

Committee(s):	Date(s):
Safer City Partnership	31 May 2018
Subject: Serious and Organised Crime Board - update	
Report of: John Simpson Borough Commander, LFB	For Information
Summary	
This report provides an update of the work of the Serious and Organised Crime Board.	

Background

1. The Serious and Organised Crime Board was set up in 2016. Chaired by the LDB representative to the Safer City Partnership, John Simpson. It provides an advisory function and reports into the SCP. The aim of the Board is to bring together the full range of intelligence and powers available to tackle serious organised crime to reduce its impact on the City.
2. The Board has undertaken a review across the eight priority areas identified by the Home Office. It has shown itself a useful vehicle to improve understanding and cooperation.
3. At a London level the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime are looking to establish a structure to look at serious organised crime. There is a recognition that London is a more complex region than others.

Current Situation

4. The latest meeting took place on 16 May and covered issues including the new City of London Police Strategic Tasking and Coordination process; drugs, modern slavery, GDPR and information sharing.

5. Within these items specific topics included the role of West Balkan organised crime groups in the supply of drugs and the potential vulnerability of the construction industry in terms of modern slavery.
6. While there is work ongoing within the CoLP and Corporation relating to drug use in the City more work is needed in terms of modern human slavery. Discussion recognised the potential of using a range of staff and partners who may encounter suspicious activity but also acknowledged the need to have appropriate training and effective reporting mechanisms.
7. There was also a discussion on acquisitive crime and the Head of Community Safety agreed to establish a working group which would work closely with CoLP to reduce thefts.
8. The next meeting is scheduled for 19 September. The Chairman announced that this would be his final meeting as he would be moving on from his current role. There will be a working group meeting prior to this to determine a workplan for the group.

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