

Committee(s): Strategic Planning and Performance Committee – For Information	Dated: 4 th May 2021
Subject: HMICFRS Inspection Update	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	1 - People are safe and feel safe.
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	N/A
If so, how much?	N/A
What is the source of Funding?	N/A
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	N/A
Report of: Commissioner of Police Pol 34-21	For Information
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Summary

This report provides Members with an overview of activity undertaken within the last reporting period, since your February 2021 Performance and Resources Management Committee, in response to reports published by HMICFRS. An overview of the inspection programme is detailed in this report and progress against both existing and new recommendations received is provided for Members' information in Appendix A.

Reports published

2 new reports have been published in the last period, 1 with recommendations.

Inspections undertaken since last report

HMICFRS have conducted a spotlight Fraud inspection – this is a revisit inspection to assess progress against recommendations and areas for improvement from their 2019 report. This is a national thematic, City of London was inspected together with other forces and Regional Organised Crime Units.

Inspections Due

No inspections are due

Reports Due for Publication

The spotlight fraud revisit national thematic report is expected to be published June/July 2021.

HMICFRS Recommendations Overview

This report details progress against the recommendations from all live inspection action plans, summarised in the table below and detailed fully within Appendix A. There are currently 25 outstanding recommendations.

There are 7 new greens to report, demonstrating progress since your February 2021 Performance and Resources Management Committee.

HMICFRS Report title	Number of open recommendations/areas for improvement and status			
	Previous report to your Performance and Resources committee [February 2021]		Current report to your committee	
	National report	Force report	National report	Force report
<u>New Reports</u>				
Getting the balance right? An inspection of how effectively the police deal with protests			5 AMBER	
Regional Organised Crime Units - An inspection of the effectiveness of the Regional Organised Crime Units			No actions for the force	
<u>Previous Reports</u>				

	National report	Force report	National report	Force report
HMICFRS Publication - Police super-complaint: police data sharing for immigration purposes	4 AMBER		4 AMBER	
Pre-charge bail and released under investigation: striking a balance	2 AMBER		1 AMBER 1 WHITE	
Roads Policing – Not Optional	2 NEW RED 2 AMBER 2 WHITE		2 AMBER 3 WHITE 1 NEW GREEN	
Child Protection – City of London Police		1 NEW RED		1 NEW GREEN
National Child Protection Inspections: 2019	2 NEW RED		2 NEW GREEN	
Cyber: Keep the light on	2 WHITE		2 WHITE	
Shining a light on betrayal: Abuse of position for a sexual purpose	1 AMBER		1 NEW GREEN	
Crime Data Integrity inspection 2019		2 AMBER		2 RED

The Poor Relation - The police and CPS response to crimes against older people	1 AMBER		1 RED	
PEEL 2018/2019		1 NEW RED 1 AMBER		1RED 1 NEW GREEN
Fraud: Time to Choose		1 AMBER		1 CLOSED
Report on an unannounced inspection visit to police custody suites – City of London Police		2 NEW GREEN 1 AMBER		1 NEW GREEN
Policing and Mental Health - Picking Up the Pieces	1 WHITE		1 WHITE	
Understanding the difference: the initial police response to hate crime	1 NEW RED		1 RED	
PEEL: Police Effectiveness 2017 – National	1 WHITE		1 WHITE	
Recommendation Summary	Previous report to your Performance and Resources committee [February 2021]		Current report to your committee	
	National report	Force report	National report	Force report
New reports	2 [plus 1 without recommendations]	0	2	
New Green	0	0	0	0
Amber	6	0	5	0
Red	0	0	0	0
White	0	0	0	0
Closed	6	0	0	0
Sub-total – New Reports	2 [plus 1 without recommendations]	0	5	0
Previous reports				
NEW Green	0	2	4	3
Amber	4	5	7	0
Red	5 [all new]	2 [all new]	2	3
White	6	0	8	0
Closed	0	0	0	1
Sub- Total – Previous Reports	15	9	21	7
Total Prior Report Amber/Red/White Recommendations	21	7	22	7
	28		25	

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to note the report.

Main Report

Background

1. This report provides Members with an overview of the City of London Police response to HM Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) continuing programme of inspections and published reports. Since the last report to your February 2021 Performance and Resources Management Committee there has been 2 new reports published for the force to consider. Progress with existing recommendations as well as detail of the current inspection programme is provided below for reference.

Current Position

2. 2 reports have been published since last reported to your Performance and Resources Management Committee in February 2021:
 - **Getting the balance right? An inspection of how effectively the police deal with protests**, published 11th March 2021.

In September 2020, the Home Secretary commissioned HMICFRS to conduct an inspection into how effectively the police manage protests. This followed several protests, by groups including Extinction Rebellion, Black Lives Matter and many others.

The inspection examined the following themes:

- i. How well do the police manage intelligence about protests?
- ii. How well do the police plan and prepare their response to protests? This will include the training, authorised professional practice and other guidance, equipment and technology provided to officers.
- iii. How well do the police collaborate in relation to protests? This will include mutual aid and other forms of collaboration between forces and other organisations.
- iv. How effective are the decision-making processes and how do they affect the police response to protests? This will include how well the police use their powers to manage protests, enforce the law and minimise disruption to communities. It will also include how well the police balance the rights of protesters with the rights of other people, and the impact on communities and minorities.
- v. Does the current legislation give the police the powers they need to deal effectively with protests? This will include an assessment of whether additional legislation would enable more effective policing of protests.

The report contains recommendations for the Home Office, College of Policing, NPCC and Chief Constables.

- **Regional Organised Crime Units - An inspection of the effectiveness of the Regional Organised Crime Units**, published 10th February 2021.

There are no recommendations for the force.

London is without a Regional Organised Crime Unit [ROCU] and the three forces [MPS, BTP and CoLP] whilst sitting independently, work collaboratively in a number of areas. With regards to Serious and Organised Crime [SOC], this is becoming more formalised although it has always existed in some way.

The introduction of the London Regional Organised Crime Threat Assessment [ROCTA] Team will mean that this one team, comprising of staff from the MPS, BTP and CoLP, will now own the whole Organised Crime Assessment process providing a single capability that will assess and understand the risk from serious and organised crime – it will improve the delivery and provide consistency for the three forces of London.

The forces have already collaborated in terms of creating a regional control strategy for the ROCTA which has been signed off by the Senior Governance Group. The control strategy is a list of seven priorities which is believed to outline the greatest threats from serious and organised crime in London currently.

Regional tasking, a key output of this new formalised relationship, whilst not fully devised yet, is currently being scoped with visits to neighbouring ROCUs to identify best practise before being formally implemented.

This collaboration doesn't end with the creation of this unit however – the London Region Intelligence Partnership, which sits monthly, has all three forces as well as partner agencies within its membership and this meeting can help supplement intelligence available to the attendees which will help provide further information and help in our ability to task and coordinate a police response to serious and organised crime threats and allow all three forces to be part of the 'whole system approach' to tackling SOC as highlighted in the Home Office Strategy published in 2018. Alongside this meeting, is CoLP membership at the Serious Crime Tasking meeting which is held weekly by the MPS of which a member of the SOC team sits and advises of any significant change in threat picture or capability issues.

Whilst the City is outside of the ROCU network formally, it does rely on the ROCU network particularly in terms of its National Lead Force responsibilities. Its parallel tasking process means that forces escalate fraud related investigations to ROCUs and who can in turn supply these investigations, if they are beyond the capacity and capability of the ROCU to the City through its Lead Force Operations Room for consideration around taking primacy of the investigation. The City, in its NLF capacity, may also extend advice to ROCUs and forces to help them investigate jobs. Designated officers working on Fraud

are found within every ROCU and are led by a coordinator within the National Coordinators Office based at CoLP.

The ROCTA will be the only unit with all three forces systems and staff collocated – however there are other units in force with a regional response such as the Cyber Crime Unit which also now has a regional responsibility.

Action plan progress is reported in Appendix A.

Inspections undertaken since the last report

3. HMICFRS have conducted a spotlight Fraud inspection – this is a revisit inspection to assess progress against recommendations and areas for improvement from their 2019 report.
4. City of London Police together with other forces and ROCUs have submitted documents and participated in interviews and focus groups.
5. HMICFRS are currently collating their evidence and draft recommendations and will be discussing these with the force – date to be agreed.

Inspections Due

6. No inspections are scheduled at this time.

HMICFRS Reports Due

7. It is anticipated that HMICFRS will publish their Fraud revisit inspection report, a national thematic, June/July 2021. No force level reports will be published.

Current status of HMICFRS Recommendations

8. A total of 17 HMICFRS reports have been managed by the Force during the last reporting period.
9. There are currently 25 outstanding recommendations [22 national and 3 force].
10. There are 7 new greens to report [3 force] and 5 red.

Current Status of HMIC Recommendations Summary

Recommendation Summary	Previous report to your Performance and Resources committee February 2021]	Current report to your Board
NEW Green	2	7
Amber	15	12
Red	7 [all new]	5
White	6	8
Closed	0	1
Total Amber/Red/White Recommendations	28	25

NB: Definitions of the RAGW assessments are set out at the beginning of the Appendix.

Conclusion

11.The Force continues to make progress with implementation of HMICFRS recommendations and areas for improvement, which contributes to business improvement across the organisation.

Appendices

Appendix A - Full list of HMIC Recommendations currently being implemented within Force.

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