

Committee(s): Police Authority Board	Date(s): 27 th February 2020
Subject: City of London Police Policing Plan 2020-23	Public
Report of: Commissioner of Police Pol 17-20	For Decision
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Summary

At your January Police Authority Board, Members received a report and the draft City of London Police (CoLP) Policing Plan 2020-23 (9Pol 07-20 refers). Members gave some feedback at the meeting but were asked to feed back any detailed comments either via the Town Clerk's office or directly to the CoLP Head of Strategic Planning. The Head of Strategic Planning is currently in the process of working through and considering all comments and suggested amendments received and working to make updates and include the revised budget position.

As there is no Police Authority Board in March, the Force is seeking Members approval to delegate authority to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Police Authority Board, to approve the final City of London Policing Plan 2020-23. However, the Force will re-circulate the final plan to Members for information, via the Police Authority Team and Town Clerk's office, prior to initiating the requested sign off via delegated authority.

Recommendation

- 1) Members are asked to delegate authority to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Police Authority Board, to approve the final City of London Policing Plan 2020-23.
- 2) Note that the Policing Plan will be published on 1st April 2020.

Main Report

Background

1. Legislation requires Police and Crime Commissioners to publish police and crime plans in place of traditional policing plans¹. That requirement does not apply to the Court of Common Council in its capacity as policy authority for the City of London. The Force and your Board continues to be governed by the relevant sections of the Police Act 1996 with respect to the publication of policing plans.² However, where possible the Force and Authority has resolved to align the format of its policing plan with the general requirements of policing and crime plans.

¹ Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011

² S. 6ZB Police Act 1996 (as amended by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011)

2. The responsibility for drafting the policing plan and advising a police authority on its contents remains with the Commissioner of Police. However, guidance and legislation is clear that the police authority must approve and subsequently own the published plan.
3. At your January Police Authority Board, Members received a report and the draft City of London Police Policing Plan 2020-23. Members gave some feedback at the meeting but were asked to feed back any detailed comments either via the Town Clerk's office or directly to the CoLP Head of Strategic Planning.
4. Members were reminded of how the plan had been developed including the Strategic Threat and Risk Assessment process and also their role in the process, including a Workshop with Members and Officers on the 18th October 2019.

Current Position

5. The Head of Strategic Planning is currently in the process of working through and considering all comments and suggested amendments received and working to make updates and include the revised budget position. Members will recall that the Home Office settlement figure was received on the 22nd January, on the afternoon of the day of your last Police Authority Board.
6. As there is no Police Authority Board in March, the Force is seeking Members approval to delegate authority to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Police Authority Board, to approve the final City of London Policing Plan 2020-23.
7. However, the Force will re-circulate the final plan to Members for information via the Police Authority Team and Town Clerk's office, prior to initiating the requested sign off via delegated authority.

Publishing the plan

8. Forces no longer produce hard copies of policing plans with the norm being for plans to be published on force and authority websites. Hard copies can be made available on request, although this is usually limited to a simple print of the PDF document on the website. There have not been any external requests for hard copies of any of the policing plans over the past ten years. The plan will be published on the 1st April 2020 and submitted to the April meeting of the Court of Common Council for Information.

Conclusion

9. Issuing and publishing a Policing Plan remains a statutory obligation on the Force and Court of Common Council in its capacity as police authority. The Policing Plan appended to this report is compliant with current guidance on those matters policing plans must address. Accordingly, your Board is invited to adopt the proposed Plan as the Policing Plan for the City of London.

Background Papers

Pol 07-20 City of London Police draft Policing Plan 2020-2023.

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