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### **Summary**

- This paper outlines an initiative known as the Global Cyber Alliance (GCA) that CoLP is partnering with the District Attorney New York (DANY) to deliver as founder members.
- The GCA is a transnational, not for profit organisation which has been established with a view to eradicating global cyber risks.
- The GCA is primarily funded by the DANY who have committed \$25 Million over a five year period.
- GCA are seeking premises in London and the support of City of London Police (CoLP) in relation to establishing GCA in the UK, providing resource (funded by GCA) to deliver the build of the GCA in the UK and to support its development over the forthcoming five years.
- Appropriate premises have been identified at Basinghall Street in the City.
- A member of staff with relevant skills and expertise probably from ECD will be identified as being the CoLP resource to help develop the unit, and the GCA will fund a six month secondment from CoLP as soon as the person is identified.
- Once initial build is complete, the GCA will advertise for a CoLP secondee to become the Director of the GCA in the UK. Both secondments will be managed through the CoLP HR process.
- The Commissioner has been fully involved in discussion and dialogue with the DANY to progress this project and provide relevant support.

### **Recommendation(s)**

It is recommended that members note this report for information.

## **Main Report**

### **Background**

1. The Global Cyber Alliance (GCA) is an international cyber security initiative led by the District Attorney's Office, New York (DANY) and the Centre for Internet Security (CiS) based in Albany, New York State.
2. The GCA has been developed by cyber security specialists, and international law enforcement colleagues, with a view to tackling the ever increasing global threats posed by cyber attacks, and seeking to increase collaboration in identifying, combating and eradicating these threats. The aim of GCA is to work collaboratively, in a philanthropic manner, with businesses of all sizes, cross sector. Joint working will enable enhanced information, intelligence and insight on cyber risks to be shared. GCA members will work in partnership to protect individuals and businesses from identified threats and technical specialists will seek to 'engineer out' identified cyber risks.
3. Outcomes will assist in designing out cyber attacks that result in fraud affecting individuals and businesses in the UK. This will support the Force as National Lead Force (NLF) for Fraud to reduce the impact of Fraud on the UK.
4. GCA is a public/private sector partnership which has been established as a not for profit organisation. Its governance process sets the direction for GCA and has representation from the membership of GCA (including a position for the Commissioner of CoLP). The City of London Police (CoLP) has been approached to be a founder member of the GCA with DANY. The key role for CoLP is to lead the development of GCA activities in the UK initially, and laterally throughout Europe. Leading on the development of GCA will allow CoLP wider access to intelligence, insight and threat data relating to global attacks that are affecting UK communities.
5. The GCA is joint funded by DANY who are investing \$5 million per year for a five year period which is reviewable after 3 years. Other sector members will match fund the DANY investment through provision of financial support and provision of resources. CoLP will not be providing any funding towards this and any staffing secondment or other resource support provided will be cost recovered in full.
6. In the period leading to April 2016 there are four initial objectives for CoLP to complete:
  - To source suitable premises that will be funded through GCA, post April 2016.
  - To provide a suitable member of staff (on secondment) to lead the build of GCA UK.
  - To be a contributing member to GCA through provision of information (namely NFIB data).
  - To ensure connectivity with existing government initiatives such as CERT UK and Law Enforcement partners such as the National Crime Agency.

7. Following the launch of GCA in April 2016, it is anticipated that CoLP resources focussed on Fraud and Cyber Protect activities will be co-located with the GCA with funding received from GCA for these resources.

### **Current Status of the GCA**

8. The GCA has been created as a legal entity, registered in the USA and financial and resource contributions have been confirmed allowing the builds of GCA to commence in both New York and London.
9. Suitable premises have been identified in the City in Basinghall Street. This premise is currently used by the National Crime Agency (NCA) for the Joint Money Laundering Investigation Taskforce, funded through CoLP. Agreement has been reached with the NCA for shared use of this premise until March 2016 when the agreement was for the NCA to fund the premise or vacate it. At this point, it is planned that the GCA will occupy the entire space and fund its use.
10. CoLP is in the process of identifying a suitable member of staff with relevant skills and expertise to be seconded to GCA for a period of six months to lead on building the GCA operational centre in London.

### **Financial/ Value for Money Implications**

11. CoLP will receive full cost recovery for any staff committed to GCA UK. CoL premises, which currently cost £180 000 p/a, will also be fully funded through GCA for a minimum three year period.

### **Risks**

12. A number of risks are evident, which include partner relationships in the future. The GCA design is to add value and be a complimentary function to Government initiatives such as CERT UK. CoLP participation together with clear governance will be able to identify and mitigate any partnership risks.

### **Conclusion**

13. This report is brought to Members attention for information. The GCA is a valuable initiative in a landscape where cyber security and protection is becoming much more dominant as governments strive to mitigate risks and counter cyber related crime. The Force is committed to supporting this initiative and further updates on progress will follow in due course to Economic Crime Board and/or this Committee.

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