

Committee(s): Police Authority Board	Dated: 13 th December 2021
Subject: Progress report Draft Policing Plan 2022	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?	No
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	For Information
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Summary

This report presents an early draft revised Policing Plan 2022-23. The Plan informs the community, stakeholders and staff how the City area is to be policed.

The Force and Court of Common Council (in its capacity as a police authority) are required to continue to publish a policing plan by the Police Act 1996 due to being exempt from the legislative requirement to publish a police and crime plan. A revised plan must be published by 31st March 2022.

Members and Officers are due to discuss the approach to the revised plan at a workshop immediately preceding your Board on 13th December 2021. The outcome of that session can be reported verbally to Members that were unable to attend.

It is proposed that the plan be simplified to focus attention on the key messages around Force values and priorities. This approach was agreed in Force following a workshop of the City of London Police Senior Leadership Team which included the 2 new Assistant Commissioners. This approach also more closely mirrors the Police and Crime Plans produced by Police and Crime Commissioners. The results of that workshop are appended to this report and will, with Members' agreement, form the basis of the new Policing Plan.

At this stage Members are asked to consider and note the approach, prior to a substantively complete draft being submitted to your Board on 27th January 2022, with formal sign off by your Board on 16th February 2022. Members are requested to provide feedback to the Chief Superintendent HQ Services by emailing Robert.Atkin@cityoflondon.police.uk .

Recommendation(s):

- Members note the content of this report and the approach being taken by the Force to produce a substantively complete draft Policing Plan by early 2022 ready for PAB approval in February 2022 and adoption and publication by 31st March 2022.

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.
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 are clear that the police authority must approve, own and issue the published plan.

Current Position

3. The Police Act 1996³ requires the police authority to issue, before the beginning of each financial year, a policing plan setting out:
 - i. the proposed arrangements for the policing of that area for the period of three years beginning with that year; and
 - ii. its policing objectives for the policing of its area and the discharge by the City of London Police of its national or international functions during that year.
4. There is a requirement that policing plans (and their policing and crime plan equivalents) must have regard to any national strategic policing priorities stipulated by the Home Secretary.⁴ Such priorities are currently articulated by the Strategic Policing Requirement; the Force's approach to this appears in the draft document. Additionally, the plan takes account of Government policy statements regarding reducing crime, addressing antisocial behaviour (ASB), and supporting the vulnerable.

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)

³ S.6ZB as above

⁴ As determined under s.37A of the 1996 Act

Developing the plan

5. A comprehensive policing plan review process is conducted each year which informs the ongoing development of the plan. That process considers any changes to legislation and Government policy, the Force's and City of London Corporation's risk registers, formal partnership obligations and the results of consultation and engagement activities.
6. This year (so far) in addition to a number of planning meetings, the Force has held an internal workshop with chief officers and the senior leadership team, which included the 2 new Assistant Commissioners. Appendix A attached to this report reflects the outcome of that event. It should be noted that prior to the workshop, a number of focus groups took place, principally relating to a new Force Strategy, however, the outcomes of those events have also shaped elements of the plan, particularly those areas relating to values and organisational priorities.
7. Members should be assured that the draft priorities as presented take account of current government requirements. These include: preventing and tackling all crime ("Beating Crime Plan"); the imperative to prioritise preventing and tackling violence against women and girls; the National Policing Vision 2025; and the National Fraud Strategy. On the latter point, engagement took place with stakeholders regarding the priority elements of the Economic Crime priority. The Force also took into consideration the results of the latest Community Survey (September/October 2021) where the top three priorities identified by people were (in priority order) terrorism, theft of personal objects, and antisocial behaviour.
8. Additional to the national drivers shaping operational priorities, Members will be aware that the priorities are only set following a robust review of intelligence, threat, and the results of engagement activities.
9. Members of your Board will continue to be instrumental in shaping the plan through participation at workshops and meetings, the first of which for this plan takes place immediately prior to your Board. Engagement will additionally take place with the Independent Advisory Scrutiny Group, the Safer City Partnership and other external stakeholders.

Outstanding matters

10. The measures of success that will be reported quarterly to your Strategic Police Performance Committee are currently being reviewed and developed. Proposals which are still being worked through are included for information at this stage and Members are invited to comment on them.
11. The completed plan must contain details of the Force's budget, establishment and structure, and will be included in the substantive draft to be submitted to your January 2022 Board.
12. This Report recommends:

- Members note the content of this report and the approach being taken by the Force to produce a substantively complete draft Policing Plan by early 2022 ready for adoption and publication by 31st March 2022.

Strategic Implications

13. The Policing Plan directly supports the City of London Corporation's Corporate Plan for a safe and secure City.
14. The Policing Plan also has regard to the priorities of the Safer City Partnership.

Conclusion

15. 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 draft document appended to this report represents the first stage in that process.

Attached Papers:

Appendix A – Force Values, Operational and Organisational priorities and Collaboration details forming the basis of the proposed Draft Revised City of London Police Policing Plan 2022.

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