

**ECONOMIC AND CYBER CRIME COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LONDON  
POLICE AUTHORITY BOARD  
Monday, 19 February 2024**

Minutes of the meeting of the Economic and Cyber Crime Committee of the City of London Police Authority Board held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Monday, 19 February 2024 at 1.45 pm

**Present**

**Members:**

Deputy James Thomson (Chair)  
Tijs Broeke (Deputy Chairman)  
Andrew Lentin  
Jason Groves  
Naresh Hari Sonpar

**Officers:**

Richard Riley CBE	- Town Clerk's Department
Oliver Bolton	- Town Clerk's Department
Kezia Barrass	- Town Clerk's Department
Eleanor Savil	- Department of Innovation and Growth

**City of London Police**

Nik Adams	- T/ AC City of London Police
Oliver Shaw	- T/ Commander City of London Police
Chris Bell	- City of London Police
Hayley Williams	- City of London Police

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from James Tumbridge, Nicholas Bensted-Smith, Alderman Emma Edhem, Dawn Wright and Michael Landau.

**2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were no declarations.

**3. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** – that the minutes of the Economic and Cyber Crime Committee on 11 November were approved as an accurate record.

**4. PUBLIC OUTSTANDING REFERENCES**

Members received a report of the Commissioner which outlined the public outstanding references.

During the discussion the following points were noted:

- Members commended the good performance and low call waiting times reported for Action Fraud, and raised concerns about maintaining this during the transition to the new service.
- Members welcomed the national Stop, Think, Fraud campaign, but felt the related comms were slightly two dimensional, and did not include any reference to Action Fraud.
- Members were keen to measure resilience within businesses and communities in relation to fraud and economic crime.
- The Chair noted the provisional dates for the Cyber Griffin sessions and noted that these should be confirmed and circulated as soon as possible to Members of the Court of Common Council and relevant CoLP officers.

**RESOLVED** – that the report be noted.

**5. Q3 NATIONAL LEAD FORCE PERFORMANCE 2023-24**

Members received a report of the Commissioner which provided an overview of the National Lead Force performance in Q3 of 2023 – 2024.

During the discussion the following points were noted:

- Work was ongoing in the run up to national elections, to protect against cyber attacks and to consider hostile state interference and ensure counter activity is managed effectively and safely.
- Concern was raised in relation to the impact of deep fakes and their real risk of manipulation of voters and fundraisers. A national structure has been launched in the last month to oversee the management of polling stations and connect this work with the Prevent and Protect teams.
- The Chair suggested that items 5 and 6 could be amalgamated as a single report going forward.

**RESOLVED** – that the report be noted.

**6. NATIONAL LEAD FORCE AND CYBER UPDATE**

Members received a report of the Commissioner which outlined the National Lead Force and Cyber update.

During the discussion the following points were noted:

- Significant work was undertaken with limited resources by Officers to deliver core work within the City and support the national lead force responsibilities.

**RESOLVED** – that the report be noted.

**7. CYBER GRIFFIN QUARTERLY UPDATE**

Members received a report of the Commissioner which outlined the quarterly Cyber Griffin programme.

During the discussion the following points were noted:

- A Member had experienced the Cyber Griffin training and felt that the impact of training delivered by City of London Police officers should not be underestimated, and queried when the issues with the software would be resolved. A report would be brought to the May Economic and Cyber Crime Committee, to outline the rollout ambition and cost implications.

- The Incident Response Hydra was outlined as a tabletop exercise which provided a set of circumstances and the range of support available, designed to assess the responses to each offer of support.
- The Chair supported this work and noted positive feedback from those who have undertaken the courses.

**RESOVLED** – that the report be noted.

**8. INNOVATION & GROWTH – UPDATE OF CYBER & ECONOMIC CRIME RELATED ACTIVITIES**

Members received a report of the Executive Director Innovation and Growth which provided an update on cyber and economic crime related activities.

During the discussion the following points were noted:

- Members were surprised that this work had no wider PR coverage.
- Members expressed the need for more joined up working within the Corporation to ensure wider reach of this work.
- The Chair suggested linking this work with the upcoming Global Fraud Summit as an opportunity for the Police Authority Team and corporate Comms team support the event.

**RESOLVED** – that the report be noted.

**9. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were no questions.

**10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

There was no other business.

**11. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED** – That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

**12. NON PUBLIC MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** – that the non public minutes of the Economic and Cyber Crime Committee on the 11 November 2023 be approved as an accurate record.

**13. STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT PLAN FOR ECONOMIC AND CYBER CRIME**

Members received a report of the Town Clerk and Commissioner of Police which outlined the strategic communications and engagement plan for economic and cyber crime.

During the discussion the following points were noted:

- The Police Authority Team had established positive formal engagements with ministers, including Emily Thornberry, Danny Shaw and Alex Norris.

- A report would be taken to Corporate Affairs Committee on 28 February 2024 asking for agreement to procure some external support for enhanced engagement.
- Members formally recorded thanks for the teams of Mansion House, the Police Authority Board and Corporate Affairs Committee and welcomed the level of officer collaboration.

**RESOLVED** – that the report be noted.

**14. FRAUD AND CYBER CRIME REPORTING AND ANALYSIS SERVICE - PROGRAMME PROGRESS REPORT**

Members received a report of the Commissioner which provided a progress report of the fraud and cyber crime reporting and Analysis service.

During the discussion the following points were noted:

- Confirmation was received from the Home Office relating to the additional funding of £7m to support the National Lead Force role and to underwrite half of the cost of the IBM contract extension.
- The FCCRASP gave authority under urgency to progress and sign off on the contract extension, negotiations were underway to finalise terms
- A claim is ready to be made to IBM of the value of £400k, and a further £200k in service credits have been agreed.
- The next steps were to sign off the finalised detailed implementation plan from Capita.

**RESOLVED** – that the report be noted.

**15. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were no questions.

**16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

There was no other business.

**The meeting ended at 15:20.**

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Chairman

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