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The Lord Mayor will take the Chair at ONE
of the clock in the afternoon precisely.



COMMON COUNCIL

SIR/MADAM,

You are desired to be at a Court of Common Council, at **GUILDHALL**, on
THURSDAY next, the **9th day of September, 2021**.

Members of the public can observe the public part of this meeting at the below link:

<https://youtu.be/daCCMJDhqIE>

JOHN BARRADELL,
Town Clerk & Chief Executive.

*Guildhall,
Wednesday 1st September 2021*

Robert Hughes-Penney

Sue Langley, O.B.E.

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Aldermen on the Rota

1 **Apologies**2 **Declarations by Members under the Code of Conduct in respect of any items on the agenda**3 **Minutes**

To agree the minutes of the meeting of the Court of Common Council held on 22 July 2021.

For Decision
(Pages 5 - 18)

4 **Mayoral Visits**

The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor to report on his recent engagements.

5 **Policy Statement**

To receive a statement from the Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee.

6 **City of London Police Authority Board**

To consider the appointment of an external Member.

For Decision
(Pages 19 - 22)

7 **Bridge House Estates Board**

To consider the adoption of a protocol for the co-option of prospective external Members to the Board.

For Decision
(Pages 23 - 28)

8 **Hospitality Working Party of the Policy and Resources Committee**

To consider recommendations concerning the provision of hospitality.

For Decision
(Pages 29 - 32)

9 **The Freedom of the City**

To consider a circulated list of applications for the Freedom of the City.

For Decision
(Pages 33 - 36)

10 **Appointments**

To consider the following appointments:

- (A) One Member on the **Culture, Heritage & Libraries Committee**, for the balance of a term expiring in April 2022.

Nominations received:-

Matthew Bell

- (B) One Member on the **Health & Wellbeing Board**, for the balance of a term expiring in April 2022.

Nominations received:-
Randall Keith Anderson

For Decision

11 **Questions**

12 **Motions**

13 **City of London Police Authority Board**

To receive the annual summary report providing a summary of the City of London Police's activities and performance over the past year.

For Information
(Pages 37 - 60)

14 **Policy and Resources Committee**

To note action taken under urgency procedures in respect of arrangements to allow the 9 September 2021 meeting of the Court to be held as a formal meeting.

For Information
(Pages 61 - 62)

15 **Statues Working Group**

To note action taken under urgency procedures relating to the timescales for the submission of the Working Group's recommendations.

For Information
(Pages 63 - 64)

16 **Legislation**

To receive a report setting out measures introduced into Parliament which may have an effect on the services provided by the City Corporation.

For Information
(Pages 65 - 66)

17 **Resolutions on Retirements, Congratulatory Resolutions, Memorials**

18 **Docquets for the Hospital Seal**

19 **Awards and Prizes**

MOTION

20 **By the Chief Commoner**

That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business below on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972.

For Decision

Non-Public Minutes

To agree the non-public minutes of the meeting of the Court of Common Council held on 22 July 2021.

For Decision
(Pages 67 - 70)



RUSSELL, MAYOR

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL

22nd July 2021
MEMBERS PRESENT

ALDERMEN

Emma Edhem
Sir Peter Estlin
John Garbutt
Alison Gowman

Robert Charles Hughes-Penney
Gregory Jones QC
Vincent Thomas Keaveny
Alastair John Naisbitt King

Ian David Luder
Nicholas Stephen Leland Lyons
The Rt Hon. The Lord Mayor, Alderman
William Anthony Bowater Russell

COMMONERS

Munsur Ali
Randall Keith Anderson
Douglas Barrow
Matthew Bell
John Bennett
Nicholas Michael Bensted-Smith
Mark Bostock
Deputy Michael John Cassidy
John Douglas Chapman
Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst
Simon D'Olier Duckworth
Deputy Peter Gerard Dunphy
John Ernest Edwards
Helen Lesley Fentimen

John William Fletcher
Marianne Bernadette Fredericks
Caroline Wilma Haines
The Revd Stephen Decatur
Haines
Sheriff Christopher Michael
Hayward
Deputy Tom Hoffman
Ann Holmes
Michael Hudson
Deputy Wendy Hyde
Shravan Jashvantrai Joshi
Angus Knowles-Cutler
Deputy Edward Lord

Paul Nicholas Martinelli
Jeremy Mayhew
Andrew Stratton McMurtrie
Deputy Robert Allan Merrett
Deputy Andrien Gereith Dominic
Meyers
Deputy Brian Desmond Francis
Mooney
Deputy Alastair Michael Moss
Deputy Barbara Patricia Newman
Deputy James Henry George
Pollard
Jason Paul Pritchard

Stephen Douglas Quilter
Deputy Richard David Regan
James de Sausmarez
Deputy John George Stewart Scott
Jeremy Lewis Simons
Deputy Tom Sleigh
Deputy James Michael Douglas
Thomson
James Richard Tumbridge
Mark Raymond Peter Henry
Delano Wheatley
Deputy Philip Woodhouse
Dawn Linsey Wright

1. Resolution of Condolence

Resolved unanimously – “That the sincere condolences of this Court be extended following the sad death on 13 June of:-

*Newman, B.P.,
C.B.E., Deputy;
Mooney, B.D.F.,
Deputy*

Mrs Joyce Carruthers Nash, O.B.E.

Our long-time colleague and friend, a valued Member of this Court representing the Ward of Aldersgate for almost 38 years. Her funeral took place on 7 July in the Church of St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall, the church of the City of London Corporation.

The Corporation, its elected members and staff meant a great deal to Joyce. She had no close family and, over the years, the people at Guildhall became the next best thing. As each new Member was elected, she wrote to congratulate and welcome them and offer help and advice if needed. She was similarly welcoming to all staff members, one of whom wrote recently to say that she remembered Joyce as being the first person to welcome her to the Barbican.

Joyce kept in touch with many many people, asking about spouses, partners and children, learning and remembering their names – and, in some cases, the names of their dogs! Since we lost Joyce I'm finding that the grapevine does not work nearly as well as it did.

She had a great gift for friendship: Joyce loved people. At social gatherings she could join any group and instantly strike up a rapport with someone. Those who met her would remember her and enquire how she was long afterwards. And if she came across someone from Yorkshire, her home territory, that was a huge bonus.

Her life was long, busy and varied, and touched the lives of hundreds of people who will long remember her. She leaves behind an admirable legacy."

The Court proceeded to pause for a moment's silence and reflection.

- 2. Apologies The apologies of those Members unable to attend this meeting of the Court were noted.
- 3. Declarations There were no additional declarations.
- 4. Minutes *Resolved* – That the Minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded.
- 5. Mayoral
engagements The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor took the opportunity to update the Court on his recent engagement programme.
- 6. Policy
Statement The Deputy Chairman of Policy and Resources Committee provided the Court with an update on the City's COVID Recovery and re-opening activities.

7. CITY OF LONDON POLICE AUTHORITY BOARD

(Deputy James Michael Douglas Thomson)

30 June 2021

Appointment of Commissioner of Police for the City of London

In accordance with Standing Order No. 63, the City of London Police Authority Board submitted a candidate for appointment to the Office of Commissioner of Police for the City of London. Details of the candidate and the interview and assessment process were set out in an accompanying confidential report at Item 23.

It was advised that the candidate would appear before the Court of Common Council (in private session) and give a presentation. Upon the candidate's withdrawal from the Court, a ballot would be held for the appointment and, on completion of that, the public would be re-admitted and the decision of the Court made known.

Mooney, B.D.F.,
Deputy; Mayhew,
J.P.

Resolved – that the public be excluded from the meeting for the interview of the candidate for Commissioner, together with the consideration of other non-public items of business, on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 3 of Part 1 of the Local Government Act, 1972.

Summary of the exempt item considered whilst the public were excluded

The candidate for the post of Commissioner, having been called in, addressed the Court on a given subject and then withdrew.

The Court proceeded to ballot on the appointment.

Whilst the ballot count was conducted and the public excluded, the Court proceeded to consider Items 22 to 27.

The ballot for the Commissioner having been taken up and cast, the Lord Mayor declared Angela McLaren to have been appointed.

Whereupon the Court resolved that strangers be re-admitted.

The Town Clerk reported that the Court of Common Council had, in accordance with Standing Order No. 63(1), appointed Angela McLaren to be Commissioner.

Whereupon The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor declared Ms McLaren to be duly appointed to the Office of Commissioner of Police for the City of London subject to receipt of approval of Her Majesty The Queen (to be sought in accordance with Section III of the City of London Police Act 1839) and to the taking of an Oath before one of Her Majesty's Judges, on the usual terms and conditions relating to the appointment of Chief Officers and subject to such other regulations as this Court had adopted or may hereafter adopt in respect of the said appointment, and to all other orders and regulations of this Court with reference to its Officers.

Angela McLaren accepted the appointment, thanked the Court and withdrew.

Resolved – That Angela McLaren be appointed to the Office of Commissioner of Police for the City of London on a date to be confirmed subject to receipt of the approval of Her Majesty The Queen (to be sought in accordance with Section III of the City of London Police Act 1839) and subsequently to the candidate taking an Oath before one of her Majesty's Judges.

8. **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

(Deputy Catherine McGuinness)

3 June 2021

Members' Financial Support Policy

The Court was recommended to approve a series of proposals relating to the implementation of a new Members' Financial Support Policy and associated implications in respect of other existing arrangements.

The Deputy Chairman spoke to introduce the report, outlining the role the Scheme played in the Committee's aspirations to enhance the diversity of the Court of Common Council and ensure that prospective candidates for election to the Court were not deterred from standing for election for any reason.

In response to queries, the Deputy Chairman advised that the rationale behind the

Scheme's introduction in October was to enable prospective candidates for the 2022 elections to be reassured that the Scheme was in place and operating properly, prior to them making a decision as to whether or not to stand. He also clarified that participation in the Scheme was optional and it would, therefore, be a matter for individual Members to determine whether or not they wished to claim remuneration. Finally, the Deputy Chairman confirmed that the Scheme as proposed here did not include any Special Responsibility Allowances; however, these could be incorporated in future within an adapted Scheme should that become the will of the Court.

Resolved – That: -

1. The final Members' Financial Support Policy be approved, including the Extended Members Support Scheme section.
2. The current policy on claims for travel expenses where expense reimbursement only applies when travelling from Guildhall to undertake City Corporation business be reconfirmed.
3. The Scheme be administered by an external third party who would receive and validate applications before passing to the City Corporation for payment, with the appointment being made in accordance with the City Corporation's procurement policy.
4. Members be permitted to claim from the Scheme as soon as it is settled, and a scheme administrator is appointed i.e. with effect from October 2021.
5. Notwithstanding desires for anonymity, Internal Audit be given free and unfettered access to information when necessary and decide whether payments should be publicised in aggregate or by named recipients.
6. It be noted that the potential annual cost of the Extended Member Support element of the Members Financial Support Policy with full take up is £937,500 (not including employer's National Insurance Contributions where payable or the cost of the scheme administrator).
7. The cost of the Scheme be split across City Fund and City's Cash on a suitable, allocation criteria, e.g. Committee/Board time, employer's pensions contributions or on the basis on which we split corporate departmental time.
8. Subject to approval of the scheme and the implementation date, it be noted that part year costs incurred in the financial year 2021/22, will be funded from one-off contingencies included within the budget that are no longer needed. Future costs would be included in the 2022/23 budget setting and medium-term financial planning.

9. **POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE, BRIDGE HOUSE ESTATES BOARD, CITY OF LONDON POLICE AUTHORITY BOARD**

(Deputy Catherine McGuinness)
(Deputy Dr Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson)
(Deputy James Michael Douglas Thomson)

14 July 2021

Modern Slavery Update

The City Corporation's Modern Slavery Statement, developed in response to the

Modern Slavery Act 2015 (the 2015 Act) in November 2018, was a voluntary statement which reflected the City Corporation's commitment to responsible business principles across all of its activities, as well as its wider responsibilities under the 2015 Act in relation to the diverse functions it undertook. It had been intended to publish an annual update to track progress in 2018; however, this had been delayed due to disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Approval was now sought to publish and adopt an update to the published statement that included areas of improvement since the initial statement and relevant statistics from the 2020/21 financial year. As with the original statement, the update encompassed all the City Corporation's functions, including as corporate Trustee of Bridge House Estates.

Marianne Fredericks made reference to the Statement's recognition of the Corporation's responsibilities in working to eliminate modern day slavery through its activities. Noting the Global Slavery Index's rankings concerning China, she questioned how these responsibilities could be reconciled with the City Corporation's ongoing engagement with China and the promotion of the Financial and Professional Services industry there, asking if the Deputy Chairman of Policy & Resources would acknowledge this tension and raise concerns with the Chinese government. Responding, the Deputy Chairman articulated his view that foreign affairs and the question of foreign affairs policy generally was an issue for Her Majesty's Government, not the City Corporation, with the Corporation's duty being to promote trade globally. He expressed his absolute condemnation of modern slavery and human rights abuses around the world, wherever they were found.

Resolved – That the Court of Common Council approve the proposed policy update to the City Corporation's Modern Slavery Statement published in 2018, as set out at Appendix 1.

10. **INDEPENDENT PERSONS APPOINTMENT PANEL**

(Alderman Sir David Wootton)

1 July 2021

Independent Persons Appointment Panel

The Court proceeded to consider recommendations concerning the appointment of Independent Persons of the new standards regime, pursuant to the resolution of the Court of 14 January 2021.

Resolved – That Mr Rahul Sinha and Mr Philip Thicknesse be appointed as Independent Members of the City of London Corporation.

11. Freedoms

The Chamberlain, in pursuance of the Order of this Court, presented a list of the under-mentioned, persons who had made applications to be admitted to the Freedom of the City by Redemption: -

Dame Catherine Elizabeth Bingham <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Hilary Ann Russell</i>	a Venture Capitalist	Primrose Hill, London
Vanessa Brady, OBE <i>Christopher David McDonald</i> <i>Nicholas Garnish</i>	<i>Citizen and Farmer</i> an Interior Designer <i>Citizen and Security Professional</i> <i>Citizen and Baker</i>	Knightsbridge, London

John Miles Butler <i>Jeremy Christopher Charles Cross</i> <i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i>	an Asset Manager <i>Citizen and Insurer</i> <i>Citizen and Glover</i>	Clonskeagh, Dublin, Ireland
Ashley Pendleton Clark <i>William Paret Boswell</i> <i>Peter Kurrild-Klitgaard</i>	a Student <i>Citizen and Scrivener</i> <i>Citizen and Scrivener</i>	Dallas, Texas, United States of America
James Michael Dennis-Smith <i>Scott Marcus Longman</i> <i>David O'Reilly</i>	a Paralegal <i>Citizen and Educator</i> <i>Citizen and Educator</i>	Surrey Quays, London
Philip Graham Donald <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Hilary Ann Russell</i>	a Managing Director <i>Citizen and Farmer</i>	Battersea, London
Jennifer Field, OBE <i>Alison Jane Gowman, Ald.</i> <i>Dhruv Patel, OBE, CC</i>	a Charitable Foundation Deputy Director <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Clothworker</i>	Loxwood, West Sussex
Amelia Sarah Virginia Helen Fox <i>Rodney John Fox</i> <i>Peter James Bottomley, MP</i>	a Student <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Draper</i>	Kennington, London
Antonia Poppy Longworth Hansen <i>Martin Victor Edwards</i> <i>Gerald Michael Edwards</i>	an Associate Management Consultant <i>Citizen and International Banker</i> <i>Citizen and Fruiterer</i>	Chelsea, London
David Allan Izzard <i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i> <i>Anne Elizabeth Holden</i>	a Commercial Finance Broker <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Hornchurch, Essex
Christopher John Jeffery <i>Ian Pamplin</i> <i>Lewis Conquer</i>	a Police Officer, retired <i>Citizen and Pavior</i> <i>Citizen and Management Consultant</i>	Dowlis Wake, Somerset
Veronica Louise Pearce <i>Jeremy Paul Mayhew, CC</i> <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.</i>	a Funding Officer <i>Citizen and Loriner</i> <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	Chesham, Buckinghamshire
Ashley Pover <i>Timothy Christopher Ashley Hayward</i> <i>Robert George Scott Moncrieff</i>	a Financial Consultancy Company Director <i>Citizen and Mercer</i> <i>Citizen and Dyer</i>	City of London
Robert Paul Reilly <i>David Benjamin Morris</i> <i>Lance Glenn Bridgman Shaw</i>	an IT Director <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i> <i>Citizen and Cordwainer</i>	Balham, London
Christopher Terence Smith <i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i> <i>Anne Elizabeth Holden</i>	an Electrical Company Director <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Basketmaker</i>	Romford, Essex
The Rt Hon the Baroness Hallett DBE <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Sir David Wootton, Kt.</i>	a retired judge of the Court of Appeal <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i>	Temple, City of London

Read.

Resolved – That this Court doth hereby assent to the admission of the said persons to the Freedom of this City by Redemption upon the terms and in the manner mentioned in the several Resolutions of this Court, and it is hereby ordered that the Chamberlain do admit them severally to their Freedom accordingly.

12.
Congratulatory
Resolutions

*Mooney, B.D.F.,
Deputy; Mayhew,
J.P.*

Resolved – That the sincere congratulations of this Court be offered to:-

- i) Deputy Henry Llewellyn Michael Jones, MBE, on his recent appointment by Her Majesty the Queen as a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, in recognition of his services to the community in Aldgate during the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- ii) Jenny Field, OBE, until recently Deputy Director of the City Bridge Trust, on her recent appointment by Her Majesty the Queen as an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, in recognition of her services to disadvantaged communities in London.
- iii) Mickey Kelly, MBE, until recently Executive Headteacher at Redriff Primary City of London Academy, on his recent appointment by Her Majesty the Queen as a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, in recognition of his services to education and the community in Southwark.
- iv) Kay English, BEM, the City Corporation's Traffic Manager, on her award by Her Majesty the Queen of the British Empire Medal, for services to transport management in the City of London, including during the COVID-19 pandemic.

13.
Appointments

The Court proceeded to consider appointments to the following Committees: -

- (A) Four Members on the **Board of Governors of the City of London School**, for four-year terms expiring in July 2025.

Nominations received:

- *Alexander Martin Robertson Barr
- *Deputy Keith Bottomley
- *Tim Levene
- *Deputy Edward Lord, O.B.E., J.P.

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Alexander Martin Robertson Barr, Deputy Keith Bottomley, Tim Levene and Deputy Edward Lord to be appointed to the Board of Governors of the City of London School for terms expiring in July 2025.

- (B) Five Members on the **Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls**, two vacancies being for the balance of terms expiring in July 2023 and three being for four-year terms expiring in July 2025.

Nominations received:

- *Mary Durcan
- *Dhruv Patel, O.B.E.

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Mary Durcan and Dhruv Patel to be appointed to the Board of Governors of the City of London School for Girls for terms expiring in July 2025.

- (C) One Member on the **Board of Governors of the City of London Freeman's School**, for a four-year term expiring in July 2025.

Nominations received:

*Deputy Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick, O.B.E.

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Deputy Roger Arthur Holden Chadwick to be appointed to the Board of Governors of the City of London Freeman's School for a term expiring in July 2025.

- (D) One Member on the **Open Spaces & City Gardens and West Ham Park Committees**, for the balance of a term expiring in April 2023.

Nominations received:

Andrew Stratton McMurtrie, J.P.

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Andrew Stratton McMurtrie to be appointed to the Open Spaces & City Gardens and West Ham Park Committees for a term expiring in April 2023.

- (E) One Member on the **Culture, Heritage & Libraries Committee**, for the balance of a term expiring April 2022.

Nominations received:

Randall Keith Anderson

Read.

Whereupon the Lord Mayor declared Randall Keith Anderson to be appointed to the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee for a term expiring in April 2022.

14. Motions

There were no motions.

15. Questions

Hudson, M., to the Deputy Chairman of the Policy & Resources Committee

Arrangements for the September meeting of the Court

Michael Hudson asked a question of the Deputy Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, seeking clarity in relation to the arrangements for the Court's September meeting and requesting an undertaking for it to be held as a physical, formal meeting.

Responding, the Deputy Chairman shared his hope that, by September, Covid was sufficiently under control that no restrictions were in place and a return to "life as

normal” was possible. He added that the Policy and Resources Committee had been of the opinion that the Court should meet in person when safe to do so, hence today’s in-person meeting; however, the Committee was also mindful of the very valid concerns in respect of physical meetings at this point in time. On balance, it had felt that now was the right time for the Court to meet in person and demonstrate leadership to the City; however, in doing so, it also recognised the need to be prudent and ensure this was managed safely. This was why the Court was set-up in a more socially distanced configuration, with an outdoor lunch, and with the encouragement of the use of masks in the building and lateral flow tests before coming to Guildhall.

Notwithstanding this, the Deputy Chairman cautioned that the threat of Covid was still very real and, despite high vaccination rates, infection numbers were rising and many people were still having to self-isolate. It would, therefore, be precipitate to make any commitment now given the uncertainties of the situation in September. The City would need to follow Government directions, irrespective of personal views on physical meetings; however, the situation would be monitored very closely over the summer Members kept informed as the situation evolved.

The Deputy Chairman added that efforts continued in respect of seeking for the Government to revisit its decision to prohibit virtual participation in meetings, allowing for hybrid arrangements, such as now in place for meetings relating to the City’s non-local authority business. In the interim, steps would be taken to ensure that the published decisions taken at informal meetings under the Court’s Covid approval procedures were placed in a more accessible location on the website. He also clarified that governance-related proposals were no longer expected to come to the September meeting of the Court, in view of the slight slippage associated with various aspects.

In response to further supplementary question from Marianne Fredericks, the Deputy Chairman agreed with the importance of ensuring appropriate caution and mitigation factors were in place, so as to facilitate a safe return to the workplace and encourage workers back into the City in large numbers.

Staff Catering Arrangements

In accordance with Standing Order 13(3), the Town Clerk put a question to the Deputy Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee on behalf of Oliver Sells, concerning the use of the staff canteen (“the Gild”) by the City of London School for Girls and the implications for City Corporation staff.

In reply, the Deputy Chairman reminded Members that the Gild catering contract had expired in August 2020, during the pandemic. The catering provider had already requested termination of their contract prior to this, as they had struggled to make the Gild economically viable; consequently, there had been a situation whereby there were only small numbers of staff in the building to use the facilities, and no realistic possibility of bringing in a new supplier until after Covid was over.

However, it had transpired that the City of London School for Girls was in need of additional space, both because their current dining hall was not big enough to accommodate social distancing at lunch, and because their existing dining space

Sells, O.M., Q.C.,
to the Deputy
Chairman of the
Policy &
Resources
Committee

was also required to be repurposed for science lessons. The opportunity to use the Gild area productively, particularly in the circumstances during a very difficult period for all school children, was therefore taken.

Recently, the Girls' School had requested that the current arrangement and use of the Gild be extended for the entire academic year 2021-2022. While this extension had been agreed, this would be as part of a shared-use plan, accommodating both school pupils and returning Corporation staff. Corporation staff had already been informed of this and that they can continue to use the space for meetings, to heat up own food from home or eat food bought at local businesses – although they could not be provided for by the School's caterer, as this would breach contractual agreements and procurement regulations.

The City Corporation continued to seek a new catering solution for the Gild in the longer-term but, in the meantime, was also looking into further initiatives to support staff returning to the workplace and particularly supporting local businesses, such as staff discount at local cafes and so on. This would not only provide staff with an affordable catering option but will also promote and help to inject much needed cash into local businesses.

In response to a supplementary question which was put on behalf of Mr Sells, the Deputy Chairman advised that the City Corporation's current procurement regulations and contractual agreements prohibited the existing on-site suppliers from catering for City Corporation staff. However, he would be happy to raise this matter at the next meeting of the Guildhall Club's House Committee to see if there was any scope to incorporate such possibilities in contracts in the longer term.

16.

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

(Deputy Catherine McGuinness)

14 July 2021

(A) Report of Action Taken: Formal meeting of the Court of Common Council

The Court was recommended to note action taken under urgency procedures to allow the meeting of the Court of Common Council on 22 July 2021 to proceed on a physical basis and as a formal meeting, following the Government's relaxation of social distancing requirements in July 2021.

Resolved – That the action taken under urgency procedures be noted.

1 July 2021

(B) Report of Action Taken: Amendment to an Act of Court of Common Council, Aldermanic Election

The Court was recommended to note action taken to amend an Act of Court of Common Council pertaining to Aldermanic Elections, following the sad death of Alderman Sir Roger Gifford on 25 May 2021. For various reasons, namely: the state of the 2021 Ward List and the importance of a more robust 2022 Ward List, together with a greater diversity of candidates; the Court of Common Council's decision of 8 October 2020 to postpone all Common Council elections until March 2022; and the Court of Aldermen's similar decision to waive until March 2022 the conventions relating to Surrenders of Office; the Policy and Resources Committee resolved to propose an amendment to the Act of Common Council to ensure that

any instances of Aldermanic vacancies arising from death in Office would be managed in this manner. In the usual order of things, such a recommendation would have been submitted to the Court of Common Council as a Bill for an Act of Common Council, to be considered at two successive meetings and with three readings of the Bill. However, due to the timescales set out for such elections, the Policy and Resources Committee resolved to seek the approval of the Court to the relevant amendments under urgency procedures (Standing Order No.19), with the usual requirements of Standing Order No.46 (requiring the circulation of the Bill for three readings) explicitly waived as a consequence.

Resolved – That the action taken under urgency procedures be noted.

17.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

(Deputy Jamie Ingham-Clark)

22 June 2021

Report of Action Taken: Private Placement Borrowing – 2nd Tranche

The Court was recommended to note action taken under urgency procedures to enable a planned transaction in relation to second tranche of private debt on 14 July 2021, following the appointment of a new Chamberlain. The action taken authorised the new Chamberlain, Caroline Al-Beyerty, on behalf of the City Corporation to execute and deliver the Private Placement Transactions Documents to be executed under hand, by signing for and on behalf of the City Corporation in order to effect the second tranche of the Private Placement and on an ongoing basis. As the post of Deputy Chamberlain was vacant and in case anything should befall the Chamberlain, the Corporate Treasurer, Kate Limna, was also authorised on behalf of the City Corporation to execute and deliver those Private Placement Transactions Documents to be executed under hand by signing for and on behalf of the City Corporation. It had been necessary to take this action under urgency as the Court was not scheduled to meet until 22 July 2021, and the second tranche of the private placement debt was due on 14 July 2021.

Resolved – That the action taken under urgency procedures be noted.

18.

The Court received a report on measures introduced by Parliament which might have an effect on the services provided by the City Corporation as follows: -

Statutory Instruments

The Immigration (Restrictions on Employment and Residential Accommodation) (Prescribed Requirements and Codes of Practice) and Licensing Act 2003 (Personal and Premises Licences) (Forms) Order 2021 No. 689

Date in force

1st July 2021

This Order amends the list of documents which can be produced in order to evidence an individual's right to enter into a tenancy agreement in England. The Immigration (Residential Accommodation) Prescribed Requirements and Codes of Practice) Order 2014 sets out the prescribed requirements for eligibility checks on prospective occupiers and those occupiers

who are renewing their tenancy agreements, which must be complied with by landlords and agents. This Order amends the 2014 Order, to amend the list of documents applicable to eligibility checks. It also provides for a revised code of practice to come into force on 1st July 2021, reflecting the changes made to the 2014 Order by this Order.

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Steps and Other Provisions) (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 No. 705

20th June 2021

These Regulations amend previous Coronavirus Regulations which came into force on 29th March 2021 and which placed restrictions on gatherings and businesses. These Regulations extend the date on which those Coronavirus Regulations expire from 30th June to 19th July 2021, to give legal effect to the Government's delay in lifting Coronavirus restrictions. These regulations also remove most limits on the numbers of people who may attend a wedding or civil partnership, or a commemorative event following a person's death.

The Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020 (Coronavirus) (Extension of the Relevant Period) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 No. 718

22nd June 2021

Schedule 10 to the Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020 temporarily modifies aspects of corporate insolvency law so as to mitigate the effects of coronavirus, by placing restrictions on winding-up petitions. Previous Regulations have extended the period within which the temporary provision in Schedule 10 has effect. These Regulations further extend this period from 30th June 2021 until 30th September 2021.

The Business Tenancies (Protection from Forfeiture: Relevant Period) (Coronavirus) (England) (No. 2) Regulations 2021 No. 732

30th June 2021

The Coronavirus Act provides that a right of re-entry or forfeiture, under a relevant business tenancy, for non-payment of rent may not be enforced during the "relevant period", which was until 30th June 2020. This period has been extended several times by previous Regulations. These Regulations extend the relevant period until 25th March 2022.

(The text of the measures and the explanatory notes may be obtained from the Remembrancer's Office.)

Read.

19. Hospital
Seal

There were no docquets for the Seal.

20. Awards &
Prizes

There was no report.

21. The public having been excluded during consideration of Item 6, all non-public items were considered prior to the re-admission of the public (as indicated above). The summary of the decisions taken are set out below.

Summary of exempt items considered whilst the public were excluded:-

22. Non-public Minutes *Resolved* – That the non-public minutes of the last Court are correctly recorded.
23. **City of London Police Authority Board**
The Court approved the appointment of Angela McLaren to the Office of Commissioner of Police for the City of London on a date to be confirmed subject to receipt of the approval of Her Majesty The Queen (to be sought in accordance with Section III of the City of London Police Act 1839) and subsequently to the candidate taking an Oath before one of her Majesty's Judges.
24. **Policy and Resources Committee**
The Court approved proposals in relation to the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme.
25. **Bridge House Estates Board**
The Court approved proposals in relation to the refurbishment of a property.
26. **Policy and Resources Committee**
The Court noted actions taken under urgency procedures in relation to the Markets Consolidation Programme.
27. **Property Investment Board**
The Court noted actions taken under urgency procedures in relation to the purchase of a long leasehold.

The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm and ended at 2.18 pm

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Report – City of London Police Authority Board

External Member Appointment

To be presented on Thursday, 9th September 2021

*To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons
of the City of London in Common Council assembled.*

SUMMARY

The constitution of your City of London Police Authority Board allows for the recruitment of four external individuals (i.e. not Members of the Common Council) to the Board, through an open process. Two of these are new posts created in April 2021. In July 2021, a selection panel recommended one candidate for appointment to the vacant position – Sir Craig Mackey.

Following the unanimous support of Members of the City of London Police Authority Board, the Court's approval is now sought for the appointment of external member, Sir Craig Mackey, to the City of London Police Authority Board for a four-year term commencing 9 September 2021.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Court of Common Council is **recommended** to approve the appointment of Sir Craig Mackey to the City of London Police Authority Board for a four-year term, commencing on 9 September 2021.

MAIN REPORT

Background

1. The constitution of your City of London Police Authority Board now allows for the recruitment of four external individuals (i.e. not Members of the Common Council) onto the Committee, through an open process. As stipulated by the Board's Constitution and Membership Scheme, two of these individuals require the candidates to reside or work within the City of London – these two positions are currently filled. The two new and vacant positions (created by the Court in April 2021) are still subject to the Membership Scheme, with the exception of the requirement to live or work within the Square Mile.

Current Position

2. In May-June 2021, a recruitment campaign commenced to fill one of these vacancies along with several vacancies on the Board's sub-committees.
3. Whilst the recruitment process for External Members on the Police Authority Board had historically been rigorous, the Board was keen to ensure that it acted in line with the Member Diversity Working Party (MDWP) and Policy & Resources recommendation ([later supported by the Tackling Racism Taskforce](#)):

93. j) Co-opted / Non-Executive / External Members

The MDWP felt that a clear process was needed by which co-opted Members are appointed. Whilst it was acknowledged that many Chairs already used appointments to external positions (co-opted Non-Executive Members) to improve diversity on committees, a centralised process with clear guidelines would ensure these options were carefully considered rather than 'friends of Chairmen'. The Governance Review will include looking at appointments to external positions and assist with developing a clear process by which co-opted Members are appointed.

4. With this in mind, a panel was formed of:

Deputy James Thomson (Chair, Police Authority Board; Chair, Economic & Cyber Crime Committee)

Caroline Addy (Chair, Professional Standards & Integrity Committee)

Alderman Tim Hailes (Chair, Resource, Risk & Estates Committee)

Andrew Lentin (Deputy Chair, Strategic Planning & Performance Committee)

A Member of Corporate HR was also present for interviews.

5. The vacancy was openly advertised over the course of three weeks on the City Corporation's jobs pages, diversityjobs.co.uk and through Member networks together with external vacancies on the Economic and Cyber Crime Committee, Strategic Planning & Performance Committee and Resource, Risk and Estates Committee of the Police Authority Board. A recruitment pack (including application form) was sent to any and all interested parties on request. After the deadline, seven applicants were then shortlisted for a 30-minute interview. Following the interviews, the Panel is recommending one candidate for appointment to the Police Authority Board: Sir Craig Mackey.
6. Sir Craig retired as the Deputy Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police Service in 2018. The last 12 years of his policing service was spent as Deputy Commissioner and Chief Constable of Cumbria. Since retiring, Sir Craig has advised on police reform in Mexico, is a board member of the British Transport Police Authority and an Authority member for the Civil Nuclear Police Authority. Sir Craig has experience working with national government and the London Mayor, with a strong interest and understanding in cyber, cybersecurity and technology. He has experience of leading change programmes and has been instrumental in carrying out reviews on areas such as Action Fraud and Serious and Organised Crime. Sir Craig has worked with SMEs and also acts as an ambassador for a charity focussed on homelessness.
7. References for Sir Craig have been sought and received.

Proposal

8. It is proposed that the Court of Common Council be asked to appoint Sir Craig Mackey to the City of London Police Authority Board for a further term of four-years commencing 9 September 2021.

Conclusion

9. Providing the Court is satisfied with the process undertaken and with the candidate presented, Members are invited to appoint Sir Craig Mackey to the City of London Police Authority Board.

All of which we submit to the judgement of this Honourable Court.

DATED this 9th day of September 2021.

SIGNED on behalf of the Board.

Deputy James Thomson
Chair, City of London Police Authority Board

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Report – Bridge House Estates Board

Protocol for Co-option to the Bridge House Estates Board and Sub-Committees

To be presented on Thursday, 9th September 2021

*To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons
of the City of London in Common Council assembled.*

SUMMARY

This report sets out matters for decision which will support the Bridge House Estates Board in the effective administration and governance of Bridge House Estates (Charity Reg. No. 1035628) consistent with the City Corporation's legal obligations as trustee of the charity. The report proposes a Protocol for Co-option of External Members to the Board and its sub-committees, which reflects best practice in the charity sector and also the City Corporation's ambitions to draw upon wider external skills, experience and knowledge, and to increase diversity and inclusion. The proposed protocol has been approved by your Bridge House Estates Board and is recommended to the Court of Common Council for adoption.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Court of Common Council is **recommended**, as being considered to be in the best interests of the Bridge House Estates (Charity No. 1035628) to:

1. Approve the protocol for Co-option of External Members to the Bridge House Estates Board and its Sub-committees; and
2. In approving the Co-option Protocol, agree to waive the requirements of the protocol on a one-time basis in order to allow the two previous external members of the City Bridge Trust Committee to be appointed to the Grants Committee of the Bridge House Estates Board until the next civic year.

MAIN REPORT

Background

1. On 15 April 2021, the Court of Common Council (“Court”) - for the City of London Corporation (“the City Corporation”) acting in its capacity as charity trustee of Bridge House Estates (“BHE”) - formally constituted the Bridge House Estates Board (“the BHE Board”/ “the Board”) to exercise the day-to-day management and administration of the charity solely in its best interests, on behalf of and under the oversight of the Court. The creation of the BHE Board consolidates oversight of administration and management of the charity’s strategic and operational activities to support its more effective governance to help ensure that decisions can clearly be demonstrated to be taken in the best interests of the charity. Reflecting that the City Corporation acting by the Court of Common Council is the Trustee, and remains ultimately responsible for the discharge of these functions and compliance with the relevant duties of a charity trustee, the Court must retain sufficient oversight of the BHE Board’s activities and finances. Some matters have therefore been reserved to the Court.
2. The BHE Board has the express delegated authority from the Court to appoint such sub-committees as are considered necessary for the most effective discharge of BHE functions within the remit of the Board. This allows the Board the freedom to determine how best to administer its charitable functions in compliance with the Trustee’s legal obligations. It provides flexibility for the Board and allows those arrangements to be adapted expediently as required for the charity’s good administration.
3. The Terms of Reference of the BHE Board allow for the appointment of up to two external Co-opted Members to the Board, with full voting rights, and also for the appointment of Co-opted Members to sub-committees of the Board. The appointments are required to be made by the Board in accordance with a process approved by the Court, and ensuring that those appointed have regard to diversity and inclusion on the Board.
4. The City Corporation’s current Standing Orders apply to the new Board and its sub-committees, and thus the quorum for any sub-committee meeting will normally be three. However, the Board’s Terms of Reference include an additional safeguard for the Trustee, having regard to the power given to the Board to appoint any number of voting Co-opted (external) Members to its sub-committees, in that (unconflicted) Members of the Court (Commoners or Aldermen) must form the majority of those in attendance at any sub-committee meeting to form a quorum.

Current Position

5. To support continuity of the charity’s business, the Board have constituted one sub-committee, the Grants Committee of the Bridge House Estates Board, to have responsibility for activities associated with the charity’s ancillary object (delivered in the name of City Bridge Trust). The Board has also given

consideration to the skills, knowledge and experience required on that sub-committee.

6. Your BHE Board has agreed that a sub-committee to facilitate the discharge of the charity's primary object, the support and maintenance of the charity's five bridges, will be required from April 2022. The Board has agreed to retain these functions with the Board for the time being as the Board establishes itself in its first year, rather than to delegate them to a sub-committee so it can develop a strong grasp of the delivery of the charity's primary object, also having regard to the previous dispersal of these functions between Court Committees.
7. The Board has given careful consideration to the skills, knowledge and experience required on the Board and its sub-committees. The Board expressed a desire to undertake a comprehensive recruitment process to appoint external Co-opted Members with the appropriate knowledge, skills and experience to work alongside City Corporation Members. This was identified particularly in relation to structural bridge expertise, and recognising that this process may take significant time, that this further supported the proposal to establish a Bridge Management Committee from April 2022 rather than now. In constituting the Grants Committee of the BHE Board, the Board was strongly of the view that it was in the best interests of the charity, and the continuity of those charitable activities under the ancillary object, to appoint Co-opted Members to the new sub-committee as soon as possible.

Proposal

8. The BHE Board has taken the view that for the time being it is more beneficial to appoint external co-opted Members to the Grants Committee of the Board, rather than to the BHE Board itself, and are not recommending the recruitment of Co-opted Members to the BHE Board at this time. However, it was agreed that external Co-opted Members would be valuable to the work of both the BHE Board's Grants Committee, and its prospective Bridge Management Committee.
9. Your Board has therefore, at its meeting on 14 July 2021, considered a formal protocol for co-option, which is appended to this report and is recommended to this Honourable Court for approval.
10. Additionally, in the interests of expediency in constituting the Grants Committee as soon as possible, and to help ensure continuity of the charity's activities, it is recommended that in approving the co-option protocol, the Court agrees to waive the requirements of the protocol on a one-time basis in order to allow the two previous external members of the City Bridge Trust Committee to be appointed immediately to the Grants Committee until the next civic year, without requiring a further open recruitment process to be undertaken now.
11. Those individuals were initially appointed to the City Bridge Trust Committee in May 2019 on an initial two-year term, with an optional third year which had been

endorsed by that Committee prior to its dissolution. Consistent with the requirements of the proposed co-option protocol, those individuals were recruited to the City Bridge Trust Committee at the relevant time through a fair and transparent recruitment process and their skills, knowledge and experience remain directly relevant to the functions of the Grants Committee.

Duties and Powers of the Trustee

12. It is important that those who serve on committees and sub-committees of the Court charged with responsibilities in relation to BHE, operating within the City Corporation's own internal governance framework, understand the governing documents of BHE, the relevant charity law requirements and expected standards of charity good governance, and the extent and limits of the City Corporation's powers in relation to BHE and the particular duties which apply.
13. All appointments to the BHE Board and its sub-committees shall be made having regard to the skills, knowledge and experience required for the proper discharge of the Trustee's functions by the BHE Board (and its sub-committees).

Conclusion

14. Your BHE Board has given detailed consideration as to the appropriate governance arrangements for its sub-committees in the best interests of the charity. Recognising that the appointment of external Co-opted Members will be of significant benefit to the work of the Board and its Sub-committees, your BHE Board now recommends this Honourable Court approves for adoption the appended co-option protocol. Further, should the co-option protocol be agreed, the Board also recommends that those requirements be waived to enable the previous two Co-opted Members appointed to the City Bridge Trust Committee be appointed immediately to serve as Co-opted Members on the Board's Grants Committee until the next civic year.

Appendix – Protocol for Co-option of External Members to the Bridge House Estates Board and its Sub-committees

All of which we submit to the judgement of this Honourable Court.

DATED this 14th day of July 2021

SIGNED on behalf of the Board.

Deputy Dr Giles Robert Evelyn Shilson
Chair, Bridge House Estates Board

Appendix – Protocol for Co-option of External Members to the Bridge House Estates Board and its Sub-committees

Purpose: The Bridge House Estates Board's ("BHE Board") Terms of Reference allow for the appointment of external co-opted members to the Board to support and enhance the skills, knowledge and experience of the Board and its sub-committees. This Protocol sets out the process of appointment for co-opted members to the BHE Board and its sub-committees.

Appointment Process

1. Co-opted members of the BHE Board will be appointed by the Court of Common Council upon the recommendation of the BHE Board. The Board will be responsible for conducting the recruitment in accordance with a transparent process for making appointments which, upon the BHE Board's recommendation, has been approved by the Court ("this Protocol").
2. The BHE Board has the authority to appoint co-opted members to its sub-committees, but this must be done in accordance with this Protocol.
3. All appointments shall be made having regard to the skills, knowledge and experience required for the proper discharge of the trustee functions delegated to the BHE Board (and its sub-committees).
4. Whilst being conscious of the skills, knowledge and experience required as provided under paragraph 3, Members should also consider the diversity¹ of the Board and its sub-committees in taking those decisions. The Board should seek to introduce new and talented people from diverse backgrounds who could contribute to the work of the Board and its sub-committees, and who authentically reflect those who are served by, and benefit from, the charity.
5. The recruitment process of co-opted members will be as follows:
 - a. External co-opted positions for either the BHE Board and/ or its sub-committees will be advertised and recruited to in a fair and consistent manner. Applications may be sought by open advertisement or by invitation.
 - b. An assessment of applications will be carried out by the Managing Director of BHE in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair of the BHE Board and/ or the Chair and Deputy Chairs of the relevant sub-committees (as relevant to the appointment) to produce a shortlist of candidates.
 - c. An interview of short-listed candidates will then be held before a panel of the Managing Director of BHE, and the Chair and Deputy Chair of the BHE Board (or alternatively any other Member of the Board, or any sub-committee, who may be appointed by the Board in their place).

¹ "Diversity" in this context is intended to encompass various persons having the protected characteristics as defined under the Equalities Act 2010. This reflects both good practice in the charity sector and the City Corporation's own practices which are considered in this case to be in the charity's best interest to adopt.

- d. A candidate supported by the panel for appointment will then be recommended to the BHE Board who will consider, as relevant, (i) whether to appoint the candidate to a sub-committee of the Board; or (ii) to recommend the candidate to the Court for appointment to the BHE Board.

Terms of Appointment

6. Co-opted external members will be appointed for the length of term advertised for each appointment. Appointments will normally be made on a staggered basis to ensure continuity in the discharge of the Board's and/ or its sub-committees' business over the medium term. Any person appointed to the Board may only serve for a maximum of two consecutive terms.

Voting Rights

7. Co-opted members of the BHE Board and its sub-committees will have full voting rights.

Conflicts of Interest & Disqualification

8. All external co-opted members must fulfil the legal requirements for eligibility to serve as individual charity trustees.
9. Once appointed all external co-opted members must manage conflicts of interests in accordance with the charity's governing documents and any relevant policy for managing conflicts of interests which has been adopted for the charity. Further, all external co-opted members are required to respect the confidentiality of all confidential information shared with them as a consequence of their appointment to the BHE Board and/or its sub-committees.
10. Having regard to paragraph 9, the following persons will be ineligible to serve as external co-opted Members:
 - a. past elected Members of the Court of Common Council or former City Corporation officer/employees;
 - b. close friends or relatives of any elected Member or City Corporation officer/employee;
 - c. any director, trustee, officer or employee of an organisation with which the City Corporation as trustee of Bridge House Estates has a business relationship as principal/client, investor/investee or grantor/grantee.

Review

11. Should the Board recommend any changes to this Protocol, they will be referred to the Court for consideration and approval.

Approved by the Bridge House Estates Board on: 14 July 2021

Approved by the Court of Common Council on:

Report – Hospitality Working Party of the Policy and Resources Committee

Applications for Hospitality

To be presented on Thursday, 9th September 2021

To the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the City of London in Common Council assembled.

(a) Early evening reception to mark the 50th Anniversary of Bangladesh Independence and to celebrate the contribution of the Bangladeshi community to London

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception on Thursday, 16 December 2021 to mark the 50th anniversary of Bangladesh independence and to celebrate the contribution of the Bangladeshi community to London and to the City.

London is home to a large Bangladeshi community, which has made a significant contribution to the UK in many areas including commerce, politics, art, culture and food. 2021 marks the 50th Anniversary of Bangladesh's independence, with a number of events having already taken place to mark the anniversary and with London Borough of Tower Hamlets coordinating a series of further events to celebrate the occasion. It is proposed the City Corporation hosts a reception on Tower Bridge to make the 50th Anniversary and to celebrate the contribution of the Bangladeshi community. The event would provide an opportunity to celebrate the contribution of the Bangladeshi community to London and the UK and to exemplify the City Corporation's commitment to promoting a diverse and inclusive society.

The event would support Corporate Plan outcomes: to promote and champion diversity, inclusion and the removal of institutional barriers and structural inequalities (outcome 3a); to bring individuals and communities together to share experiences and promote wellbeing, mutual respect and tolerance (outcome 4a); and to promote the City, London and the UK as an attractive and accessible place to live, learn, work and visit (outcome 8a).

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Policy and Resources Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

(b) Early evening reception to celebrate Diwali

It is proposed the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception in the Old Library on Wednesday 10th November 2021 to celebrate Diwali.

The City Corporation has for a number of years hosted an event to mark Diwali. Last year, owing to COVID-19, a hybrid virtual and in-person event took place that included speeches by the Lord Mayor, Chair of Policy and the High Commissioner for India. It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception to celebrate Diwali, with the event being organized in collaboration with the

Innovation and Growth Department. Following the reception, a small dinner would be hosted in the Chief Commoner's Parlour with a cultural theme while Innovation and Growth, together with a business partner, would host a dinner with a Green Finance focus as part of the City Corporation's COP26 related activity. The event would provide an opportunity to demonstrate the City Corporation's commitment to bringing together different communities and celebrating London as a multi-faith city.

The event would support the following Corporate Plan outcomes; to promote and champion diversity, inclusion and the removal of institutional barriers and structural inequalities (outcome 3a); to provide access to world-class heritage, culture and learning to people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds (outcome 3b); and to bring individuals and communities together to share experiences and promote wellbeing, mutual respect and tolerance.

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

(c) International Counter Terrorism and Intelligence Conference Dinner

It is proposed the City Corporation hosts a dinner for the 2022 International Counter Terrorism Conference on Monday 16th May 2022.

Counter Terrorism UK, the Metropolitan Police and City of London Police are hosting a conference on counter terrorism in London from 16th to 18th May 2022. The annual conference is organized by the Leadership in Counter Terrorism Association and this will be the first time the conference has taken place in the United Kingdom. It is proposed the City Corporation hosts a dinner on the first night of the conference for the leading participants. The Dinner would provide an opportunity to promote the City Corporation and City of London Police in being at the forefront of counter terrorism initiatives internationally and demonstrate their commitment to support global counter terrorism initiatives and sharing best practice among security professions.

The event would support the following Corporate Plan outcomes; to prepare our response to natural man-made threats (outcome 1a); to tackle terrorism, violent and acquisitive crime, fraud, cyber-crime and anti-social behaviour and facilitate justice (outcome 1b); and to lead nationally and advise internationally on the fight against economic and cyber-crime (outcome 6c).

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Police Authority Board; the costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

(d) Early evening reception following a seminar on Civil Justice

It is proposed the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception following a seminar to be delivered in partnership with the Bingham Centre and the Magna Carta Trust on 'Build Back Better: Online Civil Justice after the Pandemic' in the Livery Hall on 20th October 2021.

Regulatory confidence founded on the rule of law is a crucial foundation for the services provided by the City and generally in maintaining the UK's reputation as a

place to do business. The City Corporation has worked with the Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law to promote the UK as being, from the Magna Carta onwards, the home of the rule of law. A seminar is to be held, to be delivered in partnership with the Bingham Centre and Magna Carta Trust, which will examine the acceleration of legal innovation in online civil justice and consider its future after the pandemic. It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception following the seminar and a small dinner in the Chief Commoner's Parlour, which would provide an opportunity to promote the City Corporation's commitment to the rule of law and access to justice.

The event would support the following Corporate Plan outcomes: to champion the ease of reliability and cost effectiveness of doing business here (outcome 5a); to promote regulatory confidence founded on the rule of law (outcome 6a); to preserve and promote the City as the world-leading global centre for financial and professional services, commerce and culture (outcome 7c); and to champion and facilitate a world leading digital experience (outcome 9a).

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Policy and Resources Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

(e) Report of Urgent Action Taken: Dinner for the Global Investment Summit 2021 at Guildhall on Monday 18th October 2021

In accordance with Standing Order No.19 urgent authority was sought for the City Corporation to host a dinner preceding the Global Investment Summit 2021.

The UK Government is hosting a Global Investment Summit in October 2021. Hosted by the Prime Minister and supported by Members of the Royal Family, the summit is intended to galvanize foreign investment in the UK's Green industries ahead of COP26 in November. The one-day meeting is expected to attract senior level representation from the world's leading businesses and investors. It will showcase the UK's clean technologies and innovative companies, helping to drive forward the Prime Minister's 10-point plan for a green recovery.

The City Corporation received a proposal to host a dinner preceding the Summit. This would provide an opportunity to demonstrate the City Corporation's leading role in promoting inward green investment to London and the UK, and promote the ongoing activity surrounding the build up to COP26. It will also provide a platform to strengthen the City Corporation's regional programme as the Summit will aim to drive investment to all parts of the UK in line with the recently announced Trade and Investment Hubs.

An urgent decision was obtained to allow arrangements to be progressed immediately in order to ensure invitations were sent out with as much notice as possible to secure the required high-level attendance.

All of which we submit to the judgement of this Honourable Court.

DATED this of 19th day of July 2021.

SIGNED on behalf of the Working Party.

Deputy Brian Desmond Francis Mooney
Chief Commoner and Chairman, Hospitality Working Party



List of Applications for the Freedom

To be presented on Thursday, 9th September, 2021

*To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and
Commons of the City of London in Common Council assembled.*

Set out below is the Chamberlain's list of applicants for the Freedom of the City together with the names, etc. of those nominating them.

Patricia Ann Babbitt	a Telecommunications Manager	Haverhill, Massachusetts, United States of America
<i>John A Welch</i>	<i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	
<i>Robert Andrews</i>	<i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer</i>	
Wesley Wilde Babbitt	a Ship's Captain	Haverhill, Massachusetts, United States of America
<i>John A Welch</i>	<i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	
<i>Robert Andrews</i>	<i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer</i>	
Elsa Christina Margareta Bjorling	a Medical Doctor	City of London
<i>Gregory James Kirby</i>	<i>Citizen and Glover</i>	
<i>Peter John Lambert</i>	<i>Citizen and Pavior</i>	
Peter Ignatius Bruemmer	a Real Estate Title Examiner	Perkasie, Pennsylvania, United States of America
<i>John A Welch</i>	<i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i>	
<i>Robert Andrews</i>	<i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer</i>	
Neil John Alexander Buckley	an Advertising and Exhibitions Company Director	Tonbridge, Kent
<i>Jeremy Christopher Charles Cross</i>	<i>Citizen and Insurer</i>	
<i>Ann-Marie Jefferys</i>	<i>Citizen and Glover</i>	
Harrison Helford Butler	a Student	Sutton Courtenay, Oxfordshire
<i>Gerald Michael Edwards</i>	<i>Citizen and Fruiterer</i>	
<i>Martin Victor Edwards</i>	<i>Citizen and International Banker</i>	
Ahmed Us Samad Chowdhury	a Television Company Chairman	Chigwell, Essex
<i>Munsur Ali, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i>	
<i>Rehana Banu Ameer, CC</i>	<i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i>	
Sylvia Pearl Cristofori	an Administration Officer	Chafford Hundred, Essex
<i>Deputy Charles Edward Lord, OBE, JP</i>	<i>Citizen and Broderer</i>	
<i>Ald. Timothy Russell Hailes, JP</i>	<i>Citizen and Pewterer</i>	

Professor Sir Partha Sarathi Dasgupta <i>Ald. Alison Jane Gowman</i> <i>Dominic Gerard Christian</i>	a University Professor Emeritus <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Insurer</i>	Cambridge, Cambridgeshire
Lee Harry Peter Dorman <i>Scott Marcus Longman</i> <i>John Francis Purnell</i>	a Security Consultant <i>Citizen and Educator</i> <i>Citizen and Security Professional</i>	Harlow, Essex
Albert George Doyle <i>Brian Martin Jones</i> <i>Gerald Michael Edwards</i>	a Student <i>Citizen and Fletcher</i> <i>Citizen and Fruiterer</i>	Kensington, London
Gary Dunne <i>Ald. Vincent Keaveny</i> <i>Vincent Dignam</i>	a Cultural Director & Musician <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i>	Dublin, Ireland
Mohammed El Husseiny <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Ald. Sir Charles Edward Beck Bowman</i>	a Technology Investment Company Director <i>Citizen and Grocer</i>	Chelsea, London
John Philip Glen, MP <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Deputy Catherine Sidony McGuinness</i>	a Member of Parliament <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i>	Salisbury, Wiltshire
James Scott Goolnik <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>Sir Michael Snyder, Kt.</i>	a Dental Surgeon <i>Citizen and Needlemaker</i>	Wimbledon, London
Georgina Rose Longworth Hansen <i>Gerald Michael Edwards</i> <i>Martin Victor Edwards</i>	a Strategy Consultant <i>Citizen and Fruiterer</i> <i>Citizen and International Banker</i>	South Kensington, London
Maeve Francis Heath <i>Ald. Vincent Keaveny</i> <i>Vincent Dignam</i>	an Administrator <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i>	Camden Town, London
Michael Thomas Limongello <i>John A Welch</i> <i>Robert Andrews</i>	a Business Development Consultant <i>Citizen and Pattenmaker</i> <i>Citizen and Gold & Silver Wyre Drawer</i>	Alpharetta, Georgia, United States of America
Sir Cameron Anthony Mackintosh <i>The Rt. Hon The Lord Mayor</i> <i>John Alfred Bennett, MBE</i>	a Theatre Producer <i>Citizen and International Banker</i>	Wincanton, Somerset
Joana Agyeiwaa Marfoh <i>Deputy Andrien Meyers</i> <i>Prem Babu Goyal, OBE, ALD.</i>	a Chartered Accountant <i>Citizen and Common Councillor</i> <i>Citizen and Plumber</i>	Thornton Heath, Surrey
Sean Dermot O'Leary <i>Ald. Vincent Keaveny</i> <i>Vincent Dignam</i>	a Tv and Radio Presenter <i>Citizen and Solicitor</i> <i>Citizen and Carman</i>	Primrose Hill, London
Frederick Earle Francis Price, MBE <i>Gregory James Kirby</i> <i>David Arnold Raines</i>	a Royal Navy Officer, retired <i>Citizen and Glover</i> <i>Citizen and Distiller</i>	Ottery St Mary, Devon

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Report – City of London Police Authority Board

City of London Police: Annual Report 2020/21

To be presented on Thursday, 9th September 2021

*To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons
of the City of London in Common Council assembled.*

SUMMARY

The Annual Report, representing the achievements of the City of London Police for the past financial year, was approved by the Police Authority Board and is hereby submitted to the Court for information.

The report contains information on crime, financial and staff statistics, as well as a summary of the year.

The report is appended and is also [available online at the City of London Police's website](http://www.cityoflondon.police.uk) (www.cityoflondon.police.uk).

RECOMMENDATION

Members are asked to note the report.

All of which we submit to the judgement of this Honourable Court.

DATED this 18th day of August 2021.

SIGNED on behalf of the Board.

Deputy James Thomson
Chair, City of London Police Authority Board

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To make the City of London the safest city area in the world.



To deliver a policing service that is valued by those who live, work and visit the City of London.



To be a police force with global influence and impact.



To build new ethical economic partnerships.



To have an innovative, skilled, agile and diverse workforce in a culture that supports inclusivity and empowers our people.





The past year has, without question, been one of the most challenging periods in policing in recent history. The Covid-19 pandemic has had an immeasurable impact on society and the economy, the repercussions of which will be felt through policing for years to come. And while policing the pandemic, locally and nationally, dominated City of London Police last year, it was also a year we faced increased protest activity across the country, while the Force's national responsibilities continued to grow.

The City of London changed almost overnight in March 2020 as most of the City's transient community followed the Government's instruction to work from home, leaving offices across the Square Mile virtually empty, the usually bustling and shops, bars and restaurants deserted. This dramatic change in the City's community

meant the Force encountered significantly less of the crime types that usually affect the City's communities, such as thefts and alcohol related violence. This, and some excellent work by detectives in the Crime directorate have resulted in City of London Police recording significantly less crime than in previous years. As the City opens up and people return to offices, we are working with partners and businesses across the Square Mile to maintain these low levels of recorded crime.

Further afield however criminals saw the pandemic as an opportunity to exploits people's fears and concerns, and sadly within Action Fraud we received thousands of reports of fraud and other economic crime specifically related to Covid-19. Notable cases of Covid-related crimes that were dealt with by officers from City of London Police last year include the attempted sale of fake Covid testing kits, and phishing texts claiming fines had been incurred or fees were needed to progress applications for a vaccine. The specialist fraud teams within City of London Police, in close collaboration with fraud teams and other agencies across the country, have worked tirelessly to pursue these criminals who callously abused vulnerable members of society during a time of national crisis. A number of these cases have progressed through the courts already while other cases will be heard in the coming months. Across the country, police colleagues have pursued these cases with vigour, bringing offenders before the courts, and assisting City of London Police as we warned the public of emerging fraud trends relating to Covid-19.

In December 2020, the national cyber crime portfolio passed to City of London Police, to sit alongside our national responsibilities relating to fraud. To manage this significantly increased portfolio, we were extremely fortunate that Angela McLaren chose to join City of London Police from Police Scotland to take up the role of Assistant Commissioner with responsibility for fraud and cyber crime.

The murder of George Floyd in the US in 2020 was the catalyst for an outpouring of feeling across the UK as people exercised their right to protest about race and equality. City of London Police officers were required to work alongside colleagues from across the country to police a number of public order events, requiring a new stance to maintain Covid security as well as the necessary sensitivity to towards the issues being raised by protesters.

Internally, the Black Lives Matter movement was the driving force behind the Force's Chief Officer Team undertaking a review of the organisation's culture with regard to matters of equality and inclusion (E&I). Following an extensive piece of work to ascertain views, perceived failings and concerns across all areas of the organisation, I launch a new E&I strategy in January 2021. The strategy is far-reaching and has been developed to ensure City of London Police fosters a listening culture that supports colleagues from under-represented groups through all stages of their career. We have much work to do in this arena but recruitment figures in 2020 illustrate the recruitment of new officers from under-represented communities is improving.

The City of London Police workforce grew over the last 12 months and we are now fortunate to have officer numbers higher than they have been for almost ten years. We began the year with 768 officers and 445 staff and ended the year with 861 officers and 494 staff, an increase of over 11 per cent. A number of factors have contributed to this increase, including the government's police officer uplift programme, enabling us to facilitate three new officer intakes last year. The future size of the force is hard to predict, due to the effect of the pandemic on the City of London Corporation's finances, but I am gratified to see the force regaining the officers and staff that are so necessary to keep our communities safe, both in the Square Mile and wider afield.

Against an extremely challenging backdrop, City of London Police has performed exceptionally well in the past 12 months, and with increased officer numbers, we are in the most secure position we have been for many years. A lot of hard work across the force has been undertaken to get us to this position, and I am extremely proud and grateful to colleagues across the force for their ongoing commitment to the City of London Police, our efforts are paying off.

Ian Dyson

Commissioner of the City of London Police

Chairman's Foreword



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Last year, I took on the role of Chair of the City of London Police Authority Board in unusual circumstances as the City of London Police and the City of London Corporation were adapting to new ways of working under the newly introduced Covid restrictions. I'm pleased to say that both organisations adapted exceptionally well to this dramatic shift in the way we worked, which allowed the Board to continue to focus on its role holding the force to account, and the force to continue to deliver critical frontline services where they were needed most.

When coming into the role of Chair of the Board, I set out a clear view of what we needed to focus on in the coming years: namely maintaining our position as a nationally recognised specialist in protective

security, to support and challenge the Force in their role as the National Lead Force for fraud; improving the service of Action Fraud and the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau following the recent review by Sir Craig Mackey; the delivery of the Force's Local Policing Plan including a performance-led and measurable approach to improving crime reduction; ensuring the Force operated on a sound financial footing with sound financial controls; and finally the delivery of the Force's Transform programme.

Despite the obvious challenges that have been ever-present in the past year, I am pleased to say that we are making good progress on all these fronts and I am keen that we keep this momentum as we continue to prevent and reduce crime locally and at the same time bolster the foundation of the force as the cornerstone of policing's response to tackling economic crime.

Last year, the force took on the National Police Chiefs' Council lead for Cybercrime – a natural fit for the force's existing lead on Economic Crime. And I am keen to continue to support the synergies and partnership working between the force and the Corporation as we strive to make the City and the UK a safer place to do business. To support this work, I have set clear expectations about how the Force and the Corporation should work more collaboratively to improve our strategic engagement with key partners, whether other forces, government, private sector organisations, charities, victims or the wider public.

My role in this has included stepping up in the last year as Deputy Portfolio Lead for Fraud in the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners, supporting the force get its key messages on campaigns, performance and support out to local areas and improve the understanding amongst Police Crime Commissioners of the need to play their part in the wider policing landscape to tackle a crime that accounts for a third of all reported crime. I have also sought to have fraud included in the Online Safety Bill and will continue to do so alongside the City of London Corporation, victim and consumer organisations and trade bodies.

The City Police continues to work closely with the Metropolitan Police, British Transport Police, the security and intelligence services to prevent terrorist attacks against the City, its many iconic targets and everyone who lives in, works in, or visits the City. Over the last year, the City of London Corporation has invested heavily in strengthening our Force's response to this threat. This will help ensure the City is one of the safest places to live, do business and visit.

The COVID-19 pandemic had a significant impact on footfall within the City of London – which has led to the City having the highest reduction in crime nationally in 2020. The Police will want to ensure that the Force maintain these low crime levels in 2021, as we gradually come out of Covid restrictions in the City. We will encourage the Force to maintain the low levels of crime in 2021, in particular preventing any significant rise in victim-based theft and anti-social behaviour in the City.

The recent rise in police numbers along with the implementation of the neighbourhood

policing model should help prevent and reduce crime and increase detections. Policing the City is not just the role of the Force, the City Police works with many partners, including the Corporation, its Community & Children Services and our local partners on the Safer City Partnership. During the pandemic, they have continued to respond effectively in tackling any community concerns, such as anti-social behaviour. We are not complacent however; we are constantly looking at how we make these partnerships even stronger and more effective.

Policing in the UK is policing by consent and the Police Authority has a critical role to play in ensuring that the Force has the trust and confidence of the community it polices. The Police Authority has made great strides over the last year to strengthen diversity, equality and inclusivity and equality is very much on the City Police and Police Authority Board agendas as well as a core priority in our Policing Plan - as is ensuring equality and the elimination of bias and a zero tolerance towards racism. We will ensure that the work that is already done in this area supports the work of the City's Tackling Racism Taskforce and our Equality & Inclusion Statement.

James Thomson

Chair of the City of London Police Authority

4 Developing our priorities

Our priorities, which form the core of our policing plan, are set with our Police Authority. We assess all the risks and threats that impact on the City of London, considering the level of harm they present together with the likelihood of them occurring.

From this we develop a risk register and a number of strategic assessments, which together provide an evidence base for the priorities adopted for the City of London. They also demonstrate how we are addressing identified threats and risks.

We engage with our community and listen to their concerns so they can influence how policing is delivered in the City of London, whilst engaging with key people ensures our service is bespoke to the needs of the business City. Engagement at the most local level, with residents and workers, ensures that grass-roots concerns are heard and addressed. We pay close regard to our obligation to support the national Strategic Policing Requirement, which sets out those matters relating to terrorism, serious organised crime and civil unrest that the Home Secretary considers to be national threats transcending force boundaries. Cyber-crime and the threat posed by child sexual exploitation were the latest additions to the requirement.

As many of our priorities directly support our national commitments it is no longer cited as a separate priority. When setting our priorities we also take account of our commitments to the Safer City Partnership and to the City of London Corporation's key aim for a safe and secure City. This ensures we support community safety priorities, just as our partners have regard to our priorities when setting their own.

The resulting priorities for 2020/21, addressed both our national and local obligations.

Also listed are the activities we undertook to meet the priorities and the outcome of our actions.

Countering terrorism



1,974

Project Servator deployments



880

people received ACT (Action Counters Terrorism) training

Fraud



£3.4m

confiscated in assets from criminals.



£2.3m

compensation paid to victims.

Violent and acquisitive crime



747

reduction in victim based violent crime compared to 19/20



3,164

less victim based acquisitive crimes

Serious and organised crime



117

disruptions against Serious Organised crime groups



472

persons have been researched over the past 10 months and relevant forces or ROCU's notified if required

Neighbourhood policing



61%

decrease in all personal injury collisions



340

finances issued under COVID-19 legislation

5 Highlights

300 years of prison time for insurance fraudsters

On 17 December 2020, Richard Charles was sentenced to a year's imprisonment for fraudulent insurance claims, bringing the number of custodial sentences achieved by IFED to a milestone 300 years since its creation in 2012.



Head of IFED, Detective Chief Inspector Edelle Michaels, commented on the unit's achievement: "This sentencing marks a significant milestone for IFED. Whilst Covid has delayed a number of court cases over the course of this year, the team has worked hard and adapted to this new climate, bringing a number of fraudsters to justice despite the difficult circumstances. The result is true testament to the department's resilience and determination in the fight against insurance fraud."

Charles' bogus claims could have inflicted a potential loss of £107,594 on some of the UK's biggest insurers. The gardener/handyman alleged that he was not able to work due to bogus knee and elbow injuries, as well as making false claims for stolen tools.

Improved performance for IFED in face of Covid-19 challenges

Whilst 2020 was a challenging year, IFED continued to work hard to combat insurance fraud, which was reflected in the unit's end-of-year performance report.

In spite of the difficult circumstances and restrictions, the number of arrests executed by the unit in 2020 more than doubled (124% increase) in comparison to 2019. There was also a 19% increase year-on-year increase in the number of charges/summons, and a 35% decrease in rejected referrals.



Action Fraud

Action Fraud ran a seven-week long campaign from late November until early January which raised awareness of four different fraud types – online shopping fraud, charity fraud, pet fraud and courier fraud.



The campaign issued a stark warning to shoppers ahead of Black Friday and Cyber Monday as over £3 million was lost to criminals during Black Friday and Cyber Monday sales events in 2019, and online shopping fraud increased by 42 per cent during the pandemic. We further amplified this message ahead of the January sales and raised awareness of the importance of securing new devices you may have received at Christmas to keep yourself safe online.

Through partnerships with the Charity Commission and Fundraising Regulator, we urged people to remain vigilant when making charitable donations during the festive period, and we also delivered joint communications with the Dog's Trust, following a surge in pet fraud as criminals capitalised on the rise in people getting pets due to the national lockdowns caused by the coronavirus outbreak.

City Of London Police launch new Intellectual Property Unit in the North West

The City of London Police, the lead force for fraud, partnered with the Intellectual Property Office and the North West Regional Organised Crime Unit to set up the North West Police Intellectual Property Crime Unit. The new unit launched in March 2021 is an extension of its intellectual property capability, based in the City, which focuses on intellectual property crime, ranging from copyright offences to fake goods.



The unit was set up to tackle intellectual property fraud in the north west has already seized £1.7m worth of fake goods, including clothes, electricals and fireworks.

On Thursday 4 March 2021, officers executed five warrants for Internet Protocol Television (IPTV) offences, which resulted in two arrests, the seizure of electrical items, cash and counterfeit goods.

Man sentenced for making and selling fake COVID-19 treatment kits

In July 2020 Frank Ludlow was sentenced to ten months suspended sentence and 170 hours unpaid work, after he pleaded guilty to making fake COVID-19 treatment kits and selling them across the world.



Ludlow pleaded guilty to attempting to supply an unauthorised medicinal product, possessing an unauthorised medicinal product and assembling an unauthorised product. Ludlow was sentenced to a ten month suspended sentence on 09 July 2020 at Portsmouth Crown Court.

Ludlow was first arrested on Friday 20 March 2020 after a joint investigation by the City of London Police, the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) and the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The case originated when the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agency in Los Angeles intercepted a package on the 18 March, containing 60 separate COVID-19

treatment kits labelled as 'Anti-Pathogenic treatment', which were sent from the UK. The US FDA determined the product to be an unapproved drug, based on the labelling and directions for use and alerted the MHRA in the UK.

The case was passed to a specialist anti-counterfeit unit within the City of London Police, the national lead force for fraud, at 1300hrs on 20 March 2020. Less than four hours later, Ludlow was arrested by police officers in a post office, attempting to send 60 more fake treatment kits to France, the US, and other parts of the UK.



Ludlow made approximately £12,000 from selling the fake kits online, which sold for between £1 and £100, but cost only £1 to make. The kits contained hydrogen peroxide concentration of 6.5 % (v/v); potassium thiocyanate, ascorbic acid, an unknown enzyme as well as Bees Pollen. During the search of Ludlow's home address, officers from the City of London Police discovered 300 more treatment kits and an estimated 20 litres of chemicals used in the production of the fake kits.

PIPCU win awards for Excellence in Anti-Counterfeiting awards 2020

In July 2020 the Police Intellectual Property Crime Unit (PIPCU), was awarded two awards at the annual Anti-Counterfeiting Group (ACG) 'Awards for Excellence'.

The unit was awarded the Department Special Commendation Award, which is awarded to departments, teams or divisions in the police, customs (both HMRC and Border Force), government and/or overseas enforcement agencies, for their contribution to the anti-counterfeiting effort. PIPCU also won the Individual Special Commendation Award, which was awarded to DS Daryl Fryatt. This is awarded to an individual working in enforcement agencies such as police or customs and/or overseas agencies who has shown outstanding performance in tackling Intellectual Property (IP) crime.

The winners were selected by the ACG Awards Committee and the team and Daryl attended the virtual awards evening to collect the awards.

Members of an organised crime group importing and selling counterfeit goods worldwide are sentenced

In February 2021 three leaders of an organised crime group, who worked together to import counterfeit trainers and distribute them internationally were sentenced.

On Tuesday 09 February 2021, Xiaoguang Xia, 37 of Kempsters Gardens, Salford,

M7, Jian Lin, 38, of Kempsters Gardens, Salford, M7 and Yingpen Qu, 40, of Larch Gardens, Manchester, M8 were sentenced at Manchester Crown Court.

Xia was sentenced to two years imprisonment, Lin to eight months imprisonment, suspended for two years and Qu to 12 months community order and 50 hour unpaid work.



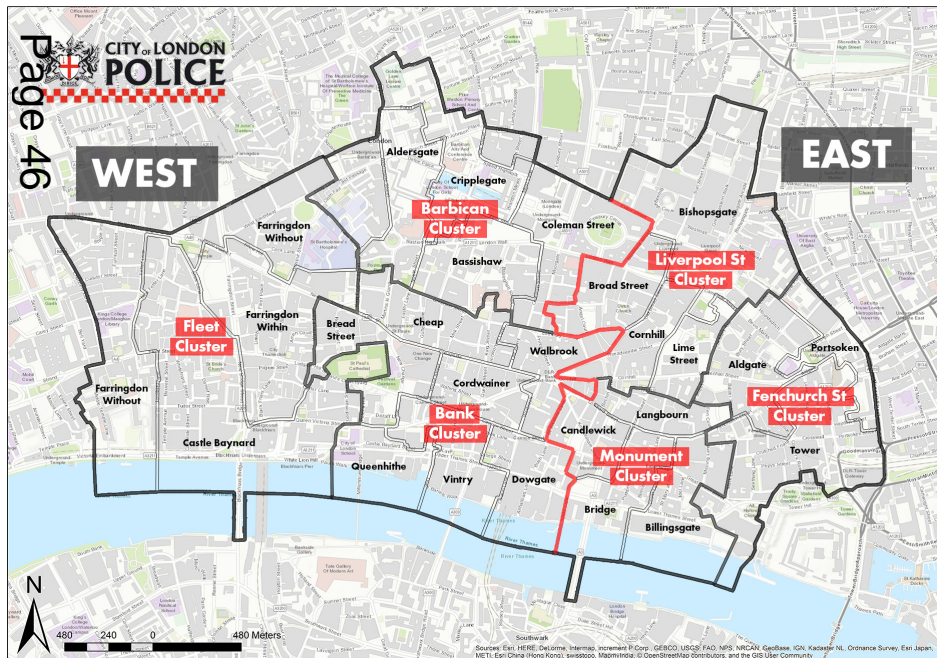
Officers from the City of London Police's Police Intellectual Property Crime Unit (PIPCU) seized 280,000 pairs of counterfeit shoes, computer equipment and approximately £20,000 in cash at the warehouse and high street store owned by Xia. Thousands of branded labels imported separately to be sown onto counterfeit clothing and shoes were also seized.

Financial investigations revealed that the business account owned by Zia and Qu received payments between May 2016 and January 2019, to the value £2.3 million. The bank account regularly sent payments of £10,000 to a bank account in China, with the reference 'gifts for children.

City of London Police launch Sector Policing team

This year saw the successful launch of the Sector Policing team in October. Dedicated Ward Officers (DWOs) represent specific 'ward' areas in the City and work closely with residents, businesses and visitors to provide policing support and focus on the issues that really matter to each area. This has resulted in initiatives such as tackling bike theft across the City, where a gang was identified, arrests made and over 60 bikes recovered, some 21 of which have been returned to their owners. The drive to prevent cycle theft has seen many bike

marking events throughout the City, with over 772 cycles marked. Officers have also had some notable successes in tackling prolific shoplifters and bringing them to justice, pressing for Criminal Behaviour Orders, where possible, to stop these thieves from entering the City. Tackling these sorts of crimes plays a key role in supporting the force's priorities to deliver a valued policing service for those who live, work and visit the City of London and to make the Square Mile one of the safest cities in the world.



COVID-19

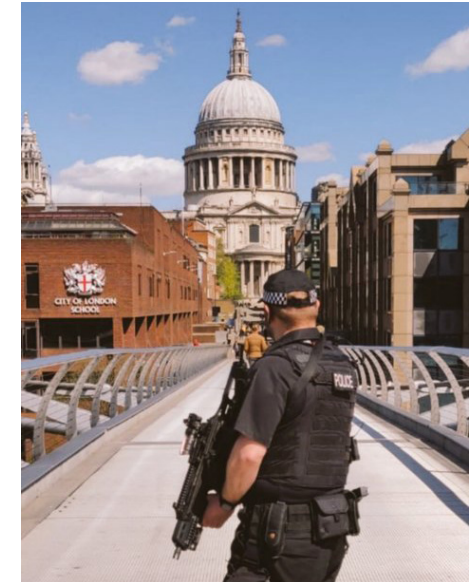
With footfall in the City dramatically reduced due to the impact of the COVID-19 lockdown measures, police officers were still out and about in the City, engaging with people in the Square Mile to reinforce the legislation around coronavirus measures. Officers only moved to enforce the law, having first engaged, explained, and encouraged people to comply, following the principles adopted by all police forces. By the end of March, officers had offered advice on 270 occasions and issued 242 fines for breaches of the law.

Ahead of the gradual easing of lockdown, over 70 licensees and owners of pubs, bars and clubs in the Square Mile attended a City of London Police online event to promote collaborative working and increase safety in the City. Topics for discussion included how premises could protect themselves, their staff and their customers from theft, violence and risk of terrorism, as well as how to reduce sexual offences and promote the safety of women and vulnerable adults.



Counter Terrorism

Project Servator at the City of London Police received significant investment in 2020 resulting in the recruitment of a substantial number of new officers, including a new Inspector and Sergeant, and the move from two, to three strategic teams operating within the City.



Throughout the pandemic, City of London Police has continued to train individuals in helping to prevent and tackle a range of threats, including that of terrorism. Over the past year, Counter Terror Security Advisors have conducted more than 50 remote SCA (See Check and Notify) security training sessions to more than 650 people from businesses in the Square Mile, thereby increasing overall resilience within the City. As restrictions begin to ease, 121 senior security professionals with the City of London were briefed by Project Servator and CTSA officers on counter terrorism, to increase confidence and awareness.



Public Order

Over the last year, Police Support Units (PSUs) and Command Teams from the City of London Police have supported all major events in London, including: the Black Lives Matter (BLM) protests and counter-protests in summer 2020; policing of Unlicensed Music Events and the changing nature of COVID restrictions throughout the year; Extinction Rebellion and climate-related protest; the Million Mask March; the New Year's Eve policing plan; and Stand Up X and other anti-lockdown/anti-vaccination protests. In total, the force has deployed units to over 71 events this year. Additionally, City of London Police has continued to provide specialist capabilities such as those in intelligence, evidence and public order to support pan-London policing.



We continue to pioneer the use of police cyclists in supporting the policing of public order and public safety events, deploying teams of cyclists for four events over the past year. Police cyclists provide a visible and reassuring police presence at events, keeping pace with marches, controlling traffic and engaging with members of the public.

Roads Policing

The City of London Police has continued to support the National Police Chiefs Council's campaign on the 'Fatal 4' offences (excess speed, mobile phone use; failing to wear a seat belt; drink drive; and drug drive), as well as the criminal use of the road network. This recognises that people using or exploiting the road network for criminal purposes are more likely to be non-compliant road users (those without insurance, or an MOT or with a greater propensity to commit 'Fatal 4' offences).



The City of London Police Roads Policing Unit has taken action in response to specific concerns from the local community, specifically around speeding during lockdown and the behaviour of cyclists and eScooter users. This involved training a large number of officers in the use of speed detection devices, to ensure a consistent, 24/7 capability. In 2020-2021, the force seized 256 vehicles being driven without a driving licence or insurance on the City's roads.

The Roads Policing Unit has supported a range of joint London and regional operations; including working with the British Transport Police and Metropolitan Police Service (MPS), using ANPR to target criminal use of the road network during lockdown. The City of London Police's role in national and regional operations led to over 145 arrests, the seizure of in excess of £450k in cash, and the recovery of 28 offensive weapons.



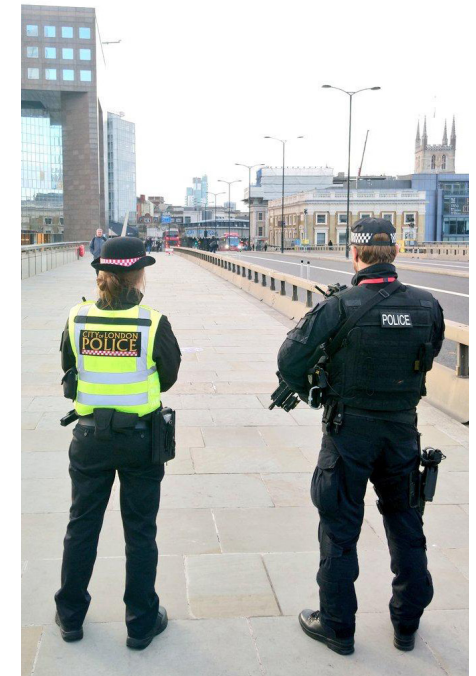
The City of London Police has continued to invest in a cycle patrol capability, both as part of our commitment to carbon reduction and to ensure an appropriate and responsive tactical option to engage with inappropriate behaviour by cyclists, as well as crime committed by offenders on pedal bicycles. An additional 33 cycle officers have been trained in the past year and plans are in place to roll out further training over the current year.

The City of London Police's Commercial Vehicle Unit (CVU) has continued working as part of the pan-London Freight Compliance Unit, undertaking targeted enforcement of commercial vehicles in conjunction with the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency, TFL, Environment

Agency and the MPS. This has resulted in 76 roadside operations in the City, with 944 commercial vehicles stopped, resulting in identifying offences in 717 commercial vehicles.

Authorised Firearms Officers (AFOs)

The use of AFOs is a new initiative for the City of London Police, providing armed policing on foot patrol in a highly visible form, to reassure the public and deter would-be hostile threats. Feedback from members of the public who encounter these officers has so far been extremely positive.



6 National Lead Force

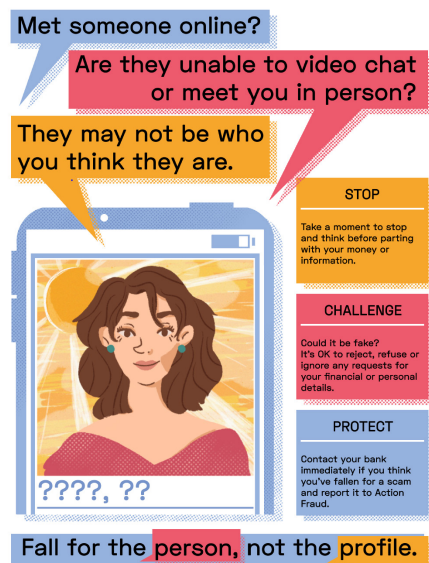
Operation Otello

Operation Otello began last year following a tasking that was issued under the Crime and Courts Act 2013 by National Crime Agency Director General Lynne Owens and proposed jointly by Graeme Biggar, the Director General of the National Economic Crime Centre, and Commissioner Ian Dyson of the City of London Police. Operation Otello is a campaign spearheaded by the National Economic Crime centre (NECC) focused on improving the intelligence picture on fraud, pursuing offenders causing the highest harm, and increasing the priority of fraud across the system. So far it has led to an increased response across the UK to courier fraud which has now seen over 1,000 people arrested. This year, we targeted romance fraud and investment fraud.

The romance fraud campaign, which launched in October, followed a 26 percent rise in reports to Action Fraud in the last year.

Operational activity conducted by the City of London Police's National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB), key stakeholders and police forces in the UK, directly led to the identification of 38 victims of romance fraud who had not previously reported the crime to Action Fraud. A number of these victims are believed to have still been in contact with suspects online and weren't yet aware they were victims of a romance fraud. Those identified are now receiving support from their local police force and a number of their cases have been prioritised for investigation. One such case led to two arrests in the East of England by officers

from the Eastern Region Special Operations Unit (ERSOU) who were able to recover a number of live devices during the arrests. From these devices, work was undertaken to identify linked bank accounts suspected of being in receipt of money taken from romance victims so they could be subject to freezing orders.



During the campaign there was also significant activity in South Wales, Devon and Cornwall, Kent, Thames Valley, North Wales, Hampshire, Lincolnshire, Bedfordshire, Greater Manchester Police (GMP), Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) and Surrey, leading to four arrests and a number of other suspects being warned to attend a police station for interview. In one case, a suspect was arrested within an hour of identification and has since been returned to prison.

The Irish Garda National Economic Crime Bureau have also made arrests in relation to an organised crime group based in Ireland but with links to Nigeria and Dubai, who were targeting Irish and British victims. The City of London Police and the Irish Garda continue to co-operate in this investigation.

A key feature of this campaign was to target criminals overseas suspected of committing romance fraud against UK victims. This follows the creation of partnerships between the City of London Police, the National Crime Agency (NCA) and their counterparts in Ghana. Via the City of London Police's NFIB, UK forces are now able to send intelligence referrals to the Ghanaian authorities where they have identified suspects based in Ghana or with a link to the country. This new relationship between Ghanaian authorities and the City of London Police has led to over £150,000 being repatriated to UK victims of romance fraud and two active investigations being launched in Ghana into suspects thought to be defrauding victims in the UK.

In January, we targeted investment fraud, working with the Financial Conduct Authority and the National Crime Agency to raise awareness of 'clone firm' scams where criminals imitate genuine investment companies, copying their name, address, telephone number, firm reference number and even mimicking their website and email addresses.

Action Fraud reporting data revealed losses of more than £78 million between January-December 2020, with victims losing £45,2421 each on average. Forty two percent of investors said they were currently worried about their finances

because of the pandemic, and over three quarters (77%) had, or planned to, make an investment within the next six months to help improve their financial situation potentially making them more susceptible to scams. Three quarters (75%) of investors said they felt confident they could spot a scam but 77 percent admitted they did not know, or were unsure, what a 'clone investment firm' was.



Covid response – Etherin

The NFIB began monitoring coronavirus related fraud in February. They would screen reports on a daily basis in order to identify high risk offences and send them to the relevant authority or police force for enforcement, disruption and prevention action. A daily briefing was produced between April and June, a weekly briefing between June and July, and a monthly briefing from July onwards. From December, a weekly vaccine threat report has also been produced. These reports were used to create awareness raising communications campaigns to protect the public and assist police forces and our partners in delivering messaging to their local communities and audiences.

We warned the public about ticket fraud, holiday fraud, online shopping fraud, romance fraud, investment fraud, pet fraud and charity fraud after criminals used coronavirus as a hook to commit these offences. We also highlighted mass phishing and smishing campaigns related to Test and Trace and the coronavirus vaccine roll-out.

CoLP action

We arrested 156 criminals believed to have been committing fraud during the national restrictions imposed as a result of the coronavirus pandemic and also successfully launched the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS) alongside the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) to make reporting suspicious emails easier for the public.

The National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB), which can undertake immediate disruption activity to prevent more people falling victim to a fraud, took down 1,030 fake websites, 425 phone numbers and 597 email addresses since the start of the pandemic.

In addition, the City of London Police's Intellectual Property Crime Unit (IPPCU) have taken down several websites believed to be selling counterfeit goods relating to coronavirus such as testing kits and face masks. The unit has also made 29 arrests since the pandemic began and seen a number of high profile charges, such as that of David Chambers who is alleged to have administered a fake vaccine to a 92 year old woman at her home and charged her £160, and Frank Ludlow who was convicted for selling fake coronavirus treatment kits across the world.

The Dedicated Card and Payment Crime Unit (DCPCU), another specialist fraud unit with a national remit, has also made a number of significant arrests related to coronavirus crime. The unit, comprised of officers from the City of London and Metropolitan Police and funded by the banking industry, has executed 99 warrants since the start of the pandemic and made 56 arrests, 27 percent of which were of criminals committing coronavirus-related

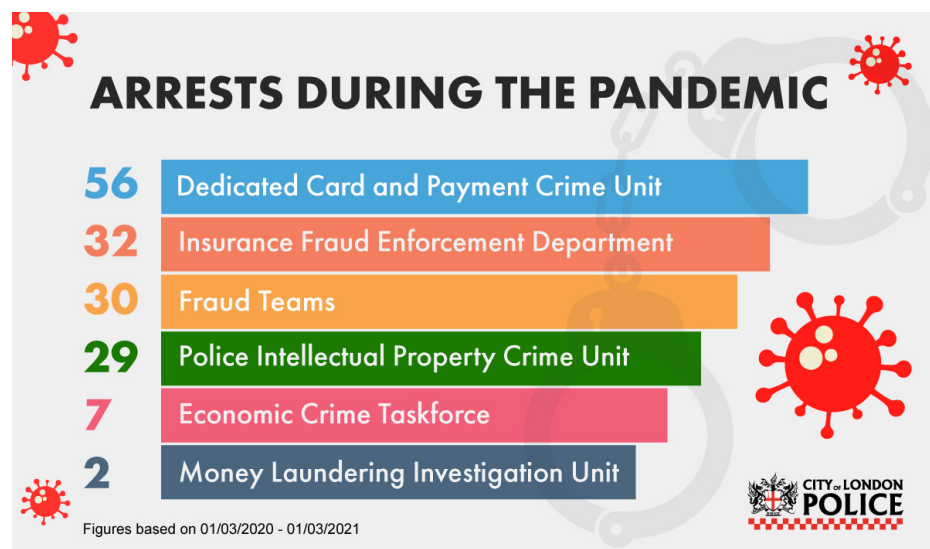
smishing including sending messages purporting to be from government, offering people financial support including one off payments and loans, and messages impersonating the NHS offering people the coronavirus vaccine.

The unit has already seen 30 criminals convicted since March 2020 and has taken down 773 social media accounts used to commit fraud, helping to further protect members of the public from fraud. On 11 March 2021, officers executed their tenth warrant of 2021, where they arrested and charged Taige Gallagher, 21, of Perth Road, Wood Green, for fraud by false representation and possession of articles for use in fraud. Gallagher pleaded guilty to both charges at Westminster Magistrates Court on 13 March 2021.

He was identified by the DCPCU, and their partners in the telecoms industry, as sending out bulk text messages purporting to be from the NHS.

The messages had an embedded hyperlink that requested recipients enter their personal and financial information, and in doing so victims believed they were confirming their eligibility for the coronavirus vaccine. This information would then be used to commit fraud.

As well as criminals imitating the NHS through phishing and smishing scams, the City of London Police's Insurance Fraud Enforcement Department (IFED) saw examples of key workers being specifically targeted by fraudsters. Last year, IFED officers arrested a man suspected of using social media to advertise discounts for NHS workers on fake and invalid car insurance policies. This meant that anyone who purchased a policy was technically uninsured, and could have faced a fine or points on their licence.



Fraud Teams - highlights

Man jailed for multi-million international foreign exchange investment scam

In October, a man responsible for a £20.5 million investment scam was jailed following an investigation by the City of London Police.



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Joseph Lewis, 65, of Thearne Lane, Yorkshire, was sentenced to 5 years and 4 months in prison after running a fraudulent investment scheme for a decade. He persuaded clients from across the globe to invest large amounts of money into foreign exchange trading, but kept the money for himself.

Clients were sent fabricated monthly reports, showing their investments doing exceptionally well. This encouraged victims to either invest more money, or recommend the scheme to friends or family, generating more funds for Lewis. City of London Police later found that the monthly reports were fabricated.

Convicted fraudster who went on the run after stealing £2.4million from elderly victims is finally behind bars

Sami Raja, 33, of Grays, Essex, fled the country two weeks before he was due to stand trial for six counts of conspiracy to defraud and money laundering, in an attempt to evade justice. He was convicted by a jury, in his absence in January 2019 and sentenced to eight years in prison. Raja, along with four others, miss-sold carbon credits to 130 unsuspecting victims through two companies making fraudulent profits of approximately £2.4million.



He absconded to Dubai where he continually flaunted a luxurious lifestyle on his social media pages, posting pictures from expensive resorts in the Maldives and posing with designer goods such as a £4,000 Rolex and a £33,000 Aston Martin car.

The City of London Police and the Crown Prosecution Service were able to secure a European Arrest Warrant in March 2019 and Raja was arrested when he travelled to Athens on 15 July 2020. He was brought back to the UK on 26 August. Raja appeared at Southwark Crown Court again on Thursday 27 August, where he was sent to prison to commence his eight year sentence.

Fraud Investigation Unit - highlights

Two year investigation results in £2m forfeiture

The City of London Police seized over £2m of criminal funds following a two year investigation into suspected money laundering.

The application for the funds to be forfeited, and confiscated, by the City of London Police, was granted at Westminster Magistrates Court in July 2020. It concluded a complex two year investigation centred around members of an organised crime network based in Italy. Convicted fraudsters who offered worthless diamond investments ordered to pay back £172,987

Two men, who were jailed for their roles in operating a boiler room fraud, which stole money from victims by convincing them to invest in worthless coloured diamonds, have been ordered to pay back £172,987.

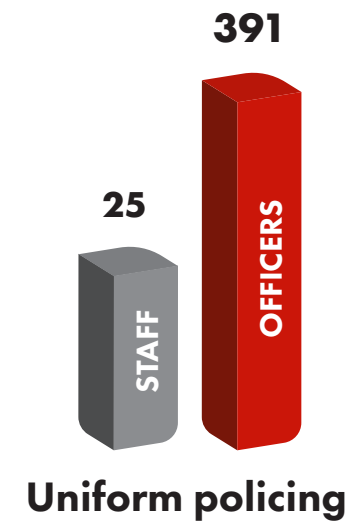
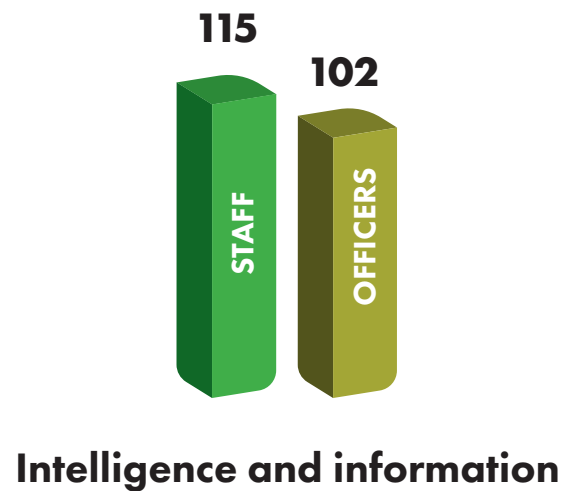
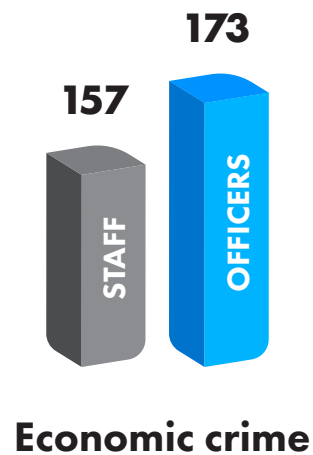
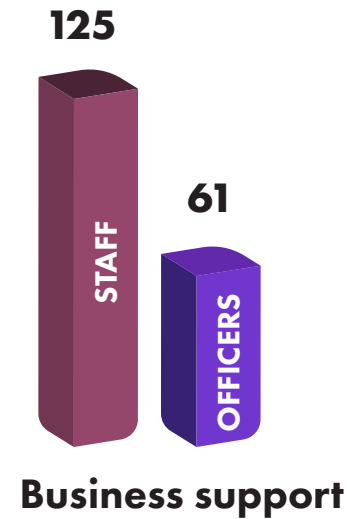
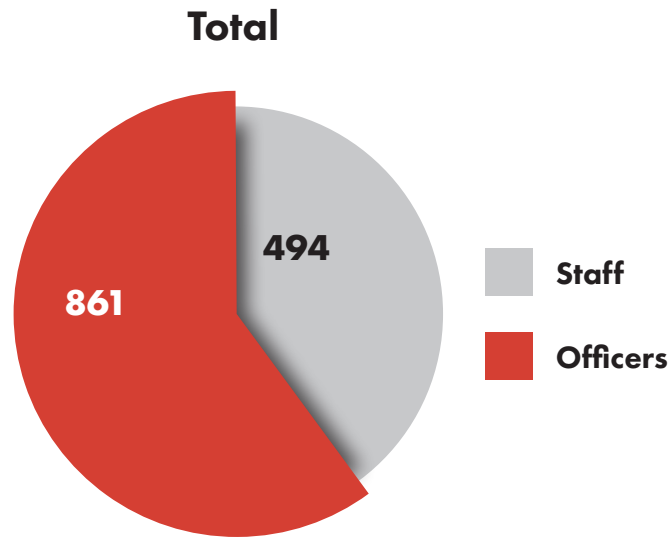
Both men were judged to have criminal lifestyles under the Proceeds of Crime Act, and their available funds comprise of the balance of bank accounts, a Maserati car and a share of several properties.



7 Our resources

In the past year the force received an uplift in Police numbers from 768 to 861 (headcount). We currently have 318 detectives across all directorates, this is over a third of our police officer establishment. Police staff make up a third of the workforce and hold a varied range of roles across the organisation.

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8 Finances

Expenditure and Income	2020/21				2019/20	
Revenue	Latest Approved Budget		Outturn (unaudited)		Outturn	
	£'000	%	£'000	%	£'000	%
EXPENDITURE						
Premises related expenses (1)	2,563	2	11,895	8	10,212	6.9
Transport related expenses	1,933	1	820	1	2,480	1.7
Supplies and services (2)	20,854	14	16,821	11	21,056	14.1
Third party payments (3)	9,504	6	11,282	7	10,335	6.9
Central and other recharges	3,682	2	3,934	3	3,725	2.5
Surplus transferred	0	0	4,457	3	2,060	1.4
Capital expenditure (inc. Financing Costs)	0	0	300	0	0	-
Total - other expenditure	38,536	26	49,509	32	49,868	33
Employees (inc. Pensions)	112,485	74	106,645	68	99,051	66.5
Total expenditure	151,021	100	156,154	100	148,919	100
INCOME						
Home Office revenue grants (4)	65,018	43	65,002	42	57,100	38.3
Police Authority	19,880	13	19,880	13	13,000	8.7
Total basic income	84,898	56	84,882	54	70,100	47
Other Home Office revenue grants	48,768	32	41,186	26	49,041	32.9
Other grants, reimbursements and contributions	13,464	9	22,596	14	24,196	16.2
Surplus transferred	0	0	2,992	2	2,000	1.3
Customer, client receipts and recharges	3,891	3	4,498	3	3,582	2.4
Total income	151,021	100	156,154	100	148,919	100

- 20/21 outturn actuals includes £7.7m Supplementary Revenue Projects
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- This income relates to Police core grant, ex DCLG formula Funding, Precept, Pension Grant and National and International Capital City Grant



Crime figures

Crime rates in the City have seen a sharp reduction in 2020/21 decreasing by 56% mostly as a result of Coronavirus reducing footfall and also opportunities for crime. This has also been experienced nationally with 42 out of 43 forces reporting a decrease at the end of the year.

ALL CRIME		
2019/2020	2020/2021	% Change
8716	3862	-56% ↓

ALL OTHER THEFT OFFENCES	ARSON	BICYCLE THEFT	BURGLARY BUSINESS/COMMUNITY	BURGLARY RESIDENTIAL	BURGLARY ALL
2019/2020	2019/2020	2019/2020	2019/2020	2019/2020	2019/2020
2677	3	441	310	24	334
2020/2021	2020/2021	2020/2021	2020/2021	2020/2021	2020/2021
413	2	375	130	16	146
% Change	% Change	% Change	% Change	% Change	% Change
-85% ↓	-33% ↓	-15% ↓	-58% ↓	-33% ↓	-56% ↓

CRIMINAL DAMAGE	DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY UNLAWFUL DRIVING	DRUG POSSESSION	DRUG TRAFFICKING	HOMICIDE	MISCELLANEOUS CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY
2019/2020	2019/2020	2019/2020	2019/2020	2019/2020	2019/2020
270	0	573	158	2	261
2020/2021	2020/2021	2020/2021	2020/2021	2020/2021	2020/2021
179	0	564	50	0	217
% Change	% Change	% Change	% Change	% Change	% Change
-34% ↓	NA	-2% ↓	-68% ↓	-100% ↓	-17% ↓

OTHER SEXUAL OFFENCES	POSSESSION OF WEAPONS OFFENCES	PUBLIC DISORDER	RAPE	ALL SEXUAL OFFENCES	ROBBERY OF BUSINESS PROPERTY
2019/2020	2019/2020	2019/2020	2019/2020	2019/2020	2019/2020
77	78	470	16	93	36
2020/2021	2020/2021	2020/2021	2020/2021	2020/2021	2020/2021
29	50	258	12	41	12
% Change	% Change	% Change	% Change	% Change	% Change
-62% ↓	-36% ↓	-45% ↓	-25% ↓	-56% ↓	-67% ↓

ROBBERY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY	SHOPLIFTING	STALKING AND HARASSMENT	THEFT FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE	THEFT FROM PERSON	THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE
2019/2020	2019/2020	2019/2020	2019/2020	2019/2020	2019/2020
122	890	115	170	902	38
2020/2021	2020/2021	2020/2021	2020/2021	2020/2021	2020/2021
66	562	81	79	317	37
% Change	% Change	% Change	% Change	% Change	% Change
-46% ↓	-37% ↓	-30% ↓	-54% ↓	-65% ↓	-3% ↓

VEHICLE INTERFERENCE	VIOLENCE WITH INJURY	VIOLENCE WITHOUT INJURY	VICTIM-BASED VIOLENCE	VICTIM-BASED ACQUISITIVE	CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY
2019/2020	2019/2020	2019/2020	2019/2020	2019/2020	2019/2020
11	365	707	1282	5621	1540
2020/2021	2020/2021	2020/2021	2020/2021	2020/2021	2020/2021
0	105	308	535	2007	1139
% Change	% Change	% Change	% Change	% Change	% Change
-100% ↓	-71% ↓	-56% ↓	-58% ↓	-64% ↓	-26% ↓



Countering terrorism

What we said

- Provide up to date protective security advice and guidance to residents and businesses
- Use intelligence and analysis to target the deployment of resources to deter, detect and disrupt terrorism
- Engage with groups and individuals to prevent them from turning to terrorism and extremism
- Work with City businesses to improve awareness and response capabilities in organisations across the City
- Deploy and advertise the outcomes of our use of specialist 'behaviour detection officers' (Project SERVATOR)

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Support the City of London Corporation lead in educating staff from partner agencies and the voluntary sector with regard to preventing terrorism
Engage with our community (including City businesses, schools, other institutions and stakeholders) to identify any venues or individuals who may be engaged in extremist rhetoric

What we did

- Conducted ACT, SCan and other training as well as delivering briefings and awareness on subjects such as postal security and telephone threats. This is aimed to increase awareness of suspicious activity through bespoke training.
- Worked closely with our partners in the MPS, the City of London Corporation and national security agencies regionally and nationally to protect the City of London from the threat of terrorism. This included the exchange of intelligence and analysis to inform our approach to tackling terrorism. Our work with partners has included initiatives aimed at deterring individuals turning to terrorism and to support families affected by extremism and radicalisation.
- CoLP is fully integrated into National and London meetings and governance structures and has attended all scheduled and extraordinary meetings throughout 2020 and into 2021.
- Continued to develop and deploy our tactics and use of specialist behavioural officers (Project SERVATOR) to maintain safety within the City.
- Investigated over 80 reports of activity that were believed to be suspicious and to be potentially terrorist related.
- Developing an online analytical tool to inform CT taskings assisting in informing CT tasking as well as to better police crowded events within the City.
- Provided advice and support to City businesses to maintain and improve security.

Outcome

- 880 people received ACT (Action Counters Terrorism) training within year.
- 735 people received SCan (See Check and Notify) training within year.
- Project Servator Outcomes
 - 1974 deployments.
 - 21,289 Engagement messages given to the public.
 - 110 Stop & Searches undertaken.
 - 69 Positives from Stop & Search activity.
 - 47 Arrests made.
- The majority of residents, workers and visitors feel safe in the City of London. Our Community survey which was undertaken as an on line form recorded 91% of respondents feeling safe in the City during the day and 75% feeling safe after dark, and 21% feel unsafe. These results are largely in line with results seen in 2019/20.
- In a new survey question for 2020/21 the public were asked: Given the current security environment and the threat facing the UK from extremism how confident are you in the ability of the City of London Police to respond effectively to a terrorist incident? 94% of respondents were confident the Force could respond effectively.
- Our resources are being effectively used to counter the threat from terrorism and the City of London remains a safe and secure location to live, do business and visit.

*Click here to view our Stop and Search data in full.



Fraud

What we said

- Strengthen our capabilities to disrupt and prevent fraud
- Work collaboratively across policing and with partners to reduce harm to victims and communities, through education, prevention, disruption and enforcement
- Increase our knowledge of serious organised fraud and target resources at the highest harm threats
- Maintain our specialist focus on money laundering and financial investigation
- Engage with our residents, workers, businesses to address their priorities around tackling fraud

Improve our service to victims of fraud by encouraging victims to report fraud and cyber-crime, identifying vulnerable victims to ensure they receive the help and support they need

What we did

- Worked with policing and the Home Office to implement the first National Fraud Policing Strategy, endorsed by the National Police Chief's Council as published in October 2019.
- Implemented 19 recommendations to improve the national police response to fraud arising from the HMICFRS inspection "Fraud: A Time to Choose".
- City of London Police is part of the multi-agency National Economic Crime Centre initiative to step up the law enforcement response to fraud. This has included leading two national campaigns focused on Courier Fraud and Romance Fraud, high harm frauds that have affected vulnerable citizens during the pandemic.
- City of London Police responded to the policing response required to combat COVID-19 linked fraud.
- Successfully prosecuted numerous high profile fraud cases.
- Successfully investigated large scale frauds operating internationally.
- Disrupted organised crime groups, reducing the potential harm these groups have on victims.
- Made effective use of proceeds of crime legislation to deprive criminals of their gains and help make reparations to victims.
- Economic Crime Victims of Crime Unit, continued to provide specialist support for victims of fraud.
- Continued to develop our National Fraud Intelligence Bureau and Action Fraud Reporting Service and has helped over 105,000 victims of economic crime cope and recover.
- Continued to develop the capacity and capability of our Economic Crime Academy by digitalising and delivering virtual courses to accommodate pandemic restrictions
- Assessed the various forms of risk across all reported fraud types to identify 'high harm frauds'.
- We created the new Lead Force Operations Room to coordinate the national response to fraud.
- Specialist funded units investigating insurance, banking and intellectual property crime have dismantled criminal networks leading to significant savings reducing the impact to the industries.
- Established a Police Intellectual Property Crime Unit in the North West Region.

Outcome

- Our Economic Crime Academy delivered 69 courses within year training 692 delegates.
- We accepted 427 new fraud investigations within year.
- We successfully convicted 98 individuals on a variety of fraud charges.
- We disrupted over 5589 bank accounts to combat fraud and illegal activities up from over 1900 recorded last year.
- We confiscated over £3.4M in assets from criminals.
- We enabled £2.3M in compensation to victims.
- We continued to disrupt criminal activity around fraud and their ability to commit economic crime with an average of 4,501 disruptions per month in a variety of forms.
- The value of our disruption activity is estimated to be worth over £17M per month in protection of property and assets and preventing loss to victims.
- We undertook 116 protect events to enhance the ability of the public to protect themselves from fraud.



Violent and acquisitive crime

What we said

- Maintain a focus on violent crime
- Work in partnership and be innovative in our approach to tackling crime, targeting hotspots and known offenders
- Adopt a collaborative approach to problem solving to maintain the City of London as a low crime, safe area
- Tackle alcohol-related crime through a joined up, partnership approach
- Ensure victims can easily report crime and thereafter, receive a professional response
- Work with our residents, businesses and workers to encourage them to take an active role in crime prevention
- Continue to identify and target persistent offenders to reduce re-offending

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What we did

- Delivered a new Sector Policing model, that includes Dedicated Ward Officers (DWOs) to build strong links with communities and businesses, and a Partnership & Prevention Hub to proactively work with partners to design out crime.
- Created a City Police Task Force (CPTF) to bring together our specialist, uniform capabilities to deliver focused, task/problem deployments of multiple capabilities in support of multiple policing plans.
- Created bespoke operational policing plans for lockdown and periods of eased restrictions. These included:
 - Counter burglary patrols during Lockdown 1.
 - High visibility foot and cycle patrols of licenced premises and outdoor spaces during periods of eased restrictions.
- Created a dedicated Tasking Team during Lockdown 3 to counter criminal use of the road network during lockdown.
- Mounted a wide ranging operation to target and disrupt widespread cycle thefts during lockdown (Op KULLI).
- Conducted a range of specific operation to target a range of offending types; including pan-London operations with the MPS and BTP.
- Continued to play a full role in the Safer City Partnership.
- Continued to make effective use of Criminal Behaviour Orders (CBOs) to prevent persistent offender entering the City and re-offending following conviction.
- Our Scenes of Crime department was instrumental in identifying a number of prolific burglaries during the summer of 2020 through a series of DNA and Fingerprint Identifications. Over the course of just a few month.
- We provided virtual 3D imagery of an Attempted Murder scene at Broadgate Circus, plus Vulnerable Traffic points across the city as part of Counter Terrorism planning. They are also the force leads for CCTV enhancement and analysis and have been integral to determining vehicular speed calculations for traffic offences as well as assisting in the visual identification of suspects for all crime types.

Outcome

- Victim Based Violent Crime has seen a -58% reduction compared to 2019/20, equating to 747 less offences.
- Victim Based Acquisitive crimes experienced a decrease of 64% compared to 2019/20. This represents a decrease of 3614 offences.
- Op KULLI – 800 bikes security marked; 20 suspects arrested in the act of; 1 arrest leading to recovery of 60 stolen bikes (30 returned to rightful owners).
- Secured 7 CBOs against a number of prolific offenders responsible for a string of theft, shoplifting and burglary offences, including:
 - One offender with 35 previous convictions for 65 offences.
 - Another with 60 convictions for 147 offences.
- DWOs built effective partnership with retail managers and security staff to assist with designing out opportunities for crime.
- Op KAISER: joint City-BTP-MPS operation using ANPR to target high-harm offenders across London.
- Op MOBIUS: pan-London, joint City-BTP-MPS operation to target high harm offenders exploiting lockdown, resulting in over 90 arrest (inc. a murder suspect outstanding since April 2019) of which the majority are Gang nominals, the recovery of 15 offensive weapons/ firearms and over 40 arrests for drug offences.
- Op TAMAR Tasking Team: first deployment of the new City Police Task Force, based on our Road Crime Team and Support Group, to disrupt criminal activity during Lockdown 3, resulting in 55 arrests (including gang nominals from as far afield as the West Midlands), the recovery of 13 offensive weapons and the seizure of over £250,000 in cash.
- Op PANDILLA 2, South-East & London Regional operation to disrupt organised criminality. Resulting in over £200,000 cash being seized and 7 arrests of suspects in/around the City.
- Op SCEPTRE 2020. Knife Arch and Passive Drugs Dog deployments in conjunction with BTP.
- Counter Phone Snatch Patrols: Road Crime Team and Response Officers mounted plain cloths cycle patrols to prevent and disrupt offenders involved in phone snatches being displaced into the City by activity in neighbouring MPS boroughs, resulting in 20 stop/searches, the “chase off” of numerous suspects on pedal bikes and the seizure of £40,000 in cash.
- Our Scenes of Crime Officers attended 249 crime scenes this year.
 - 105 Burglary Scenes
 - 26 Criminal Damage
 - 63 Thefts
 - 12 Robberies
 - 7 sex crimes
 - 36 Violent against the person



Serious and organised crime

What we said

- CYBER CRIME: be flexible across geographical boundaries in tackling cyber-crime and identify and disrupt ongoing cyber-crime impacting the City of London.
- DRUGS: through our Drug Risk Reduction Strategy, tackle the organised crime groups (OCGs) operating in the City of London. Strengthen our approach to County Lines (HMICFRS area for improvement).
- MODERN SLAVERY and HUMAN TRAFFICKING: engage with hotels, licensed premises and hard to reach groups to identify vulnerable people and use the National Referral Mechanism for any suspected offences of human trafficking.
- CHILD CRIMINAL ABUSE: through our public protection unit we will provide a specialist and effective response to all issues relating to child protection. We will continue to work closely with our partner agencies, including Children's Social Care, and use all available multi-agency risk procedures to safeguard children.

What we did

- Researched each person passing through custody arrested for PWITS to establish if they had any apparent links to OCGs.
- We invited the National County Lines Coordination Centre (NCLCC) into the force to peer review our response to County Lines.
- Created a bespoke County Lines Action Plan which included recommendations made where the force could strengthen its response.
- The Serious and Organised Crime team have created an intranet page dedicated to Serious and Organised Crime of which there is significant detail around County Lines.
- The Serious and Organised Crime team have created a bespoke PowerPoint training package concerning County Lines which is about to be disseminated within force and also to members of the partnership Community Safety Serious and Organised Crime board to highlight this area.
- CoLP officers took part in Op AIDANT, part of the National Crime Agency's week of action on Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) in October.
- The Fingerprint Enhancement finally closed its doors on its original lab at Wood St at the end of 2020 and has moved to a new facility at King's College London. The FEL staff and management have worked very hard to have already achieved ISO 17025 accreditation for some of its methods at the new facility with the rest coming on board this year. Despite the disruption of the move and COVID, their workflow and results are at an exceptional level.
- The Fingerprint Bureau have made huge strides towards ISO 17025 accreditation which has been hampered by the Covid Pandemic with UKAS assessments having to be cancelled or postponed. Despite this, we are confident it will be successfully achieved with our assessment due in June this year. The Bureau have also been involved in the identification of a number of Cadavers this year using specialist techniques developed in conjunction with the FBI.
- Despite the Covid Pandemic, the demand for Digital Forensic investigations has seen a continued significant increase in casework and devices for examination. The HTCUs have recently acquired new technology which will increase the team's ability to decrypt mobile devices, particularly Android models. Coupled with their existing ability to decrypt iPhones, this will undoubtedly increase their ability to provide both intelligence and evidence for all investigative departments.

Outcome

- 472 persons have been researched over the past 10 months and relevant forces or ROCU's notified if required.
- Peer review was concluded which assessed the force's response to this area as being good.
- Over the year, the force has been working on addressing these recommendations which is overseen at the quarterly Serious and Organised Crime board.
- The creation of this area on the intranet has helped publicise what County Lines is and also contains lots of further information concerning this subject.
- This package will help draw attention to this subject and help make more people aware of this issue and how to recognise it.
- This week of action where CoLP officer's deployed to Liverpool Street Station engaged with children travelling alone on the rail network and identify any County Lines or other CSE issues, saw officers engage with 35 people on one day alone and carry out multiple Stop and Searches.
- 117 disruptions against Serious Organised Crime Groups were undertaken.
- 9 of these were recorded as major disruptions.
- 63 disruptions recorded Jan-March 2021 as part of Cyber protect, the first time these type of disruptions had been monitored.
- As part of our community survey residents were asked how if they considered drugs to be an issue within the City. 15% of respondents placed drugs within the top three concerns compared to 23% in the 2019/20 survey. This is a drop of 8% of the community who feel drugs should be a Force priority.
- The Force recorded 52 cyber enabled crimes compared to 52 recorded in 2019/20.



Neighbourhood policing

What we said

- **ROADS POLICING:** Undertake visible enforcement activities to deter road users from breaking traffic laws and putting other road users at risk together with proactively targeting offenders who use the roads to cause danger to other road users.
- **ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR:** Engage with community groups and partners to identify and address the ASB concerns of individuals and groups. Together with our partners, make best use of available tools to deal with incidents, including levels of drunkenness and rowdiness.
- **PUBLIC DISORDER:** Work in partnership with the City of London Corporation and other stakeholders to support the planning for large scale events with a proportionate, effective policing plan, and maintain our capability and capacity to respond to public order incidents.
- **VULNERABILITY:** Work closely with partner agencies to support vulnerable people residing in, working in or visiting the City. Ensure officers and staff can appropriately identify and flag those who are vulnerable, using the national Vulnerability Assessment Framework.

What we did

- The Vulnerability Working Group (VWG) has recently landed a new look/focussed Vulnerability Action Plan (VAP) which directly aligns to the National Vulnerability Action Plan (NVAP). All areas of vulnerability have a dedicated strand lead, and specific focus on improvement are fed into the leads via the VWG for scrutiny.
- The Force conducted regular visits to vulnerable premises within the City as part of Project Aidant working with partners.
- Continued to play an active role in the Road Danger Reduction partnership and support pan-London Vision Zero.
- Supported the NPCC Road Safety campaign plan, although curtailed due to COVID.
- Holistic approach to 'Road Harms' addressing road safety concerns alongside countering criminality – recognising that those exploiting the road network for criminal gain are also likely to represent a higher risk of causing harm on the road (driving without insurance; drink/drug driving; driving at speed).
- Delivered speed enforcement training to wide range of uniformed officers to enhance speed detection, especially during lockdown.
- Enhanced cycle enforcement and engagement to promote safe and responsible riding.
- Disrupted criminal use of the road network.
- Continued our partnership approach under Operation Luscombe to address rough sleeping and associated vulnerability in the Square Mile.
- Worked with the ASB Coordinator at the Corporation of London to consider joint recording and approach to ASB.
- Conducted high visibility foot and cycle patrolling during period of relaxed restrictions, and during lockdowns.
- Produced an ASB problem profile to understand what and where issues are occurring.
- Reported ASB data and analysis into the Safer City Partnership for joint consideration.
- Supported Community and Children's Services throughout the pandemic with getting vulnerable rough sleepers into accommodation.
- Adopted a balanced and proportionate approach to COVID enforcement based on the "4 E" principals; but with robust enforcement of the most deliberate/flagrant breaches.
- Continued to support pan-London policing of protest and public order event under Op BENBOW.
- Increased our pool of public order-qualified officers and commanders to ensure resilience.

Outcome

- Received 712 reports of Anti-Social Behaviour within the City.
- Recorded a 61% decrease in all Personal Injury collisions, and an 18% decrease in collisions resulting in serious injury from 2019 to 2020 (calendar year data).
- Seized over 120 vehicles driven on the City's Roads without insurance; and issued over 700 Traffic Offence Reports (Mar 20 – Feb 21)
- Enhanced speed enforcement activity throughout lockdown.
- Through a holistic approach to 'Road Harms' made over 145 arrests, seized in excess of £450k in cash, 28 offensive weapons and in excess of 25 vehicles.
- Engaged with 49 rough sleepers through Operation Luscombe.
- Supported DCLG-sponsored provision of accommodation for all those sleeping rough during Lockdown 1.
- Supported pan-London policing of the Black Lives Matter and XR protests; as well as supporting pan-London response to Unlicensed Music Events throughout 2020 and into 2021.
- Provided Public Order Command Teams to support wider policing of protest in London: including for very high profile events.
- Maintained ability to meet our Strategic Policing Requirement commitment for public order trained officers.
- Over 340 Fines issued under COVID-19 legislation.
- Over 330 uses of powers under COVID-19 legislation.



10 Senior leadership team

Ian Dyson QPM Commissioner	T/Commander Clinton Blackburn Head of Economic Crime Directorate
Alistair Sutherland QPM Assistant Commissioner	Detective Chief Superintendent Keith Paterson Head of Intelligence and Information Directorate
Angela McLaren Assistant Commissioner	Chief Superintendent Steven Heatley Head of Uniform Policing Directorate
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11 Police Authority Board

The Court of Common Council is the Police Authority for the Square Mile as set out in the City of London Police Act 1839. Under Section 56 of the Act, the Common Council delegated to the Police Board all of its police authority functions (with the exception of the appointment of the Commissioner). The Committee's role is to make sure the City of London Police runs an effective and efficient service by holding the Commissioner to account; to ensure value for money in the way the police is run, and to set policing priorities taking into account the views of the community.

Membership

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Police Pensions Board 20-21

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Tim Parsons, member representative
Mike Reed, member representative



Report – Policy & Resources Committee

Report of Urgent Action Taken: 9 September 2021 meeting of the Court of Common Council – physical / formal meeting arrangements

To be presented on Thursday, 9th September 2021

*To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons
of the City of London in Common Council assembled.*

SUMMARY OF ACTION TAKEN

1. In April 2021, the Court of Common Council resolved that all of its local and police authority meetings should be conducted on an informal basis for the coming period, in view of the ongoing Covid-19 related restrictions. This decision was taken bearing in mind the prohibitions on remote / virtual participation in formal meetings under relevant legislation and the impracticalities of holding formal meetings (particularly of the Court itself, given its size), with the Court also resolving to allow for virtual participation in non-local or police authority business more generally. These arrangements expire on 7 October.
2. On 5 July 2021, Her Majesty's Government announced that all Covid-related work from home guidance and social distancing restrictions were anticipated to come to an end as of 19 July 2021. The decision was, therefore, taken (on the recommendation of the Policy & Resources Committee) to hold the next meeting of Court of Common Council on 22 July as a formal, in-person meeting, but with committees and sub-committees continuing to operate on an informal basis, thereby facilitating virtual / remote participation for those meetings. The Covid-related situation could then be monitored over the summer recess, with a view to taking a longer-term decision in September.
3. The 22 July 2021 meeting of the Court subsequently proceeded on a physical basis and was held successfully, utilising various mitigations to help alleviate concerns associated with Covid (for example, an outdoor luncheon, spaced seating, reduced public attendance, and so on).
4. At that meeting, in response to a query around the format of the September Court meeting, hope was expressed that the Corporation would be in a position to repeat the arrangements but that there would need to be a "wait and see" approach over the coming weeks, depending on the situation with Covid and any subsequent response by the Government.
5. Consequently, the position was assessed during the month of August, with a view to determining arrangements and ensuring that Members were provided with

sufficient notice to make any requisite arrangements ahead of September's meeting.

6. In reviewing the position it was felt that, whilst the threat of Covid remained, there was no indication that the Government was likely to introduce any new restrictions and, indeed, the message of returning to the workplace was one they continue to promulgate.
7. Accordingly (and in keeping with the previous undertakings made to the Court), it was determined that September's Court meeting should proceed on a physical basis and be held in a similar manner to the July meeting, i.e. employing Covid mitigation measures so far as was practical, notwithstanding the removal of restrictions generally.
8. A decision was taken under urgency procedures in view of the summer recess and the need to provide sufficient notice for requisite arrangements to be made and the Court Summons published within statutory timeframes. The approval of the Court was, therefore, sought and obtained for the Court of Common Council meeting in September 2021 to proceed on a physical basis, as a formal meeting, and be live-streamed on YouTube for the benefit of the public, with steps also taken to alter the layout of the Great Hall to enable a greater degree of space between seats.

RECOMMENDATION

9. We **recommend** that the actions taken under urgency procedures be noted.

All of which we submit to the judgement of this Honourable Court.

DATED this 16th day of August 2021.

SIGNED on behalf of the Committee.

Deputy Catherine McGuinness
Chair, Policy & Resources Committee

Report – Statues Working Group

Report of Urgent Action Taken: Statues Working Group – Request for extension to timetable

To be presented on Thursday, 9th September 2021

*To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons
of the City of London in Common Council assembled.*

SUMMARY OF ACTION TAKEN

1. In March 2021, the Court of Common Council endorsed the establishment of the Statues Working Group and granted authority to it, under SO9(2), to report directly to the Court. In so doing, it requested that the Working Group's recommendations be submitted to it by the end of September 2021.
2. The Working Group has since met on multiple occasions and is now almost in a position to submit its findings. However, given the importance of the subject, it was felt that one further meeting in early September was required to finalise the proposals and ensure a robust report can be submitted to the Court.
3. In view of the timing of the Court meeting in September, this means that, although the Working Group's proposals would be published within the Court papers (for October's meeting) by the end of September, the Court will not have the opportunity to review until its 7 October 2021 meeting.
4. The approval of the Court was, therefore, sought and obtained under urgency procedures for an extension to the timescale set, facilitating an October submission.

RECOMMENDATION

5. We **recommend** that the action taken under urgency procedures be noted.

All of which we submit to the judgement of this Honourable Court.

DATED this 2nd day of August 2021.

SIGNED on behalf of the Working Group.

Douglas Gordon Fleming Barrow, M.B.E.
Chair, Statues Working Group

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Report – City Remembrancer

Measures introduced into Parliament which may have an effect on the work and services provided by the City Corporation

To be presented on 9th September 2021

*To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons
of the City of London in Common Council assembled.*

Statutory Instruments

Date in force

The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development etc.) (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2021 No. 814

1st August 2021

This Order amends the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (GPDO), which provides for the granting of permission for certain classes of development without the requirement for a planning application to be made under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. The Order amends the GPDO to require developers to obtain the prior approval of the local planning authority as to certain matters relating to fire safety, where it is proposed to introduce dwellinghouses in buildings 18 metres or more in height or containing 7 or more storeys. Where a prior approval application is made pursuant to these provisions, the local planning authority must consult the Health and Safety Executive.

The School Admissions Code (Appointed Day) (England) Order 2021 No. 833

1st September 2021

This Order appoints 1st September 2021 as the day on which the School Admissions Code comes into force. The Code imposes requirements and includes guidelines setting out aims, objectives and other matters in relation to the arrangements for admission to maintained schools. This applies to the Aldgate School, the only City of London school that is a maintained school. The Code replaces the previous School Admissions Code, which came into force in 2014, except in relation to applications for places at a maintained school made before the Code comes into force.

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Steps etc.) (England) (Revocation and Amendment) Regulations 2021 No. 848

18th July 2021

These Regulations revoke a raft of existing Coronavirus Regulations, including those providing for lockdown and social distancing requirements, the wearing of face coverings in certain places, the

collection of contact details by businesses, and other obligations on and undertakings by businesses. They do not, however, revoke all COVID restrictions, for example those relating to travel and self-isolation remain in force. The Regulations also postpone the expiry of the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (No. 3) Regulations 2020 from 19th July 2021 to 28th September 2021. The 2020 Regulations give local authorities powers to give directions relating to premises, events and public outdoor places in their areas, if they consider that specified the public health, necessity and proportionality conditions are met.

The Business and Planning Act 2020 (Pavement Licences) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 No. 866

20th July 2021

In response to the coronavirus pandemic, the Business and Planning Act 2020 made temporary provision for a fast-track process to allow businesses selling food or drink to obtain pavement licences from local authorities, which authorise the placement of furniture such as tables and chairs on highways adjacent to their premises. These Regulations extend the application of the Act's provisions on pavement licences, and the date until which pavement licences may run, from 30th September 2021 to 30th September 2022. This extension to 2022 only applies to pavement licences for which applications are made on or after 20th July 2021. The 2021 expiry date will continue to apply in relation to any pavement licence applied for before 20th July 2021, though the holder of such a licence may be able to apply for a further licence.

(The text of the measures and the explanatory notes may be obtained from the Remembrancer's Office.)

By virtue of paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A
of the Local Government Act 1972.

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