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Subject: City of London Police Annual Report 2017-18	Public
Report of: Commissioner of Police Pol 48-18	For Decision

Summary

The draft Annual Report 2017-18, representing the achievements of the City of London Police for the past financial year, is submitted to the Committee 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 4 June 2018.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the contents of the draft Annual Report be approved, and that any comments upon them 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 July 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. In 2017 the 2016/2017 report was made available as an online edition only. This year, again the report has been designed to be available purely online, and can be accessed via [this link](#) (password is CoLP2547AD!). When it is formally published the microsite will be linked to the City Police website.

4. Attached is a hard copy version of the web content that can be represented in text. Committee members are urged to review the annual report online to see accompanying images and video.
5. The online edition has been constructed in such a way as to be accessible via both desktop and mobile devices. The formatting of the hardcopy, however, is therefore not what is usually found in a traditional annual report.
6. The decision to produce a purely online edition of the report 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 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, most of which we still had a year later.
7. The 2015/2016 edition of annual report received close to 500 online visits from July 2016 to March 2017, while the 2016/2017 online edition has received close to 1000 individual visits.
8. This year's report has been produced in-house, at a minimal one-off cost.
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. Much of the detailed review of the force's activity has been removed and the report instead takes more of a high-level overview of what was achieved against the previous year's priorities. In doing so, it is hoped the report replicates how the force is dedicating resource, including that within the Corporate Communications team, towards the force priorities. This slimmed down and high-level approach is also in keeping with the HMIC request that our communications illustrate 'you said – we did'.
11. As with previous years, the finance data is sample only as the audited accounts are not yet ready for publication. They will be included in the edition presented to Court of Common Council in July.

Conclusion

12. The Annual Report is a corporate document which provides a high-level record of the Force's achievements in the preceding year.

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