

Committee(s): Police Authority Board	Dated: 20 July 2022
Subject: Commissioner's Update- July 2022	Public
Which outcomes in the <i>City Corporation's Corporate Plan</i> 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 49-22	For Information
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Summary

At the April Police Authority Board, it was agreed that the Commissioner's verbal updates would now be presented to the Board as formal written updates.

The *public* updates for Operations and Security and Economic and Cyber Crime are attached.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to note the report.

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Public Update – Operations and Security

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- AC Paul Betts represented the City at the 07/07 memorial in Hyde Park in remembrance of those who lost their lives in the tragic London Bombings. AC Betts laid a wreath along with The Mayor of London and senior members of the Metropolitan and British Transport Police, London fire and Ambulance service and Transport for London. AC Betts has asked staff and officers to remain vigilant as a reminder that the UK Threat level remains at SUBSTANTIAL (means an attack is likely).

Local Policing Task Force –

- Police Support Unit and Command Team supported Pan London protests at the Old Bailey and Royal Courts of Justice which were monitored without incident.
- Support Group assisted the MPS with large scale disorder involving 100-150 persons fighting in Pennington Street in Central London. They coordinated the dispersal from the club and street to reduce further disorder and assisted in around 20 arrests for this incident.

Sector Policing –

- Our latest Operation Reframe expanded the partnership working we have been focussing on to include representatives from Park Guard, Street Pastors, Corporation Staff, St Johns, and Samaritans.
- Positive results on the night include over 50 Security Industry Authority (SIA) license checks, 40 engagements in the welfare tent and 3 vulnerable females provided with assistance
- We also used the Operation to test the ‘Ask For Angela’ Scheme, after The Safer Business Network have trained a significant amount of venues in drink spiking vulnerability. We recorded an 8 out of 12 success rate and will support the venues who need to improve with training and awareness.
- Sector Tasking Team continue to seek proactive opportunities to target our high-volume acquisitive crime offences – phone snatches, theft from licensed premises, Theft from Motor Vehicles, theft of pedal cycle and business crime.

Professionalism & Trust-

- On Thursday 7 July 2022, an internal joint communications piece entitled “Improving the experiences of our Black and ethnic minority colleagues” was published. The piece sets out the City of London Police’s commitment to driving meaningful change with the vision of becoming an anti-racist organisation. The internal piece includes publication of the Survey conducted in 2021, including the recommendations which have been embedded in our internal Race Action Plan. AC Betts and John Awosoga, Chair of the Force Black Police Association (BPA), have reached out to officers and staff outlining how the organisation will work with the BPA to improve these experiences.
- VAWG Strategy: We are establishing internal ‘Listening Circles’ for women with the first meeting scheduled for the 19th July. We are currently exploring opportunities to develop these externally with communities, businesses and hospitality providers, we will replicate these for our Black and ethnic minority colleagues and communities.

Notable Work

- Good work between Force Control Room (FCR) and Local Policing resources who have successfully used ANPR over the last two weeks during three key proactive stops. This has led to the recovery of two stolen vehicles, 2 x Combat Knives, 30 wraps of Class-A drugs, 6 x sets of high value car keys and 7 x objects designed to discharge a noxious liquid. Our officers have taken advantage of mobile data technology to monitor the ANPR system in the City co-ordinating with the FCR to track suspect vehicles using live time CCTV fed directly into our control room.
- Roads Policing have spent 113 hours dedicated to Road Harm Taskings resulting in 89 Traffic Processes, 7 Arrests, 21 vehicle seizures and 16 vehicle prohibitions over June.

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Public Update – National Lead Force

National Co-Ordinator’s office

- The bidding process for the Economic Crime Levy is underway and bids are being prepared for multiple projects to advance financial investigation and the City Police’s capacity as lead force. These are at early stages and a full separate briefing from Economic Crime Chief Officers will follow in due course. Bids focus on expanding capacity to fight fraud and to increase the effectiveness of financial investigation.
- The NCO presented to the Midlands Fraud Forum on the threat, response and changing landscape in fraud.
- AC O’Doherty met with British Overseas territory Police chiefs in order to build capability and joint working.
- AC O’Doherty attended a Parliamentary Breakfast and addressed MPs on several topics around the force’s work on fraud and cyber.
- AC O’Doherty presented to Police Chiefs and PCCs in the West Midlands region on Fraud and Cyber.
- AC O’Doherty was the keynote speaker at the Police Strategy Forum and presented on Fraud and Cyber.

DCPCU

- The PROTECT team gave a presentation at the Midlands Fraud Forum. This was based on the psychology of fraud at a fraud forum attended by large numbers of senior law enforcement and industry.

IFED

- A huge investment and insurance fraud investigation was completed with a sentence of six years and nine months in custody. This saw joint working with IFED, NLF and Asset Recovery teams.

PIPCU

- £127k POCA seizure complete on a dangerous Apple and Samsung batteries case.
- Warrant executed and 30,000 CDs seized for a high-profile music industry case worth well over a hundred thousand pounds.
- PIPCU have been invited to attend the British IP day summer reception at the House of Commons.

ACTION FRAUD

- The new website and online reporting tool are now being tested on members of the public and police staff who have volunteered, results are already being received and changes are being made as a result, overall feedback has been very positive at this early stage. The programme is on budget and on track at present.

NEVCU

- The expansion of the unit’s services to other forces has progressed. Now 34 forces will be signing up to the level two service. Three other forces that had previously declined a level one service are now taking it up. This means that 40 out of the 43 national forces have now signed up. This is a huge achievement for the team.

NFIB

- Development of Online stalking, harassment and domestic abuse training developed by the City of London Cyber Protect team, North-West Regional Organised Crime Unit and the National Cyber Security Centre to be rolled out to all Cyber protect Officers, all City of London Police front line staff and finally to all law enforcement through the Economic and Cyber Crime Academy.

Notable Work/Media

- The Daily Mail are running a campaign reflecting their view that the resourcing allocated to tackle fraud is insufficient, they have been in touch with NFIB and have had positive engagement regarding some of the data shared around victims. The piece does not criticise the City of London Police, it is directed at government funding.

- Action Fraud phishing campaign began Monday 11th July. This will give crime prevention advice targeting national media with a ministerial quote from Damien Hinds.
- AC O'Doherty took part in a live financial times webinar alongside industry figures, answering questions on fraud and money laundering.

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