

Committee(s): Police Authority Board	Dated: 27 th January 2022
Subject: Draft Policing Plan 2022- 2025	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 03-22	For Information
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Summary

This report presents a draft revised Policing Plan 2022-25.

This is further to a draft Policing Plan submitted to the December Police Authority Board (PAB) which was presented as an annual update to the 2020-23 Plan.

However, although there was one year left to run of that Plan, the Commissioner has decided to start with a new 3-year plan from 2022-25 to coincide with the inception of the new City of London Police Chief Officer Team and new Policing Strategy which is also in development.

The Policing 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.

Members and Officers took part in an initial workshop on the 13th December 2021 and a fuller briefing to the Court of Common Council took place on the 14th January 2022 which their feedback has been incorporated.

Members of PAB are invited to review and give any final feedback to Chief Superintendent HQ Services by emailing Robert.Atkin@cityoflondon.police.uk. It is requested that all feedback is provided by 1st February in order for the final version to be ready for the February PAB deadline.

Members should note that the Policing Plan Measures for the FY 2022-23 are still being finalised and discussed with new Assistant Commissioner, Paul Betts, and these will be presented for discussion at the 7th February Strategic Planning and Performance Committee (SPPC).

The final Policing Plan 2022-25 and Measures for the year 2022-23, will then be presented to the February PAB for approval in order for publication of the Plan to take place on the 1st April 2022.

Recommendation(s):

Members note the content of this report and provide any final feedback as above.

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 the 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.
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

Current Position

5. An update on how the Plan has been developed was provided to the December PAB, along with an appended early draft of the Plan.
6. A workshop was also held with Members on the 13th December 2021 and since then a further meeting between the Chief Supt HQ and the Police Authority Team took place on the 16th December 2021 to consult on the draft and discuss the format and layout of the Plan. A fuller briefing to the Court of Common Council by the Commissioner and the Chair of PAB was provided on the 14th January 2022 the feedback from those sessions has been incorporated into the document.
7. Although there was one year left to run of the Policing Plan 2020-23, the Commissioner has decided to start with a new 3-year plan from 2022-25 to coincide with the inception of the new City of London Police Chief Officer Team and new Policing Strategy which is also in development.
8. The intention is to receive final feedback from Members, finalise the Plan with a view to presenting the final draft to the February PAB for approval. A discussion is also planned for the Strategic Planning and Performance Committee on the 7th February to consult on and finalise the actual Policing Plan Measures for the year ahead (2022-23) in time for final sign off at the February PAB.
9. The new Policing Plan will then be published on the 1st April 2022.

Corporate & Strategic Implications

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

Financial implications- The intention is for the Policing Plan to be linked to the Medium Term Financial Plan.

Resource implications- The intention is for the Policing Plan to be linked to the Strategic Workforce Plan.

Legal implications- See paras 1-3

Risk implications- N/A

Equalities implications – The new Policing Plan will have Equality and Inclusion at its core as this is a force priority that runs through all planning currently.

Climate implications- N/A

Security implications- N/A

Conclusion

10. 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.

Appendices:

Appendix A – Draft Policing Plan 2022-25.

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