ECONOMIC AND CYBER CRIME COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LONDON POLICE AUTHORITY BOARD

Wednesday, 5 May 2021

Minutes of the meeting of the Economic and Cyber Crime Committee of the City of London Police Authority Board virtually on Wednesday, 5 May 2021 at 9.00 am

Present

Members:

Deputy James Thomson (Chair)
Tijs Broeke (Deputy Chairman)
Deputy Keith Bottomley
Graeme Doshi-Smith
Alderman Emma Edhem
Alderman Timothy Hailes
Andrew Lentin (External Member)
Alderman Bronek Masojada
Dawn Wright

In Attendance

Deputy Edward Lord

City of London Police Authority:

Simon Latham - Deputy Chief Executive

Oliver Bolton - Deputy Head, Police Authority Team

Rhiannon Leary - Town Clerk's Department
Chloe Rew - Town Clerk's Department

Mary Kyle - Town Clerk's Department, Innovation & Growth

Bukola Soyombo - Chamberlain's Department

City of London Police Force:

Angela McLaren - Assistant Commissioner

Clinton Blackburn - T/Commander

Christopher Bell - City of London Police
Ashleigh Dumas - City of London Police
Andrew Gould - City of London Police
Charlie Morrison - City of London Police

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the Chair of the Policy & Resources Committee.

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

There were none.

3. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Terms of Reference as set out by the Police Authority Board at its meeting on 16 April 2021 were received, noting one correction to the composition that two Members would be co-opted from the Police Authority Board.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED, that – the public minutes and non-public summary of the previous meeting held on 3 February 2021 be agreed as a correct record.

5. CHAIR'S PUBLIC UPDATE

The Chairman provided an update from a police authority perspective. The APCC have brought together the fraud and cyber crime portfolios, and the portfolio leads will be appointed in due course. The policing minister had recently announced the priorities for policing nationally, which included a focus on tackling cyber crime.

6. T/COMMANDER'S PUBLIC UPDATE

The Assistant Commissioner introduced key officers in the economic crime team at the City of London Police who will be reporting to the committee. The force continued to build capability and capacity in their team to ensure adequate staffing and resources to address economic and cyber crime, particularly during the pandemic. In response to Members' concerns regarding departments working together, Members were informed that a weekly stakeholder engagement programme brought various departments together (ie. Innovation & Growth; Communications) to ensure work was carried out as a collective.

7. NATIONAL LEAD FORCE PLAN UPDATE

Members received a report of the Assistant Commissioner relative to the National lead Force Plan update. The following points were noted with respect to the 5 high-level outcomes:

- Outcome 1: improvements were underway for the current system and such improvement efforts would continue until the new system is in place;
- Outcome 2: regarding preventing crime, the force continued to identify ways to support the public to prevent being victimised by crime in the first place;
- Outcomes 3 and 4: regarding responses to crimes once they have been reported, Members were informed that the force was not in a position to hold an investigation following each report.
- Outcome 5 on training, capabilities and increasing skills, educational packages were developed online to be used nationally.

The Chairman suggested developing educational packages for schools, both local and nationally, to educate students as part of effort to prevent young people becoming victims of economic and cyber crime.

RESOLVED, that – the report be received and its contents noted.

8. INNOVATION & GROWTH - OVERVIEW OF CYBER & ECONOMIC CRIME RELATED ACTIVITIES

Members received a report of the Executive Director, Innovation & Growth, in respect of the Innovation & Growth Cyber & Economic Crime Related Activities. IG was working in the following areas:

- the regulatory team was looking to contribute to a coherent global framework, including working with the City's Brussels office to influence EU legislation;
- the trade and investment team have a workstream focused on cyber insurance:
- the innovation & tech team focused on ensuring the right tech products were available to support financial and professional services across the UK; and,
- promoting ongoing work in the City to ensure a safe cyber environment to do business (ie. through comms strategies, stakeholder engagement and international visits, and the Global City website).

RESOLVED, that – the report be received and its contents noted.

9. CYBER GRIFFIN - OVERVIEW

Members received a report of the Assistant Commissioner in respect of a Cyber Griffin Overview. The joint initiative between the City of London Corporation and the City of London Police to train and bring awareness of cyber security to the Square Mile. Digital platforms have been established to offer the programme with wider reach, to assist other forces and offer the programme overseas. Innovation & Growth would work the the CoLP to ensure appropriate messaging for wider reach to SMEs and other stakeholders. In terms of branding, Members noted the importance of appropriate branding (ie. corporate, City of London Police or Team Cyber UK branding) to ensure that it is clear where the initiative comes from. Questions of funding would be answered in non-public session.

RESOLVED, that – the report be received and its contents noted.

10. ECONOMIC CRIME ACADEMY UPDATE

Members received a report of the T/Commander in respect of the Economic Crime Academy (ECA) Update. The ECA moved online due to the pandemic and course registration numbers have returned to pre-pandemic levels. Funding from the elicit finance budget would allow for further rollout of ECA programming and pilot new training courses. The Chairman noted the work of the National College of Policing, and that the ECA served to fill the gap in economic crime police training.

RESOLVED, that – the report be received and its contents noted.

11. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

There were none.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

There was no other business.

13. 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 item(s) 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.

14. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES

RESOLVED, that – the non-public minutes of the previous meeting held on 3 February 2021 be agreed as a correct record.

15. NON-PUBLIC REFERENCES

Members considered a joint report of the Town Clerk and Commissioner regarding non-public references.

16. CHAIR'S NON-PUBLIC UPDATE

The Chair's non-public update was heard.

17. T/COMMANDER'S NON-PUBLIC UPDATE

The Assistant Commissioner had nothing further to update in non-public session.

18. ECONOMIC CRIME DIRECTORATE PERFORMANCE REPORT Q4 - JANUARY-MARCH 2021

Members received a report of the Commissioner in respect of the Economic Crime Directorate Performance Report for Q4, January-March 2021.

NATIONAL POLICE CHIEF COUNCILS (NPCC) CYBER CRIME PORTFOLIO Members received a report of the Assistant Commissioner in respect of the National Police Chief Councils (NPCC) Cyber Crime Portfolio

20. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND POLICY UPDATE

Members received a joint report of the Commissioner and the Town Clerk in respect of the stakeholder engagement and policy update.

21. FRAUD AND CYBER CRIME REPORTING AND ANALYSIS SERVICE - NEXT GENERATION AND CURRENT SERVICE UPDATE REPORT

Members received a report of the Assistant Commissioner in respect of the Fraud and Cyber Crime Reporting and Analysis Service – Next Generation and Current Service Update report.

22. NON-PUBLIC APPENDIX TO CYBER GRIFFIN - OVERVIEW

The non-public appendix was read in conjunction with the Cyber Griffin Overview at agenda item 9.

23. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

There were no questions.

24. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED

There was no other business.

The meeting ended at 11.00 am	
Chair	

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