

<b>Committee(s)</b> Projects Sub Committee	<b>Dated:</b> 24/03/2021
<b>Subject:</b> Report of Action Taken	<b>Public</b>
<b>Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?</b>	See Background Report
<b>Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?</b>	See Background Report
<b>If so, how much?</b>	See Background Report
<b>What is the source of Funding?</b>	See Background Report
<b>Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?</b>	See Background Report
<b>Report of:</b> Town Clerk	<b>For Information</b>

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## Summary

This report advises Members of action taken by the Town Clerk since the last meeting of the Sub-Committee, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, in accordance with Standing Order Nos. 41(a) and (b).

## Recommendation:

- That Members note the report.

## Main Report

### **Urgent Authority – Endorsement for Court Submission on new Committee for Next Generation Fraud and Cyber Crime Reporting and Analysis Service Project [17 February 2021]**

1. Last summer, the City of London Police was appointed by Home Office Ministers to lead the procurement for the replacement of the Action Fraud and National Fraud Intelligence Bureau systems. This project is known as the Next Generation Fraud and Cyber Crime Reporting and Analysis Service (FCCRAS). As this project is majority funded by the Home Office, there is a requirement for the project team to adhere to the Home Office and wider government governance (Cabinet Office and HM Treasury).
2. Due to the scale and nature of the project, there are also numerous City of London Corporation Committees and Sub-Committees that have an interest and decision-making responsibilities regarding the project. These, combined with the wider government requirements and City of London Police's own project and delivery boards place a significant burden on the project team ensuring each body receives the appropriate information and in the right format. These governance requirements have been identified as a risk to delivery by

the Home Office, the Government's Infrastructure and Projects Authority, Commissioner's Project Board and Police Authority Team. To assist mitigating this risk, it was proposed to seek approval from Court of Common Council to establish a dedicated, time-limited, stand-alone Committee to fulfil the need for Member oversight of this significant project. Proposed membership of this Committee would comprise the Chairs and Deputy Chairs of the Committees the project would otherwise be reporting to: Police Authority Board, Finance Committee, Procurement Sub, Project Sub and Digital Services Sub. While not currently part of the project governance, it is proposed to also include the Chair and Deputy of Policy and Resources Committee in the membership, to further strengthen oversight.

3. The proposal is not intended to pre-empt the work currently being undertaken on the Governance Review. Instead it meets the specific needs of this time critical project whilst imposing minimal burden on both Members and officers.
4. An extraordinary meeting of the Home Office Finance and Investment Committee is being convened for early to mid-March 2021 to consider approval of the project progressing to the next stage. In order to ensure the best case is put forward and known concerns around the project governance are addressed in time, the project team would like to take a proposal to Court of Common Council for consideration on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021.
5. To achieve this within the timeframes required, endorsement was sought from committees to take a proposal for Court to consider on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021. The proposed governance arrangements in respect of the new committee, including the terms of reference and member composition, will be set out in that proposal. Submission of the proposal to the Court of Common Council will be subject to consultation with, and approval from, the relevant committees and sub-committees that have an interest and decision-making responsibilities regarding the project.
6. The sequencing for setting up a new committee, required sign-off from the P&R meeting on 18th Feb, before submission to Court for consideration on 4th March, with the reports deadline for this meeting also on 18th February. Approval was therefore required before the next meetings of the Projects Sub Committee and Digital Services Sub Committees, on 23 February 2021 and 26 March 2021 respectively.

### **Action Taken**

7. The Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen of the Projects Sub Committee and Digital Services Sub Committee, agreed to endorse the creation of a new stand alone, time-limited committee to oversee the FCCRAS project and for this committee to pass on its decision-making responsibilities on this project to the new committee. Submission of the proposal to the Court of Common Council was subject to consultation with, and approval from, the relevant committees.

### **Conclusion**

8. Background papers for Members are available from Joseph Anstee on the email address provided below.

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