

## Introduction

This document is designed to set the term of reference for the National Business Crime Centre (NBCC). By doing so it helps clarify structure and accountability as well as ensuring legacy and consistency.

The NBCC works across a range of partners, both internally and externally, therefore the terms of reference also help manage expectations and set a clear purpose.

## Business crime is defined as:

Any criminal offence where a business, or person in the course of their employment, and because of that employment, is the victim.

## Background

The NBCC was launched in October 2017 and led by the MPS with support from a Home Office Transformation Fund. The NBCC was formally taken on by City of London Police in January 2019 when Commissioner Dyson became the National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) lead for business crime. AC Betts became NPCC lead in January 2022. The NBCC also supports the NPCC lead for private security liaison, and the Community Safety Accreditation Scheme.

## The role and purpose

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

## Aims and objectives

- Improve partnership working to accurately understand and reduce the impact of crime by supporting and co-ordinating activity between UK police forces and the business community
- Raise national police standards by prioritising prevention, enabling businesses to protect themselves from crime by being a conduit of best practice and a centre of excellence
- Enable businesses to target resources more efficiently, through effective intelligence and information exchange, disrupting organised crime against business
- Support the delivery of the national Serious and Organised Acquisitive Crime (SOAC) strategy
- Develop and support national standards for the accreditation for Business Crime Reduction Partnerships
- Identify and promote research into emerging crime trends affecting business
- Provide additional support for the NPCC portfolios of Fraud, Cyber and Counter Terrorism through messaging and business engagement
- Assist Government and NPCC Portfolio leads with business engagement to support their objectives



## **Audience**

Police forces – to raise national police standards by prioritising prevention, and be a conduit for best practice and a centre of excellence.

NPCC – to support the NPCC national portfolios that include business engagement in its wider context.

PCCs – to support the APCC and PCCs in the delivery of their commitments to deliver business crime engagement and crime reduction within their Police and Crime Plans.

Government – to support the Retail Crime Team within the Home Office, the National Retail Crime Steering Group and other governmental departments to facilitate engagement to deliver policing objectives and protect businesses.

Business – to facilitate engagement to deliver crime prevention advice and enable businesses to protect themselves from crime.

## **Scope**

**The NBCC will engage with all businesses but have a particular focus on the following areas:**

- Retail crime
- Business crimes that include vulnerable victims
- Business crimes that threaten the country's infrastructure
- Business engagement in support of a national need e.g. Covid-19, major/critical incident, national coordination (Op Bridge)
- Private security liaison
- CSAS

### **Areas where we engage, but refer to other agencies**

- Physical security assets in the finance sector – Safer Cash
- Financed vehicle crime – NaVCIS
- Fraud – Action Fraud/NFIB
- Cyber crime – Cyber Crime Resilience Centres
- Licensed premises e.g. pubs, night clubs, betting shops – NPCC licensing lead
- Licensing enforcement – Trading Standards
- Festivals/sporting events – NPCC events team
- Intellectual property – PIPCU
- Metal crime – BTP & National Infrastructure Crime Reduction Partnership
- CT – NaCTSO
- Accredited crime prevention – PCPI/Secured by Design
- Private Security Investigation – Security Industry Authority
- Rural crime – Wildlife Crime Unit

### **Areas outside of the business crime definition**

- Places of worship

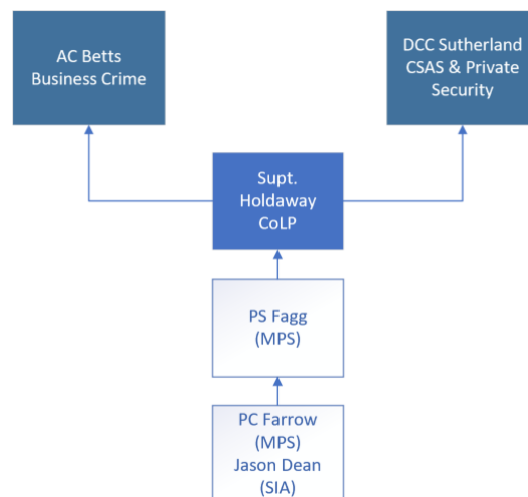


- Public sector e.g. education

### Responsibilities of the NBCC

- Deliver plans to support business engagement, and crime reduction
- Answer queries from business/police
- Collate, research and circulate best practice
- Raise awareness of emerging crime trends
- Facilitate referrals and queries to police force points of contact
- The NBCC is not resourced to own, or take the lead in crime investigations; moreover, the NBCC is not able to conduct crime enquiries e.g. PNC/PND, unless in the query relates to a crime in the officer's own force area

### Structure



### Governance

- NBCC Governance – NPCC and APCC leads meeting – Six monthly
- NPCC Commercial Robbery – Quarterly
- NPCC Serious Organised and Acquisitive Crime – Quarterly
- Home Office National Retail Crime Steering Group – Six monthly
- NPCC RSAS/CSAS Working Group – Quarterly

### General rules

The NBCC:

Will not explicitly endorse individual commercial products or services

Without NPCC support, NBCC officers will not become board members of any organisation

Attendance at any event will be in accordance with the officer's home force (or CoLP) hospitality and gifts/gratuity policy

### Communication plan



Existing plan being reviewed in light of launch of the new NBCC website.

**Funding & Assets**

No funding

NBCC website

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