

Committee(s): Police Authority Board	Dated: 27 September 2022
Subject: National Business Crime Portfolio- National Business Crime Centre	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 80-22	For Information
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Summary

The City of London Police (CoLP) has held the responsibility for the National Police Chief's Council (NPCC) Business Crime Portfolio since January 2019 when at that time Commissioner Ian Dyson became the National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) lead for business crime. Assistant Commissioner Paul Betts became NPCC lead in January 2022 upon his appointment to CoLP. Under the portfolio, the National Business Crime Centre (NBCC) was launched in October 2017 and led by the MPS with support from a Home Office Transformation Fund.

The National Business Crime Centre (NBCC) represents UK policing when engaging with business. Its' primary purpose is:

1. Partnership – Improve partnership with business and Police nationally
2. Intelligence – Improve business crime intelligence and information exchange
3. Prevention – Assist business to protect themselves from crime

The full Terms of Reference of the NBCC are attached at Appendix A for information, these set out the aims and objectives in more detail.

The purpose of this report is to inform Members how the NBCC, as part of the national portfolio, is supporting Police Forces and other stakeholders in responding to Business Crime.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to note the report.

Main Report

Background

1. The City of London Police (CoLP) has held the responsibility for the National Police Chief's Council (NPCC) Business Crime Portfolio since January 2019. Under the portfolio, the National Business Crime Centre (NBCC) was launched in October 2017. The National Business Crime Centre (NBCC) represents UK policing when engaging with business. Full details of its aims and objectives can be found in the Terms of Reference attached at Appendix A.

Current Position

2. In delivering on the national policing portfolio, the NBCC is supporting Police Forces and Stakeholders in a number of ways as shown below.
 - The NBCC released their new website¹ at the start of July, which includes a wide range of guidance and crime prevention materials covering a wealth of topics including: infrastructure, Counter Terrorism, cyber, fraud and retail amongst others. Many of these businesses are represented in the City and will benefit from the guidance on offer.
 - The NBCC has also recently released a series of animated videos providing guidance for shopworkers to reduce violence. This is a particular area of concern for retailers which has seen the introduction of some new legislation – assaults on those providing a public service. The NBCC again is leading on the communication of this new legislation and host the Home Office guidance for retailers on its website.
 - The NBCC supports the National Retail Crime Steering Group, co-chaired by the Policing Minister and the British Retail Consortium and the Centre is leading on many of the workstreams supporting the group, with the final products published on the NBCC website.
 - The NBCC has recently introduced a national information sharing agreement (ISA), signed by AC Betts on behalf of the NPCC, with the National Business Crime Solution (NBCS), a not-for-profit organisation representing a large number of retailers. This ISA allows police to share intelligence and under certain circumstances individual details with the NBCS in order to protect retailers from crime. Many of the NBCS members have a presence in the City.
 - The NBCC has introduced the Safer Business Action (SaBA) Days initiative. SaBA days are run in conjunction with police, private security and retailers to provide a high visible presence in business locations to provide reassurance and reduce crime. To date, the NBCC has run three SaBA days (Birmingham, Stratford and Southampton) and there are plans to run a day in the City. This work compliments that of the City Security Council (CSC) and their Hi! Visibility days and work is taking place to see how the CSC work can be incorporated into SaBA.
 - The NBCC are leading on a Police 'National Week of Action' to support businesses. The week, 17th-24th October, will look to police forces to support

¹ [NBCC National Business Crime Centre](#)

businesses to reduce crime. The NBCC have produced a range of materials so that forces can run a SaBA Day as part of their activities.

- Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) – the NBCC is engaged with the Chief Executive of Primera and their team in relation the four BIDs in the City. The NBCC run an accreditation scheme for Business Crime Reduction Partnerships (BCRPs/BIDs) which ensures that they meet a required set of standards to meet the business needs around crime prevention. The NBCC is working with Primera to see how this accreditation could be improved to better support BIDs.
- Using its Security Industry Authority (SIA) secondee, the NBCC is working with CoLP to introduce the Operation Sentry model into the City. Operation Sentry has been designed by the SIA and National Counter Terrorism Security Office (NaCTSO), as an awareness session to give security operatives, security companies, and venues the experience of a simulated incident such as a marauding terror attack. It is run in conjunction with emergency services partners who provide subject matter expert inputs on the day. This will provide crucial experience and training to those that work in the City's growing night-time economy.
- As well as the above activities, members of the NBCC sit on a number of boards, many of which either support the City directly e.g. City Security Council or have a strong influence in areas that affect the City of London; examples include the Cross Sector Security Communications board, Counter-Terrorism Business Information Exchange and the SIA Skills Board.
- The NBCC has a large number of business contacts and since being led by CoLP as part of the NPCC portfolio, the NBCC has enhanced engagement with CoLP's other specialist portfolios e.g. Police Intellectual Property Crime Unit (PIPCU), Fraud and Cyber investigation teams, Insurance Fraud Enforcement Dept (IFED) and Dedicated Card and Payment Crime Unit (DCPCU). Being policing's principle, dedicated business crime website, the NBCC also provides a platform for this important area of work further enhancing CoLP's role nationally in protecting businesses.

Conclusion

3. The NBCC is an important asset in supporting the response to Business Crime nationally in what is an area of increasing threat. The City of London Police as national portfolio lead is key to promoting this asset to stakeholders in the City of London.

Appendices

- Appendix A – Terms of Reference of the NBCC

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