Police Race Action Plan (PRAP) was launched last year setting out changes to improve outcomes for Black people working within or interacting with policing. CoLP have been working hard on a number of local initiatives to support this. On Monday 20 November, CoLP’s Professionalism and Trust Department launched our local plan and outlined the work that has been achieved with details on next steps. This event included a variety of speakers both internal and external including Dr Angela Herbert MBE, retired Chief Superintendent Raj Kohli, Teddy Burton and Ian Thomas.

Operation Servator

Specially trained Servator officers engaged in security patrols across the City, officers identified a group of males on pedal cycles suspected of committing phone snatch offences. Despite best efforts by the group to evade police, officers were able to quickly and tactically coordinate resources to apprehend group members who were found to be in possession of balaclavas, several suspected stolen phones and large amounts of cash. It also transpired the same group are believed to have committed similar offences in the Met police area just before their apprehension by City officers. Investigation continues with suspects bailed with conditions to safeguard the City community.

Christmas Campaign

The launch of Operation Tinsel will see an increased number of officers supported by volunteer organisations and partners working to reduce crime and keeping those enjoying the night time economy safe. Officers will be focusing on alcohol-related violence, inappropriate sexual behaviour, anti-social behaviour and acquisitive crime.

Engagement with the night time economy under Operation Reframe will continue to promote AskForAngela and the launch of a radio network in the Bishopsgate area allowing businesses to communicate with each other highlighting any concerns or issues.

The operational activity will support and promote safety and security for those enjoying the Christmas festivities with Walk and Talk continuing throughout December whilst making it a hostile environment for those wishing to commit crime or harm. Dedicated teams will be out in force, working to zero tolerance for criminal behaviour and ready to help where needed.

National Lead Force

National Lead Force launched the National Policing Strategy for Fraud, Economic and Cyber Crime in November from the Serious Organised Crime Economic Exchange (SOCEX) conference. The strategy sets out cross cutting objectives and commitments for policing to improve the response to fraud, economic and cyber crime in a ‘4 P’ action plan for forces and regions to integrate into their internal plans. Measurables have been set within this and a performance framework will be designed to reflect force and regional progress against them.

Next year will see the launch of two big system changes in the fight against fraud. FCCRAS will deliver a huge improvement in the victim journey and reactive response to fraud reports coming into policing. In addition to this the Fraud Targeting Cell (FTC) is a multi-agency ‘intelligence brain’ which is being led by the National Economic Crime Centre (NECC) with substantial support from CoLP. This will deliver a new proactive intelligence led response to fraud, identifying high harm offenders through data and intelligence and developing target led packages for the Regional and National teams under the National Fraud Squad to action. It is anticipated that a combination of these two system improvements and changes will enable policing to better target criminals and protect victims in the UK.

Partnership engagement

In October CoLP hosted the Economic Crime Briefing, which was another well attended event aimed at policing leads including PCC’s, to give a strategic briefing on the direction of policing within economic crime. The Anti-Fraud Champion Anthony Browne gave an excellent input, as did the other speakers – providing an overview of the challenges facing policing from a local, to a national level. And importantly how we are working to overcome these. SOCEX was a huge success with over 400 delegates from policing and economic crime law enforcement partners in attendance. The conference was opened and closed by AC Nik Adams and was a great opportunity to showcase some of the work and improvements undertaken and planned by the force and partners.

Several constructive meetings took place with technology companies and platforms to progress NLF’s planning for the introduction of the Online Safety Act. These meetings included Match.com and Meta (Facebook / Instagram). The Economic and Cybercrime Academy (ECCA) reached out to the Ukrainian International Liaison Officer (ILO) to understand the position and viability of continuing to deliver our training programme to their Law Enforcement Agencies. At the request of The Director General of The Mauritius Independent Commission against Corruption (ICAC), The International Anti-Corruption Coordination Centre (IACCC) within The National Crime Agency (NCA), together with The ECCA are undertaking a training needs analysis to deliver to upskill and train delegates.

AC Adams presented at both the Anti Financial Crime Summit and the 19th Annual European Economic Crime Conference on the strategic direction being taken by NLF and improvements made.

The LBG Labour Roundtable was attended by T/Commissioner O’Doherty on 29/11 and was a successful move toward informing the Shadow Cabinet of the crucial role that NLF plays in policing fraud.

Operational Activity

Police Intellectual Property Crime Unit (PIPCU)- This month PIPCU had the first appearance at Blackburn Mags court for Op Delaware that is believed to be the UK’s largest Illegal streaming service causing losses to the industry of £17 million a year, the illegal TV network had millions of global users.

Dedicated Card and Payment Crime Unit (CPCU)- An organised crime group has been sentenced to a combined total of over 20 years in prison after a successful investigation. The 6 defendants were sentenced to a total of 25+ years in prison.

Campaigns and Media

Action Fraud saw positive national and local reporting of warnings about a new NatWest Bank scam that seeks to capture the account details of legitimate customers.

Positive national and local reporting of AF / NFIB’s (Cyber PROTECT) warning about Christmas related on-line shopping frauds. This is an annual campaign which, in 2022, significantly reduced losses during the festive season. Social media activity was undertaken at SOCEX, including a joint video with UKFIU (1,000 impressions).