

Committee(s): Police Authority Board	Dated: 16 February 2022
Subject: City of London 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 18-22	For Decision
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Summary

This report presents the final City of London Policing Plan 2022-25.

This is further to drafts of the Policing Plan submitted to the December 2021 and January 2022 Police Authority Board (PAB).

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 13 December 2021 and a fuller briefing to Members of the Court of Common Council took place on the 14 January 2022 and feedback has been incorporated as appropriate. Further feedback from Members at the January Police Authority Board (PAB) has also been incorporated.

Members received an update on the proposed Policing Plan Measures for the FY 2022-23 at the Strategic Planning and Performance Committee on the 7 February 2022. Feedback from Members and the Police Authority Team has been addressed.

The City of London Policing Plan 2022-25 and Measures for the year 2022-23, will be published on 1 April 2022, subject to approval as recommended below.

Recommendation(s):

It is recommended that Members:

- 1) Approve the City of London Policing Plan 2022-25
- 2) Approve the Policing Plan Measures for FY 2022-23.

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.

Current Position

5. The Commissioner and the Chair of Police Authority Board (PAB) gave a fuller briefing on the Draft Policing Plan to Court of Common Council Members on the 14 January 2022.
6. Additionally, Members were given the opportunity to give further feedback at the PAB on the 27 January 2022 and all feedback has been incorporated where appropriate.

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

7. The Strategic Planning and Performance Committee on the 7 February 2022 received a report on the proposed Policing Plan measures for the FY 2022-23 and again after further consultation with the Police Authority Team, the measures have been finalised.
8. The new City of London Policing Plan 2022-25 will be published on the 1 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

9. 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 document is appended to this report.

Appendices:

Appendix A – City of London Policing Plan 2022-25.

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